



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
RACINE COUNTY



WELCOME TO RACINE COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY 2025 West Allis Bowmen

To all 4-H Archery Project Members,

ORIENTATION: There are two dates scheduled for orientation and safety. **The sessions are held at West Allis Bowman (11601 County Truck G, Franksville). It is mandatory for all first-year participants to attend one of the orientation and safety sessions before their first time shooting at 4-H archery.** To participate in the Racine County 4-H archery project you need to be at least 8 years of age and in at least 3rd grade by the first shoot. Members that feel they need a safety refresher may attend. The orientation sessions will be outdoors. **Orientation begins at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 12th or Wednesday, May 21th.**

At each orientation session, we will go over safety rules, expectations, equipment needs, and proper use of that equipment. There will be demonstrations. If you have equipment, please bring it with you. If you do not know how to purchase equipment, we can help you that evening. Equipment is available to use if you do not have your own equipment based on first come basis. If you are unable to attend or have scheduling conflicts, please call Kris Nissila, Archery Site Coordinator, at 262-757-5139.

There are over 50 members in our archery group, so please be prompt to your shooting line. It is important to be signed in, have your equipment ready, and your cases set aside appropriately before your assigned time to shoot. Your full cooperation is needed. We have several certified instructors, and it helps if they are able to focus on instructing. Project leaders or parents are encouraged to volunteer to keep score.

The registration fee for the Archery Project is \$10.00 per archer with a maximum of \$20.00 per family, per discipline, (archery, air pistol, .22 pistol, .22 rifle, air rifle, muzzleloading, and shotgun) per year. This fee helps to cover expenses for the Shooting Sports Project. Please make the check payable to **Racine County 4-H Leaders Association.**

Please mail the Archery Project Registration Form along with a check before Tuesday, May 10th to: Extension Racine County, 1072 Milwaukee Avenue, Burlington, WI 53105.

Make sure to sign up for the Archery Project under Shooting Sports on your **fair entry form** on the Racine County Fair website at <http://www.racinecountyfair.com>. We will not be shooting archery at the fair. **Racine County Fair ribbon distribution will be addressed by the Racine County Fair at a future date. Typically, ribbons can be picked up at the Youth Building office at the Racine County Fair starting on Monday of fair week.**

The outdoor shooting lines begin at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on:

**Monday, June 2
Monday, June 9
Monday, June 23**

**Wednesday, June 4
Wednesday, June 11
Wednesday, June 18**

CERTIFIED ARCHERY INSTRUCTORS:

Kris Nissila

262-757-5139

LEAGUE INFORMATION

We will have a three-week outdoor league at West Allis Bowman. That enables you to shoot a possible 12 times. The leagues will be on **Monday's and Wednesday's with a 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. shooting line.** You will need 5 scores from the outdoor league. The first 4 scores are averaged, and you compete against your own average, not against the other shooters for your award. Complications may be discussed and worked out with the head leader. They must be good reasons, not just other fun. You do not have to be an exceptional shooter to enjoy this project.

It is very important to be on time and this means signed up and ready to shoot by your designated time. If you are late, you will be put on the line and will start shooting the same round as the rest of the line. If there is time when the line is done shooting, you can make up the rounds you missed.

EQUIPMENT

Bow, 6 arrows, finger tab or release, side quiver, bow case, and arm guard. Check eye dominance. We use burlap animal targets for shooting outdoors.

RULES

- There will be no fooling around at any time. If you are caught fooling around you will be dropped from the archery project. We don't want anyone to get hurt.
- Your bow must be in a case when it is being transported.
- No shooting is to begin until the whistle is blown once. Always remain behind the shooting line until the whistle is blown twice to go pull your arrows from the target. If the whistle is blown multiple times STOP SHOOTING, there is a problem.
- Straddle the shooting line.
- Never dry fire a bow.
- Never pick up a dropped arrow.
- No pulling arrows until the leader scores them.

9 STEPS TO SHOOTING

1. Stance – left side to target (or right side to target if you are left-handed shooter)
2. Grip – “shake hands” with your bow
3. Nock your arrow – cock feather. Learn cock feather direction for your set up. The arrow should “click” onto the bow string. Nock arrow with the bow up and down – not sideways, so they don't hit other archers or their equipment.
4. Draw with first three fingers (there are other styles, this is for beginners).
5. Anchor (corner of mouth or release) head straight, don't bow to string or tip head back.
6. Aim – sights or instinctive – no looking down the shaft.
7. Release – relax fingers or trip release. More details when shooting.
8. Follow through – hold bow up and still until arrow reaches the target.
9. Check equipment.

For office use only:
Check # Cash
Amount Paid:
Date Received:



Buck Trail Archers due to EXT before April 18th
Racine Instinctive Bowmen due to EXT before April 18th
West Allis Bowmen due to EXT before May 10th

Racine County 4-H Archery Project Registration Form

Archery project members participate at one of three locations which are assigned based on your 4-H club. The contact information for each Archery Site Coordinators is listed below. (Please **circle your club** below.)

Buck Trail Archers – Burlington

Site Coordinators: Karen and Ralph Jannene (262) 537-4857

Burlington Back 40, Cloverview, Honey Creek Hoofers, Kan-Do, Norway, & Sunnyside

Racine Instinctive Bowmen – Sturtevant

Site Coordinator: Jessie Bohl (262) 902-3354

All 4 One, Sturtevant, & Tucker

West Allis Bowmen – Franksville

Site Coordinator: Kris Nissila (262) 757-5139

Raymond and Yorkville

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Racine County 4-H Leaders Association.

Please send this form with payment by the date in the top right corner to:

Extension Racine County, 1072 Milwaukee Avenue, Burlington, WI 53105

Youth First and Last Name _____

4-H Club _____ Birthdate _____ Age as of 1st Shoot: _____

Parent/Guardian _____ E-mail _____

Phone _____ Alternate Phone (cell) _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number _____

Is this your first year in the Archery Project? _____

Does this youth have any allergies or special needs that we need to be made aware of?

Racine County 4-H Shooting Sports

CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

As a participant in 4-H Shooting Sports, you have the responsibility of representing Racine County to the public, so you are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that will bring honor to you and your family, as well as to 4-H. To do that, you will need to:

- Attend all sessions in the planned program. If you are not feeling well or have a schedule conflict that would keep you from attending, please tell the adult in charge.
- Follow rules established before the event begins. You are responsible to know the rules for each event.
- Dress appropriately for each event. Your adults in charge should have guidelines to help you.
- Use language and manners that will bring respect to you and 4-H Shooting Sports. You are responsible to know what language and behavior is appropriate.
- Be in the assigned program area (for example: range being used for project) at all times.
- Know that the use of tobacco, alcohol, and non-prescribed drugs is illegal and prohibited at all 4-H events.
- Model respect for other persons in public areas.
- Treat program areas, shooting areas, and transportation vehicles with respect and care. You will be responsible for any damage, theft, or misconduct in which you participate.
- Help other members in your group have a pleasant experience by making every attempt to include all participants in activities.
- Live up to your highest expectations for yourself, so you can return home proud of who you are and what you have done.

Those who find themselves unable to conduct themselves within the guidelines listed above may expect:

- To explain their actions to the adults in charge.
- To accept the consequences of their actions.
- To have the adult in charge work closely with parents/guardians, Extension personnel, and others to see that actions taken, in case of unacceptable behavior, are appropriate and logical consequences for all concerns.

I have read the 4-H Shooting Sports Code of Conduct and agree to live up to the expectations. I realize my failure to do so could result in a loss of privileges during the event and/or in the future.

Member Signature _____ **Date** _____

As the parent/guardian of _____, I have read the 4-H Shooting Sports Code of Conduct and will support the adults in charge in the performance of their responsibility to see that the appropriate behavior is maintained.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

(Feel free to make a copy of this form before sending it back to Extension Racine County.)