

PREFACE



**Promoting Positive Youth Development through
Comprehensive Education,
Life-Long Recreation, and
Healthy Competition**

National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee Approved Curriculum

WELCOME TO 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

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Dear 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors,

I am Dr. Todd Kesner, Director of the Montana Center for 4-H Youth Development and Chair of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee

Welcome to the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Each of you will play an integral role in creating a pathway for positive youth development. You will fan youth sparks of interest into flames, ensure positive youth development program quality principles, develop relationships with other youth and caring adults, and engage youth in multiple settings.

I can think of no better 4-H program than 4-H shooting sports to promote and enhance life competencies that make our community's youngest citizens open to challenge and discovery, feel they have a sense of purpose, affirm the importance of something greater than themselves, accept personal responsibility, feel positive and optimistic, and be able to set and achieve realistic goals.

With your help these young people will do better in school, make healthy choices, be socially competent, develop personal standards, connect and contribute to others, and take fewer risks on their way to making a successful transition to adulthood.

The National Committee recognized the need to minimize the impact mandatory training has on volunteers. This new curriculum and its delivery formats are designed with you in mind. What you will read and hear represents the latest in our understanding of positive youth development and the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment.

The curriculum is the work of many individuals. My thanks goes to the authors, reviewers, and state coordinators that so willingly invested their time and resources above and beyond the call of their normal Extension duties.

Likewise, I am truly grateful and appreciative of your willingness to share your time, talent, and treasure with the 4-H Shooting Sports Program.



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