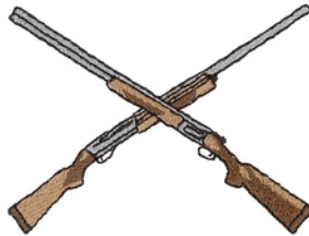


# MADISON COUNTY 4-H SHOTGUN PROJECT S.A.F.E. (Shooting Awareness, Fun Education)

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## THE SHOTGUN PROGRAM

Madison County 4-H offers Shotgun that includes practices and fundamental training. This Project S.A.F.E., Shooting Awareness, Fun and Education, event is open to any youth, **6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades**. The program is advertised to the 4-H'ers through newsletters or flyers sent home at club meetings in their schools. The promotion begins in the fall for the 4-H'ers and parents with an orientation meeting to learn the requirements and practice attendance regarding the program and fees for supplies, competition matches and other areas of the program. At orientation we will collect all members' information, discuss the program and a schedule of practices will be available. You may "try out the program without any cost. We offer 3 to 4 practices then a commitment to the program is made.

## WHAT WILL 4-H SHOTGUN PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

During meeting times participants will learn the fundamentals of shotgun and work on the skills and techniques needed to do well in the shooting sport. Participants will also learn the importance of safety in the shooting sports program.

## HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION:

All shotgun shooters are required to attend a hunter safety education course **BEFORE** District/Area Competition. You must take the class locally at advertised locations with is usually spread over two nights concluding with a test. Or you may take the course online then locate a testing location to complete the course. Details will be given on how to locate a class and facility at the orientation meeting. Adults are welcome to take the course with their children. If you have **already** taken the course, please bring your card to the coach to make a copy of your card or record your certificate number.

## TEAMS/QUALIFICATION

A county may enter any number of eligible **Juniors (6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) or Senior (9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>) Division** boys/girls in a district/area 4-H shotgun match referred to as the qualification match. Shooters must qualify before advancing to the state match. Juniors must post a minimum score of 16 hits and Seniors must post a minimum of 20 hits. Twenty five shots are fired to complete a round. Once the 4-H'ers qualifies 5-7-member Junior and Senior teams are established for the state competition. If there are less than 5 shooters in either division, the shooters will qualify and compete as individuals.

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### **Competition Guidelines:**

The guidelines for competitions will be presented to you at the orientation meeting. Shotgun members will qualify and compete in a modified trap competition

### **PARENTS/RESPONSIBLE ADULT**

**YOU** are an important part of the 4-H Shotgun activities and are always welcome. We also strongly encourage parents to consider becoming a 4-H volunteer. A parent or an adult at least 18 years of age or older **must** accompany shooters to all practices and matches. There will important duties for you to fulfill with your shooter and for the program.

### **SAFETY:**

Successfully complete the Georgia Hunter Education Course. Shooters, coach(s), scorekeepers/referees and safety officers **MUST** wear hearing and eye protection at all times while on the range. **Closed toe shoes that are secured to the feet ARE to be worn, NO FLIP FLOPS or SANDALS.** All shotguns and ammunition **MUST** remain in closed gun boxes and secure until ready to fire in a designated firing location. Gun muzzle must always be safe. When transporting the gun to firing line, action must be kept open. The Range Officer / Lead Coaches will be in charge at all times during matches and practices. All adults will learn and assist with all safety protocols.

### **EQUIPMENT/AMMUNITION**

- Any 12 or smaller gauge shotgun will be allowed unless specified at any particular match and be supplied by the 4-H'er
- 1 1/8 oz. or 32 gram shot loads cannot exceed 1290 feet per second (FPS)
- 1 oz. or 28 gram shot loads cannot exceed 1325 FPS
- 7/8 oz. or 24 gram shot loads cannot exceed 1350 FPS
- Shot size must be 7 ½ or smaller and not exceed 1 1/8 oz. or 32 grams. Shells will be factory loads. **NO RELOADS WILL BE ALLOWED**

For more information contact the Madison County 4-H Office at (706) 795-2281 or visit us at 97 Sunset Avenue in Danielsville or attend the Shotgun Orientation which is held each year prior to beginning the program for detailed information.

Shotgun represents – **SAFETY FIRST**-Shooting Awareness Fun(damentals) Education Towards Young Friends Integrity Realizing Sportsmanship & Teamwork! Madison County 4-H

## **Shotgun Informational Meeting**

**Location: BOE PLC 2 (Board of Education)**

**800 Madison Street**

**Danielsville, GA 30633**

**Date: Sunday, September 24, 2023**

**Time: 2:00 PM**

