

# National 4-H Western Heritage Conference and Invitational Shoot

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## **4-H Western Heritage Project**

The 4-H Western Heritage Project is a combination of 4-H Shooting Sports and a living history of the frontier west from 1860 to 1900. 4-H members from at least 9 states that participate in this unique project converge annually to share experience, compete with their peers, and learn about our Nation's history. Participants will compete in three aspects of the project:

- ❖ A written history test
- ❖ A portrayal of their "Old West" persona including period clothing
- ❖ A marksmanship event using firearms of the old west period.

**The 4-H Western Heritage Project** is a guide for young people developing an appreciation for American history and the wisdom of many cultures and generations. The project instills a sense of personal responsibility, sportsmanship, firearms safety, and increases understanding of our rich national heritage and cultural diversity — all through hands-on education. **Western Heritage** is the most exciting and dynamic historical program in 4-H using materials and techniques never before presented in 4-H. Nationwide interest in this project is a direct result of its' innovative approach to teaching history to young people with an appeal that crosses generations and educational interests. For **Nationals** to succeed, we need assistance to support nearly 300 – 400 participants, including their families, when they come to compete.

## **Educational Impacts**

- ❖ Connect today's youth with the values and traditions of our past.
- ❖ Preserve and gain an appreciation for the heritage of the Old West in the time period of 1860-1900.
- ❖ Instill an investigative interest in history
- ❖ Recognize the accomplishments and importance of both men and women from a variety of cultures that contributed to the history of the Old West.
- ❖ Encourage visits to local, state, regional, and national museums.

**National Conference will be held August 3-6, 2021 in Ellsworth, Kansas**

Your tax-deductible financial contribution or in-kind services will ensure that this project is available today and in the future. To become a sponsor: Contact John Torrence at (620) 256-5866 or [luckiksu@ksu.edu](mailto:luckiksu@ksu.edu). The Kansas 4-H Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

For more information, visit [www.4-HWesternHeritageProject.org](http://www.4-HWesternHeritageProject.org) and the Kansas Facebook page [@Kansas4HNaturalResources](https://www.facebook.com/Kansas4HNaturalResources).



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