

First Shot Fundamentals Muzzleloader

Prior to class

Set up range with a 50 caliber caplock muzzleloader and all equipment for students to fire two shots each.

Welcome

Restrooms
Class Procedure
Pledge allegiance to the United States Flag
4-H Pledge

Lesson Time

One hour

Objectives of the lesson

1. Basic parts of a muzzleloading rifle
2. Explain and demonstrate how to check if a muzzleloading rifle is unloaded and safe
3. Dominate eye role
4. Understand basic range rules and etiquette for muzzleloaders

Safety

1. Eye Protection
2. Ear Protection

Parts of a Muzzleloader

Rules of firearm safety

1. Always keep the muzzle of the gun pointed in a safe direction
2. Always keep the muzzleloader uncapped or primed until ready to shoot
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot

Sight alignment

Rear sight
Front sight

Sight Picture

Rear sight
Front Sight
Target

Dominate eye

Range rules / Range Commands/ Cease Fire

Go to range

 Explain and demonstrate special safety procedures for muzzleloaders

 Explain Hangfires and Missfires

Demonstrate how to load and fire a muzzleloader

Work with each student to allow them to load and fire two shoots on a plain target back

Summarize what you have covered