

4-H Shooting Sports Trailer – Fun For Everyone

Since 2002 there has been an Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports Mobile Range in operation in southern Idaho. The National Rifle Association sponsored trailer is currently housed by and reserved through the Minidoka County Extension Office. This mobile range is designed to promote the Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports program and can be used as a fundraiser for county level 4-H Shooting Sports Programs at events such as county fairs or other public events.

A \$35 per day fee will be charged to the County Extension Office or Idaho 4-H Instructor that uses the mobile range in an educational or shooting sports promotional situation. This fee will be assessed for days that the range is in operation. Transport and storage days will not be charged. The range equipment includes: 3 air rifles, paper and metal targets, ammunition (lead pellets), two CO₂ tanks, and safety glasses. The person who checks out the shooting range is responsible for picking it up and is responsible for returning it unless other arrangements are approved. The trailer/range is licensed and insured by the University of Idaho, however, the person who checks out the range is responsible for any damage incurred to the range while in their possession and will be charged for the repair. Normal wear and tear such as flat tires will be taken care of from the use fees.

At each Extension sponsored event or activity that a 4-H Shooting Sports Mobile Range is used there must be an Certified Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports Rifle or Pistol Instructor responsible to oversee the use of the trailer while it is in operation in their county. This responsible party must conduct training regarding safety and proper use of the equipment for all volunteers who staff the exhibit at a public event or activity. There must always be an adult in attendance at the exhibit that has received this safety training from an Idaho 4-H certified rifle or pistol instructor or Hunter Education Instructor.

The trailer is designed to have two shooters at a time maximum. All shooters and people assisting shooters must wear eye protection and a barrier must be erected behind and to the side of the firing line to keep spectators without eye protection at a safe distance.

To learn the about the availability of the mobile range and a list of Certified Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports Rifle or Pistol Instructors contact the Minidoka County Extension Office at 436-7184 or Minidoka@uidaho.edu.