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Monroe County 4-H Program to offer Air-rifle Course

4-H Air Rifle Training course for youth ages 9 to 18 begins in March

The Monroe County 4-H program is excited to announce that another round of air rifle training using the 4-H Shooting Sports curricula will be begin in March 2020. Two 4-H certified instructors, Eric Brewer and Sean McDaniel, will present the 5-week course at Rochester Brooks Gun Club in Rush, NY. Youth ages 9 to 18 who are interested in the safe and responsible use of firearms are encouraged to register. The course will be limited to 8 youth and will address subjects related to STEM, healthy living, and civic engagement. The link to register is <https://bit.ly/35kMHAE>.

In addition to NYS 4-H Shooting Sports training, Monroe County's 4-H Shooting Sports instructors have attended Leadership Training through Cornell Cooperative Extension, and are enrolled 4-H volunteers. In this course, youth will be shooting at field targets in a field-target match format. Classes will be outside and youth should dress for the weather. The last class (April 18) will be in a full field-target shoot from 8 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m.

The Monroe County 4-H Program introduced the 4-H Shooting Sports air rifle course to youth in the autumn of 2018. This course proved to be a hit with the participants. Youth and parents found the course to be exciting and challenging, appreciating the skill and enthusiasm leaders Eric and Sean provided. 4-H mom Kristen says, "Both instructors are so wonderful and patient with the kids. Super glad we found this opportunity through 4-H!"

Safety is top priority. Participants will use equipment owned by the Monroe County 4-H program and must attend all 5 sessions to receive a certificate. More information may be found at <http://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/events/2020/03/21/4-h-shooting-sports-air-rifle-training>.

The Monroe County 4-H Program is offered through Cornell Cooperative Extension to the youth of Monroe County. 4-H is a worldwide youth development program open to all youth aged 5 to 19, who want to have fun, learn new skills, and explore the world. In return, youth who participate in 4-H find a supportive environment and opportunities for hands-on or "experiential" learning about things that interest them.

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4-H youth learning to use firearms safely and responsibly

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