



New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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NEW MEXICO 4-H PISTOL PROJECT

Objective: *To introduce you to the fundamentals of the art of shooting a pistol; to teach shooting safety and good sportsmanship; to teach and appreciation for the outdoors.*

Materials included with my 4-H Pistol Project

- 4-H Shooting Sports Project Workbook
- New Mexico 4-H Pistol Project Greentop
- National Rifle Association's "The Basics of Pistol Shooting" Handbook

What do I do with my 4-H Pistol Project Information?

SUGGESTED STEPS FOR THE COMPLETION OF PISTOL PROJECT:

1. Review the project book, record sheet and greentop to become familiar with the project.
2. Register for a Hunter's Education Course through the New Mexico Game and Fish Department. This is to develop an even greater awareness of safety and knowledge of the sport.
3. Participate in county, district, or state contests.
4. Participate in the county and state fairs by entering an indoor exhibit explaining something you've learned through the pistol project material.
5. To complete the project, submit a record book to your local Extension Agent detailing your Pistol Project.

SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

1. Set up practice sessions with other 4-Hers enrolled in the pistol project in your county or area.
2. Talk to older 4-Hers who have participated in the pistol projects for several years. Discuss ways to improve posture and overall shooting performance.
3. Visit shooting facilities in your area.
4. Attend a shooting competition hosted by a gun club in your area.
5. Visit gun shops to learn about different types of pistols and ammunition.
6. Take a First Aid course to increase your awareness of safety.
7. Be an assistant to younger 4-H pistol shooters.

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What can be done with this project information?

1. Give a 4-H Demonstration or Illustrated Talk about your pistol project.
2. Enter an indoor exhibit at the county and state fairs explaining what you've learned through your pistol project handbook or practice sessions.
3. Assist younger 4-Hers in conducting a demonstration on different types of revolvers.
4. Serve the community through citizenship activities such as:
 - Volunteer your time at an area gun club.
 - Offer to teach the basics of shooting a pistol to a young group of future pistol shooting 4-Hers in your area.
 - Talk on your local radio station about being in the 4-H Pistol Project.

Where can I go for additional information?

- County Extension Office
- New Mexico State 4-H Office
- Gun Clubs
- Firearm dealers/shops
- Internet
- Library

What additional projects can I do this year or next year that relate to my Pistol Project?

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| 1. LEATHERCRAFT | Make a gun case for your pistol. |
| 2. CITIZENSHIP | Teach others about shooting safety. |
| 3. PHOTOGRAPHY | Take photos of different types of pistols. |
| 4. PUBLIC SPEAKING | Give a speech about how being in the 4-H pistol project has improved you as an individual. |
| 5. WILDLIFE | Learn about different animals you can find in the wild. |
| 6. MEALS OUTDOORS | Learn about cooking while on a hunting/camping trip. |
| 7. SEWING | Make camouflage hunting attire. |
| 8. WELDING | Make silhouettes for shooting practices. |
| 9. LEADERSHIP | Teach other 4-Hers about being in the pistol project. |

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