

4-H Shooting Sports 2026 - Rifle Discipline

Signing Day – Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 6:00-7:30 PM
at 4-H Office – 511 W. 2nd North St. Room 204

Requirements to Join

- Age Requirements
 - Open to 4th-12th graders, as of Jan. 1, 2026.
 - BB – age out if 16 at the 4-H BB Jamboree
 - Air Rifle – must be able to safely hold and support the rifle free standing for 10 minutes
 - Small bore (.22 rifle) – must have participated in Hamblen BB and/or Air rifle program for one season and be invited up to this level
 - Any member under 16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian over 21 at practices and events. A 16-year-old member cannot bring underage siblings or other 4-H'ers.
- Completed paperwork – registration form, health form, code of conduct form, school permission form (if in public school).
- Registration Fees - \$60
- Attendance – required to attend the 4-H Rifle Jamboree.
- Registration is limited to the first 14 after that a waiting list will be started.
- Band – Free download and communication app to communicate with parents and coaches. This is the ONLY form of communication for Shooting Sports.

Equipment

- Firearms are provided. You may purchase your own firearm, refer to the respective Rifle Jamboree guidelines for correct equipment standards.
 - BB
 - Air rifle
 - Smallbore (.22 rifle)
- Shooting glove, optional (air rifle & smallbore)
- Lockable case for transporting your personal rifle

Clothing Requirements

- Soft, low cut, athletic or street shoes that do not extend above the ankle. Closed toe shoes.
- Up to two sweatshirts is allowed
- **Not allowed:**
 - Boots of any sort

- Shooting jackets
- Compression clothing or compression apparel.

Schedule

- Safety Meeting – REQUIRED on November 3, 2025 from 6-7pm
- Practice is held at the National Guard Armory – 5255 E. Andrew Johnson Hwy, Russellville
- January through March – every Monday (may adjust times based on participation numbers)
 - BB – 4pm-5:45pm
 - Air rifle – 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Smallbore starts in March and times will be determined by practice location.
- If inclement weather, we will follow Hamblen County Schools schedule for the day. Delay – practice, Closed – no practice.
- 4-H Archery Jamboree – April 10-11, 2026 (date based on bow)

4-H Registration Fee Covers

- TN 4-H Rifle Jamboree (BB, air rifle or smallbore)
- Shooting Sports Team shirt
- 4-H Insurance

4-H Jamborees

- 4-H BB & Air Rifle Jamboree – March 28, 2026 at Lane Agri-Park, Murfreesboro
- 4-H Smallbore Jamboree – May 16, 2026 in Crossville

Other Opportunities

- 4-H Target Smart Camp (5th-9th grade) – May 25-29, 2026 in Crossville, TN

Fundraising

- All athletes are required to participate in fundraising with a goal of \$100+.
- Fundraising keeps the registration fee from being increased.

Certified Instructors

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If a parent/guardian would like to become a volunteer leader, please contact Elizabeth Hobbs for more information.

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