

## MEDINA COUNTY SHARPSHOOTERS

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To the Parents of Previous and New/Prospective Club Members:

Welcome to a new year! We have a great year planned to "Make the Best Better". Our program is designed with youth in mind. Under the guidance of certified Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports instructors, club members 9 to 18 years of age will learn the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment. In addition, they will develop positive self-concepts, decision-making skills, personal responsibility, and discipline.

Our club offers eight disciplines; archery, pistol, rifle, muzzleloader, shotgun, living history, hunting and wildlife, and crossbow. All members are required to take one of the above disciplines; first-year members must take rifle or archery regardless of shooting experience. Any member who is returning after an absence of a year or longer must also take a first-year project. ALL members, returning and new, **MUST** attend the basic safety courses at the beginning of the year, as these classes are our primary safety education tool. Members may take other general 4-H projects as well (one project *only* is recommended for younger first-year members, a maximum of ten projects). Members can participate in NRA marksmanship qualification courses and receive awards, as well as participate in outside events and competitions in their chosen discipline area.

We meet weekly on Thursdays, February to October, from 7-9 p.m. We do have a year-end service project and party on the first weekend in December. The first meeting of each month is typically a business meeting, held at South Cuyahoga Sportsmen's Association on Erhart Rd. between Smith Rd. and Spencer Lake Rd. west of Medina. The remaining meetings each month, unless otherwise noted, are held at SCSA.

The club registration fee is \$75 (\$15 for county 4-H registration, \$5.40 for youth membership at SCSA, \$10 for insurance, \$8 for ONE shooting sports project book, and the remainder for club expenses, unless otherwise noted (see item 10 of club rules and requirements). The club supplies firearms, bows and arrows, targets and ammunition for the year. If you would like to make an additional tax-deductible donation to the Sharpshooters, we will gratefully accept it! Also, kindly check with your personnel office to see if your company makes matching corporate donations as we are a 501 c-3 organization. Please make your *check* payable to the "Medina County Sharpshooters 4-H Club" in the amount of \$75.00. We are unable to accept credit cards and cash is *not* preferred. *Please do not turn your registration directly in to the extension office, as this creates a bookkeeping nightmare for our club.* 

ALL members may enroll online at <a href="https://v2.4honline.com">https://v2.4honline.com</a>. Additional, required forms for complete registration are available at the first few meetings, they are not online. All completed forms MUST be turned in by March 31st. Enrollment will be closed prior to this date If the club reaches maximum capacity. Please note that there are several forms which need to be filled out by all members and returned by this date: Health History Form (both sides), Family Enrollment Form, SCSA Release/Liability Form, and two copies of the Club Rules & Requirements Form (keep one copy for your records and reference, return one). In addition, first-year members must return, with both parts signed, the Permission/Release Form and the Handgun Possession Form.

We request that you thoroughly read all material before signing, and assist us in ensuring your child is abiding by the "Rules and Requirements" of the club. We strictly enforce these rules, as violations create unsafe situations and lack of participation outside of shooting meetings puts an unfair burden on members if everyone doesn't participate. This is for everyone's safety, as well as to ensure that each member gets the full benefit of the 4-H program. Please check e-mails regularly from the club, mark your calendar with club meeting and event dates, and post the schedule in a prominent place in your home. We look forward to a GREAT year, and to working with your child(ren). If you have any suggestions, don't hesitate to let us know. See you on the range!

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