

April 23, 2026

Dear 4-H Shooting Sports Members and Parents,

The Fair Shoot for Archery, Muzzleloading, .22 Pistol, Air Rifle and .22 Rifle is Saturday, July 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wrights' property. Please plan to arrive early and be ready for the 9:45 a.m. firearm and equipment inspection and safety meeting, located at the covered shooting area (at the top of the hill).

The Shotgun Fair Shoot is scheduled for Sunday, July 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the Witt's Shooting Range. Please arrive at 9:45 a.m. for an equipment check and safety meeting.

Participation Information:

- The La Plata County Fair Shoot is optional. You do not have to participate in the La Plata County Fair Shoot to complete your 4-H project.
- If you would like to participate in the LPC Fair Shoot, you must be currently enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports project.
- The requirements to complete the shooting sports project, are as follows:
 - Create a display board, stand-alone, or decorative item, turn it in on Tuesday, August 4 between 8AM-10AM.
 - Fill out the shooting sports record book, turn it in on Tuesday, August 4 between 8 AM-10AM.
 - Participate in an interview, after you turn in your project & record book on Tuesday, August 4th.

Fair Shoot Eligibility Requirements:

- Members who are 11 years old (4-H age) and older must have a valid Colorado Hunter Safety Card to participate in the Fair Shoot.
- Members 10 years old and under are not required to have a card, but it is highly encouraged.
- All members, including juniors, must have a Colorado Hunter Safety Card to participate at the Colorado State Fair.

Practice & Safety:

- **All participants must attend, at least, 3 full practices with the same instructor, for each discipline they plan to compete in at the La Plata County Fair Shoot(s).**
- Participants are expected to know and follow NRA range rules and commands.
- Range officers have full authority during events.
- Please read the Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Rule Book for all rules and regulations.

Equipment & Attire:

- Participants must bring their own equipment, arrows, and ammunition (no reloads).
- Participants must wear closed-toed shoes and the safety equipment that is required for the discipline they are shooting (eye and ear protection, arm guard, etc.)

Fees:

- \$5.00 per discipline – Archery, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Air Rifle, & Muzzleloading
- \$20.00 for Shotgun
- Make checks payable to: *La Plata County 4-H Shooting Sports*
- Limited scholarships are available on request

Entry Forms for the 2026 La Plata County 4-H Shooting Sports Fair Competition:

- The La Plata County 4-H Shooting Sports Fair Competition entry form is due by **5 PM on Friday, July 10.**
- You may turn in your entry form any time after completing the required 3 practices per discipline.
 - Be sure to have your instructor sign your entry for, after you have completed your 3 required practices.
 - You will need an instructor's signature for each discipline you are shooting in.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Please drop off signed entry forms & payment at the Extension Office (2500 Main Ave., Durango) during regular business hours. Or you can email the entry form to Angela (afountain@lpcgov.org) and pay at the fair shoot.

State Fair Participation:

If you would like to participate at the Colorado State Fair Shoot and you qualify, there is a \$45.00 entry fee plus a \$5.00 fee per discipline (archery, .22 rifle, air rifle, .22 pistol & muzzleloading) and a \$45.00 fee for shotgun (\$15 for Clays, \$15 for Skeet & \$15 for Trap).

- You must have a Colorado Hunter Safety Card.
- You must tell Tim Karp, Donna Karp, or Angela Fountain that you would like to participate at the Colorado State Fair by Monday, July 20th.
- The entry fee covers the cost of one team t-shirt per participant at the Colorado State Fair Shoot.
- Please make check out to: *La Plata County 4-H Shooting Sports*.
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State Fair Dates:

- August 22-23 - .22 Rifle, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Archery, Muzzleloading
- September 5-6 - .22 Pistol, Shotgun

Awards:

- The Shooting Sports Award Ceremony where we present the fair shoot ribbons and placings is on Tuesday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m. on the Patio at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.
- Champion 4-H Shooting Sports awards for the fair shoot, fair projects and all-around shooter award will be presented at the 4-H Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 10 at 5:00 p.m., at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, in the Exhibit Hall.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Angela Fountain

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2026 La Plata County 4-H Shooting Sports Fair Competition Entry Form

- Saturday, July 18 – Archery, Muzzleloading, .22 Pistol and .22 Rifle- at the Wright’s property in Ignacio. Safety meeting starts at 9:45 a.m. at the top of the hill, next to .22 range.
- Sunday, July 19 - Shotgun ONLY- at the Witt’s Shotgun Range. Safety meeting starts at 9:45 a.m.

Participant’s Name: _____ 4-H Age (as of 12/31/2025): _____

T-Shirt Size (please specify youth or adult size): _____

Hunter Safety #: _____ Phone Number: _____

If you qualify, will you participate at the Colorado State Fair Shoot? (circle one) Yes No

This entry form is due by July 10th at 5 p.m. – You are welcome to turn it in early once you have completed all required practices. Please drop it off or mail your entry form and entry fee to: La Plata County Extension Office, 2500 Main Ave., Durango, CO 81301

La Plata County Fair Shoot Classes:

Please put a check mark for each discipline you are participating in:

- _____ .22 Rifle - Hunting Category
- _____ .22 Rifle - Target Category
- _____ .22 Rifle – Scope Category
- _____ Air Rifle
- _____ Archery – Compound Bow – Unlimited
- _____ Archery – Compound Bow – Limited
- _____ Archery - Compound Bow - Traditional
- _____ Archery – Long or Recurve Bow
- _____ Muzzle Loading
- _____ .22 Pistol
- _____ Shotgun

*If you don’t know what discipline/class to sign up for, please ask your shooting sports coach before you turn in your entry form.

Cost: \$5.00 per discipline – Archery, .22 Rifle, Air Rifle, .22 Pistol & Muzzleloading.
\$20.00 for Shotgun

Make checks out to: “*La Plata County 4-H Shooting Sports*” Total fees due: _____

I certify that I have participated in the minimum 3 practices for the following discipline(s):

(signed by 4-H member)

(signed by 4-H Parent/Guardian)

(signed by Shooting Sports Instructor(s))

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