

WHISTLING BULLETS SHOOTING CLUB



SHOOTING AWARENESS FUN & EDUCATION

2019 Handbook

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About Whistling Bullets

The focus of all 4-H programs is the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens. 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Whistling Bullets is Eagle County's 4-H shooting sports club. Like any 4-H club our core purpose is to teach life skills, of course our theme for teaching these life skills is in the context of shooting sports. Club members learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, the principles of hunting and archery, and much more. The activities of the program and the support of caring adult leaders provide young people with opportunities to develop life skills, self-worth, and conservation ethics. Members of the Whistling Bullets club have the option to participate in a variety of disciplines.

Whistling Bullets Disciplines

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| * Archery | * Air Rifle |
| * Air Pistol | * .22 Rifle |
| * Shotgun | * Muzzle loading |
| * Outdoor Skills | * .22 Pistol |

Important Links

Whistling Bullets Club Website

<http://www.whistlingbullets.com/>

Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Website

<http://www.co4hshooting.org/>

County 4-H Calendar and Information

<http://www.eaglecounty.us/CSU/>

Register for 4-H Online (\$40)

<https://www.4honline.com>

There is a new Colorado 4-H Family Manual available for your assistance.

http://www.eaglecounty.us/CSU/Documents/4-H_Docs/4-H_On-line_Registration_Manual/

Colorado 4-H

<http://www.colorado4h.org/>

CSU Extension Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoStateUniversityExtensionEagleCounty4H?ref=hl>

Sign up for the monthly 4-H Piper Newsletter

http://www.eaglecounty.us/CSU/4-H_Youth_Programs/Club_Announcements/

Checklist to a Successful 4-H Year in 2019

- Each of the following must be met in order to complete your 4-H project!
- Enroll in 4-H - March 1st is the deadline to be eligible to participate in the 2019 Eagle County Fair.
- Join a 4-H Club - In addition to enrolling in 4-H you'll need to join a club, like Whistling Bullets.
- Attend at least 60% of regular club meetings.
- Give a demonstration at one of your club meetings. If you are in multiple 4-H clubs you don't have to do a demonstration at each club, just one for the year.
- Participate in a community service activity with your club or other organization.
- Exhibit your 4-H project at the county fair.
- Complete a record book.
- Help with the county fair setup and tear down.

Basic Introduction to 4-H Shooting Sports

(Read this if you're new to 4-H and/or shooting sports this year)

The slogan of 4-H is “learn by doing” – In many respects the “learn by doing” works well for some things, especially skills related, but on certain topics this approach has caused confusion for first time 4-H participants (and their parents) as they try to figure out what they need to do in order to complete their 4-H activity correctly. This very brief guide is meant to fill in some of the gaps to make it easier to understand 4-H.

4-H Lingo/Terminology

Before we dive into the recipe for a successful 4-H year we need to get some things straight in the lingo/terminology department.

Project – You'll find the term project used repetitively in an ambiguous and confusing manner. Sometimes people in 4-H use the term project to describe the entire 4-H activity for the year, but in shooting sports it may also refer to the actual “project” they create for the fair. This confusion of terminology is due to differences between livestock clubs vs. clubs that do skills related work like sewing, photography, and yes... shooting sports.

So here's an example... If you were in the poultry club and someone asked what your project was, the answer would be raising a chicken. The chicken (poultry) is the project for the 4-H year as well as what you intend to take to the fair.

When we talk about shooting sports, the 4-H “project” is shooting sports, but the “project” you take to fair might be a display board or a gun case. If that doesn't make sense, see a 4-H leader and they will be happy to explain it.

Discipline – Within 4-H shooting sports there are a number of different disciplines. Those are Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Archery, Outdoor Skills, Shotgun, Muzzle loader, 22 Rifle, 22 Pistol. The disciplines are not entirely relevant until you get to the point of submitting your fair project, at this point you need to choose a discipline for the project to be categorized into. For example if you built an arrow then it should probably be under the “archery” discipline, if it's a display board about bullet sizes it might be under the discipline “22 rifle” and so on. In terms of participation in 4-H a member may participate in any activity they want any night, in fact they are encouraged to try all disciplines.

Recipe for a Successful 4-H Year

Attend 60% of the club meetings. The club meetings are the nights we shoot inside, as well as the nights at the gun range and the business meeting nights. Basically you just need to attend 60% of them.

At some of the 60% meetings you attended presumably you either shot air rifle, archery, shotgun, air pistol, muzzle loader, 22 pistol or 22 rifle. Whichever discipline you participated in you need to KEEP YOUR SCORE SHEETS. You need the score sheets later to help you put together your record book.

Take some photos and have some photos of you taken. You'll need them for your 4-H record book.

In the spring it's time to start thinking about what you want to make for the county fair. A great place to start can be a display board – they are simple and inexpensive to create and can be on any topic related to 4-H shooting sports. This is also a good time to take the score sheets you collected and begin writing them down on the provided form for your record book. The record book will be turned in with your fair project. If you do this early in the year it's a lot better than trying to figure it out at the last minute.

Complete a community service project – this can be anything, but the key is 4-H participants need to participate in a project to better their community. As a club we usually schedule a day to help clean up the Gypsum Gun Club (that's the wonderful gun range in Gypsum that allows our club exclusive access to shoot on Thursday evenings – yes they close the entire range for us so we say thank you by cleaning the place up once a year).

Provide a demonstration (usually on demonstration night) – this is to help the kids develop public speaking skills – it can be anything from how to use a yo-yo to how to kick a soccer ball or how to care for your recurve bow.

About a month before the fair you will receive a postcard or e-mail from the county 4-H office asking what your 4-H project is. You need to return this so they can schedule your interview (that's the date/time and place you'll turn in your fair project and notebook).

Lastly, put together your fair project and complete your record book, and then turn them in at the date/time you've been scheduled for. When you turn in the project it's called an interview because the judge (who awards ribbons etc.) will ask you about your 4-H experience. For the interview we recommend treating it like an important meeting – dress up, comb your hair, brush your teeth, etc. If you have a cool project you're nearly to the finish line, the last part is to deliver it and make a good impression with the judge. You might win an award and have your project sent to State. How cool would that be?

Schedule 2019

Below is the schedule set at the time of printing. It's always best to consult whistlingbullets.com for the most accurate and up-to-date information as the schedule is subject to change.

KEY:

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT STUFF

VERY IMPORTANT STUFF

IMPORTANT STUFF

1/16/19	WED	6:30 @ EXHIBIT HALL, PROGRAM OVERVIEW / INFORMATIONAL MEETING WHISTLING BULLETS SIGNUP RANGE SAFETY FOR RETURNING & NEW MEMBERS
1/23/19	WED	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Exhibit Hall (Setup starting at 6PM)
1/30/19	WED	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Exhibit Hall (Setup starting at 6PM)
2/6/19	WED	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Exhibit Hall (Setup starting at 6PM)
2/13/19	WED	BUSINESS MEETING – 6:30 @ Exhibit Hall, ELECTIONS
2/27/19	WED	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Exhibit Hall (Setup starting at 6PM)
3/6/19	WED	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Exhibit Hall (Setup starting at 6PM)
3/13/19	WED	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Exhibit Hall (Setup starting at 6PM)
3/16/19	SAT	ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTER FEED
3/20/19	WED	BLANKET SHOOT – 6:00 @ Exhibit Hall (Setup starting at 5:30PM)
3/27/19	WED	NO MEETING -- SPRING BREAK
3/29-31	WKND	LEADER TRAINING 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS (Garfield County)
4/3/19	WED	DEMONSTRATION NIGHT – 6:30 @ Exhibit Hall
4/10/19	WED	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Exhibit Hall (Setup starting at 6PM)
4/12-13	WKND	WESTCO OUTDOORSMAN EXPO
4/24/19	WED	INDOOR COMPETITION - 6:30 @ EXHIBIT HALL (Setup 6PM)
5/1/19	THUR	RANGE ORIENTATION DAY – MANDATORY MEETING – 6:15 @ Gypsum Range
5/9/19	THUR	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Gypsum Range (Setup starting at 6PM)
5/11/19	SAT	RANGE CLEANUP – 8AM (Tentative)
5/16/19	THUR	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Gypsum Range (Setup starting at 6PM)
5/23/19	THUR	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Gypsum Range (Setup starting at 6PM)
5/30/19	THUR	BUSINESS MEETING – 6:30 @ Gypsum Range, Equipment Cleaning, Projects
6/6/19	THUR	OUTDOOR COMPETITION W/ DINNER – 6:30 @ Gypsum Range (Setup 6PM)
6/13/19	THUR	NO MEETING- SUMMER BREAK
6/20/19	THUR	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Gypsum Range (Setup starting at 6PM)
6/27/19	THUR	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Gypsum Range (Setup starting at 6PM)
7/4/19	THUR	INDEPENDENCE DAY - NO MEETING
7/11/19	THUR	NORMAL MEET – 6:30 @ Gypsum Range (Setup starting at 6PM)
7/18/19	THUR	FINAL MEETING - FAMILY SHOOT
7/22/19	MON	RECORD BOOKS DUE INTERVIEWS
7/21-27	WEEK	EAGLE COUNTY FAIR
10/5/19	SAT	4H BANQUET - EXHIBIT HALL

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ALL MEMBERS ATTEND OUTDOOR RANGE ORIENTATION ON 5/3/18. IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON THEN REARRANGE **YOUR** SCHEDULE TO BE THERE - DO NOT EXPECT THE 4H LEADERS TO REARRANGE THEIR SCHEDULE TO PROVIDE THE RANGE ORIENTATION MULTIPLE TIMES.

IF YOU MISS OUTDOOR RANGE ORIENTATION YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SHOOT AT THE OUTDOOR RANGE IN 2019 - 5/1 MAY BE THE ONLY OUTDOOR RANGE ORIENTATION.

REMEMBER: YOU ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND 60% OF THE SCHEDULED 4H MEETINGS.

2019 Leader Training

PARENTS: Would you like to volunteer some time to help with the Whistling Bullets 4-H Club? The club can always use the help of additional leaders. Becoming a certified 4-H Shooting Sports leader is as simple as spending a weekend at one of the 4 weekend trainings offered across Colorado in 2018. You don't need to know anything about shooting sports to get started, just talk with one of the 4-H Leaders or stop by the CSU Extension Office.

Weld County - March 9-11
Pueblo County - March 23-25
Arapahoe County - April 6-8
Mesa County - April 13-15

Also, if you would like to help out with 4-H whistling Bullets but are not ready to take the training class we can still use help in other areas. See one of the leaders for more information.

Leader Contact Information

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Hunter Safety Classes

TO BE ANNOUNCED

4-H Pledge

I pledge:



Head

for Clearer Thinking



Heart

for Greater Loyalty



Hands

for Larger Service



Health

for Better Living

...for my Club, my Community, my Country and my World.

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.

4-H Colors

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green is nature's most common color and represents youth, life and growth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

4-H Motto

To Make the Best Better

4-H Slogan

"Learn by Doing"

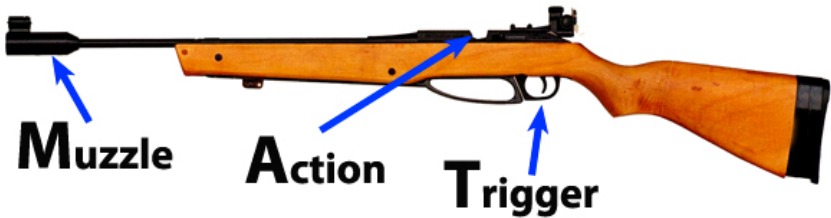
MAT is our Friend

Rules for Safe Gun Handling

MUZZLE. Always keep gun muzzles pointed in a safe direction. Gun muzzles must never be pointed at other persons under any circumstance. On a range, the safest directions to point a gun muzzle are upward or downrange towards the target.

ACTION. When handling any rifle or firearm, the action must be open with a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) inserted. Gun actions must remain open except when the gun is on the firing line and preparation or firing periods have begun. When shooting is finished, the action must be open and a CBI must be inserted, even when the gun is on the firing line.

TRIGGER. Keep your finger off of the trigger until after placing the gun in the shooting position and preparing to fire a shot. It is especially important to keep the finger outside of the trigger guard when loading the gun and placing it in the shooting position.



Your club needs YOU!

WANTED

Responsible club members to lead the Whistling Bullets Shooting Sports Club in 2018 by fulfilling the role of an officer position. The officers play an essential role in making the club operate smoothly.

WHAT DO I DO

Take a look at the list of positions and decide which position might be best suited for yourself. Apply by completing the brief application at the bottom of this page. If you get elected, carry out your duties to make your club the best it can be.

COMPENSATION

Besides feeling good about helping out your 4-H club, having club officer experience looks good on future resumes for work or college. After all, you'll be learning important leadership skills. Additionally, club officers will be given additional opportunities to shoot at the range, after the end of the normal schedule to help prepare state fair shooters.

OFFICER APPLICATION - 4-H WHISTLING BULLETS

NAME: _____

POSITION(S) APPLYING FOR: _____

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE AN OFFICER:

If you agree to carry out the duties of your position please sign below:

Candidate Signature: _____

Parent Permission / Endorsement - My child has my permission, and I believe he/she has the capabilities and interest to carry out the duties of this officer position. I agree to help and encourage them to succeed in this effort. Parent Signature: _____

4-H Officers and Duties

PRESIDENT

- ◆ Prepares club meeting agenda with other officers & advisors.
- ◆ Presides at all club meetings.
- ◆ Uses parliamentary procedure to conduct business meetings.
- ◆ Understands responsibilities of other club officers.
- ◆ Shows a real interest in the club and helps carry out club' decisions.
- ◆ Plans ways to get every member to participate in meetings and delegates responsibility.
- ◆ Appoints committees as needed.
- ◆ Works with 4-H club advisors to establish a system for notifying 4-H club members of club meetings and activities. (i.e. – phone trees, written notices, e-mail, etc.)
- ◆ Calls the Vice-President to reside at the meeting if unable to attend.

VICE PRESIDENT

- ◆ Presides at meetings if the President is absent.
- ◆ Assist the President with all duties.

SECRETARY

- ◆ Keeps a written record of the business meetings and reads club's minutes at each meeting.
- ◆ Records club's attendance at each meeting.
- ◆ Assists with planning of meetings with the other officers (including preparing agenda)
- ◆ Responsible for completing secretary record book and other written correspondence for club.

TREASURER

- ◆ Keeps an accurate account of all 4-H club's money received and spent by the club.
- ◆ Gives a financial report at each 4-H club business meeting.
- ◆ Completes an annual financial report and treasurers book before deadline.
- ◆ Balances the bank statement each month.
- ◆ Pays bills when approved by the club.

HISTORIAN

- ◆ Takes photographs at all 4-H club meetings and activities.
- ◆ Puts together the 4-H club's scrapbook.
- ◆ Collects pictures & articles from other officers and members to include in the club's scrapbook.
- ◆ Enter club scrapbook in county contest.

NEWS REPORTER

- ◆ Writes articles about club meetings and activities and submits to the local newspaper or Piper.
- ◆ Checks local newspapers regularly to see if articles appear.
- ◆ Cuts out club newspaper articles and gives to Historian for scrapbook.

PLEDGE LEADER

- ◆ Lead the American and 4-H Pledge at the beginning of each meeting.

Project Tips

- Exhibits must be entered in the discipline that it relates to:
 - Archery
 - Shotgun
 - Air Pistol
 - Outdoor Skills
 - Air Rifle
 - .22 Rifle
 - Muzzle loading
 - Miscellaneous
- The exhibit can be a display board or stand-alone items such as gun stocks, decoys, etc. but not both.
- The standardized display board size 4' x 3' is to be used for 4-H projects, Display boards are required to be the tri-fold design.
- The area you select is the exhibit class that you will choose.
- Any safety idea always makes a good display.
- Proper shooting techniques work well
- Remember, do not use live ammo, no broadheads, and no functional guns in your display. This is a safety issue.
- In addition to your exhibit; include your Shooting Sports Inventory, Individual Score Sheet Record, and your E-Record. Secure these three items in a sturdy binder/notebook.

Tips for an overall outstanding exhibit:

- 1) Attractive
- 2) Relatively simple
- 3) Colorful and /or showing strong contrast
- 4) Creative or artistic
- 5) Sturdy (won't fall apart in transit)
- 6) Educational
- 7) Intriguing
- 8) Gives viewer the impression that you enjoyed this project
- 9) Makes the viewer remark "wow" or "nicely done".

Judging Criteria for E-Records:

- 1) Completeness of e-record
- 2) Completeness of shooting sports inventory record
- 3) Extra activities recorded such as demonstrations, talks, community service
- 4) Community service related to project
- 5) Neatness and legibility
- 6) Quality of exhibit

Required Safety Equipment

Participants of 4-H shooting sports are required to have basic safety equipment for certain activities. We would like all members to purchase their own safety glasses and hearing protection. The club generally has extra eye and ear protection available if you forget yours. Here is a summary of the safety equipment required for various activities. For eye protection, ANSI Z87.1 Safety Glasses are required. These safety glasses are the typical safety glasses that can be found at Home Depot or Walmart in the tool area.

Archery:

Arm guard, hip quiver, finger tab or safe release required. - These will be provided by the club if you are using a club bow. If you bring your own bow, also please bring your arm guard, hip quiver, and finger tab or release.

Air Rifle and Air Pistol:

Eye Protection Required

Shotgun, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Muzzle loading:

Eye protection required

Hearing Protection Required

All activities:

Closed toe shoes required for all activities in 4-H Shooting Sports.

Using Your Own Equipment

The Whistling Bullets has all the necessary equipment for members to participate in any discipline, however participants of 4-H shooting sports are welcome to use their own archery equipment or firearms if they choose.

If you decide to bring your own equipment please have a 4-H leader inspect the equipment before use to ensure it is safe, in good condition and meets our clubs and Colorado State 4-H operating requirements before use.

Here are some common issues related to bringing your own equipment:

Archery - No fiberglass arrows, arrows must be proper length.

Air Rifle/Pistol - Must allow for single shot operation.

.22 Rifle/Pistol - Must allow for single shot operation.

Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct

The Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct is in effect for all sanctioned ECO 4-H Shooting Sports Shooting Events and Training Opportunities and participants are expected to abide by the stated rules for 4-H activities and events including, but not limited to the following:

1. Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit honesty and good sportsmanship and act as a positive role model.
2. Learn and live by the principles of the 4-H Pledge, 4-H Motto and 4-H Slogan.
3. Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress code, policies and guidelines.
4. Abstain from illegal and immoral behaviors. Illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco products are not allowed at any 4-H sponsored program, event or activity.
5. Fully participate in scheduled activities.
6. Respect other's property and privacy rights.
7. Respect the rights and authority of leaders, parents and Extension Agents.
8. Refrain from physical and verbal abuse.
9. Apply rules of safety to individuals, groups and property.
10. Accept personal responsibility for behavior.

Conduct not keeping with high 4-H standards will not be tolerated. Violation of the code will result in consequences to the participant. Consequences may include removal, at the individuals expense and without refund, from participation in an event, restitution or repayment of damages, sanctions on participation in future 4-H events, forfeiture of financial support for an event, removal from offices held etc.

Phones and Electronics

Club members are not permitted to be using phones, ipods, ipads and other electronic devices while participating in 4-H activities. This includes both when on the shooting line as well as when in a waiting area. The use of electronic devices can cause distractions which could potentially create an unsafe environment. If you have your phone with you please turn it off at the beginning of 4-H.

Drop-Offs

Please remember that a parent/guardian must attend each meeting with the child. No drop-offs. As a safety precaution, only 4-H members, instructors and authorized adults (parents) are allowed on the shooting range. If you bring siblings, please make sure they are supervised off the range. We appreciate your understanding and helping us keep safety as our 1st priority.

Consequences of Unsafe Acts

Several years ago the members of the Whistling Bullets voted on and enacted a list of consequences for violation of range rules and committing unsafe acts at 4-H shooting sports.

First Violation: Participant will sit out for the rest of the night.

Second Violation: Participant is suspended for 1 month.

Third Violation: Participant is suspended for 1 year.

Basic Range Rules

Air Pistol/Rifle, Shotgun, .22 Rifle/Pistol, Muzzle loader

Each activity will have differences in the way the range is operated. Consult the full Standard Operating Procedures for more information. The following rules should be observed during all activities however the specific rules for a given activity will include additional range rules above and beyond these.

1. KEEP MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.
2. KEEP ACTION OPEN AND CBI IN FIREARM UNTIL READY TO SHOOT.
3. KEEP SAFETY ON AND FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER.
4. NO RUNNING OR HORSEPLAY.
5. ANYONE MAY CALL A CEASE-FIRE AT ANYTIME.
6. SOME ACTIVITIES EYE AND EAR PROTECTION REQUIRED.
7. ALL FIREARMS MUST BE UNLOADED AND CASED.
8. DO NOT LOAD FIREARM UNTIL TOLD BY THE INSTRUCTOR.
9. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET.
10. MAKE SURE FIREARM IS UNLOADED BEFORE RETURNING IT BACK TO YOUR CASE.
11. FOLLOW ALL RANGE COMMANDS AND INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BY THE RANGE OFFICER.

Basic Range Rules Archery

1. KNOW AND OBEY ALL RANGE COMMANDS. (LISTED BELOW)
2. KEEP YOUR ARROWS IN YOUR QUIVER UNTIL TOLD TO SHOOT.
3. ONLY USE THE ARROWS THE INSTRUCTOR GAVE YOU. REMEMBER WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE.
4. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR ARROWS POINTED DOWN OR TOWARDS THE TARGET.
5. IF YOU DROP AN ARROW, LEAVE IT ON THE GROUND. RAISE YOUR HAND AND THE INSTRUCTOR WILL BRING YOU ANOTHER ARROW.
6. ALWAYS WALK AT THE ARCHERY RANGE, NO RUNNING OR HORSEPLAY.
7. ALWAYS BE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT THE PATH TO THE TARGET AND BEYOND IS CLEAR.
8. ONLY RELEASE THE BOW STRING AT FULL DRAW WHEN THERE IS AN ARROW ON THE STRING.
9. SECURE ALL LOOSE CLOTHING.
10. ALWAYS TREAT YOUR ARCHERY EQUIPMENT WITH RESPECT.
11. ALWAYS TREAT YOUR FELLOW ARCHERS WITH RESPECT.

WHISTLE COMMANDS:

One Blast- "Shoot"

Two Blasts- "Get Bows"

Three Blasts- "Go get Arrows"

Five or more Blasts- "STOP SHOOTING"

Our Sponsors

The cost for members to join the Whistling Bullets Shooting Sports Club is simply the \$40 4-H yearly registration fee. That \$40 fee goes to the County Extension office and covers 4-H insurance as well and training for our club leaders. It's important to realize that no part of that \$40 fee actually goes toward the club's operating expenses.

But don't let the low cost of membership fool you! The Whistling Bullets Shooting Sports Club requires nearly \$10,000 per year to operate, that's about \$150 per club member. That cost includes range time, clay targets, firearms, equipment, cleaning supplies, and lots of ammunition. Over 80% of our yearly operating costs are covered by our extremely generous sponsors, and about 20% percent is covered through fund-raising. Below are our two key sponsors.



Eagle Valley Rod and Gun Club Town of Gypsum Shooting Sports Park

www.gypsumgunclub.com

The Eagle Valley Rod and Gun Club is our largest sponsor. They provide exclusive range access for our club on Thursday evenings throughout May, June and July. In addition to the range access, they provide hundreds of dollars of clay targets for trap shooting and use of the target throwing equipment.



The NRA Foundation & Friends of the NRA have supported the Whistling Bullets 4-H club for nearly 10 years by providing new equipment each year. You name it, shotguns, rifles, air rifles, air pistols, archery equipment, muzzle loaders, cleaning supplies, safety equipment. The NRA has provided much of our equipment over the years to keep our club operational.

Fundraising

In addition to the help from our sponsors we'll also need to do some fundraising this year. We have 3 fundraising efforts planned, help us make each a success.

4-H Truck Raffle - Colorado 4-H clubs raffle off a Ford F-150 each year, we'll need some help selling tickets, our club benefits by keeping 1/2 the proceeds.

Oyster Feed - Along with all the other 4-H clubs in Eagle County we'll be helping to gather donations, silent auction items, and sell tickets for the Oyster Feed.

Coffee Mugs - We will be selling RTIC coffee mugs with our club name engraved on them.

The Whistling Bullets is a 501(c)3, all donations are tax deductible.