

Candler County 4-H

2025-2026 Season

Project S.A.F.E. Shotgun



Project SAFE Website:

<http://georgia4h.org/programs/focus-areas/healthy-living/recreation-leisure/project-safe-shooting-sports/>

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Candler Co. 4-H Project

S.A.F.E. Modified Trap Shotgun Team



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How is the Shotgun Team program structured?

4-H'ers in grades 6-12 are eligible to participate in the 4-H Shotgun program. **All participants must complete the Georgia Hunter Education Program.** During practice, we spend the first couple of weeks working on rules, **safety**, proper form, and technique. At practices and competitions, team members will shoot rounds of 25.

Shotgun Team members will be encouraged to participate in the District Qualifier Match (late April in Lyons) and the State Match on May 9 in Perry, GA (if they qualify at district). Juniors (6th-8th graders) must hit 16 targets at the District Match to advance to State. Seniors (9th-12th graders) must hit 20 targets at the District Match to advance to State. Tie-breaker "doubles" are used for those that hit all targets to name top placings.



Georgia 4-H requires all Project S.A.F.E. teams to be coordinated by certified adult volunteer coaches. These coaches go through a 4-H training program and must complete background check and risk management trainings. Certified coaches coordinate and plan practices, but parent/guardian involvement is crucial to the success of a 4-H Shotgun program.

What is the commitment level?

Shotgun Team Members are expected to attend weekly organized practices and practice at home. To be successful, shooters must be committed. They must understand the rules, learn correct shooting form and practice correct shooting fundamentals and techniques. This requires discipline to attend practices. We also ask that Shotgun team members participate in team fundraising and community service efforts.

Parents/guardians are also expected to commit to the 4-H Shotgun Team as well by assisting with practices and events as needed and encouraging their youth to attend practices and maintain safety.

What is the registration cost?

Shotgun Team registration costs **\$250** for the year. This can be paid in installments with the first \$125 due by November 7, 2025 and the remaining \$125 due by March 1, 2026. This registration fee covers practice ammunition, tournament fees, practice materials, coaches training costs and team jersey.

What equipment is needed?

Shotgun Team Members need a **12- or 20- gauge** shotgun. 4-H'ers will also need **ear and eye protection** for each practice and must wear closed-toe shoes (no crocs, sandals, flip-flops, etc.). Optional equipment includes shell bags and/or shooting vests.

When and where are practices?

Practices will begin in November and will be held on a **weekly basis on Sundays beginning at 2:00 pm**. A full practice schedule will be provided. The practice location will be in Cobbtown. A specific address will be provided before the first practice.

What if my child has never shot a gun?

Most team members have little to no experience when they start the program. 4-H'ers will learn firearm safety, self-confidence, self-esteem, self-discipline, improved eye-hand coordination and an increased ability to focus on a specific task. Furthermore, shooting is a life-long sport they can enjoy.

Candler County 4-H Shotgun

Important Dates

All practices will begin @ 2:00 pm in Cobbtown

REGISTRATION DATES

Tuesday, November 4 @ 7 pm	Kick-Off Meeting * <u>mandatory</u> for all interested in participating
November 4-November 7	Team Registration Period

WEEKLY PRACTICES

Sunday, November 9	Sunday, March 1
Sunday, November 16	Sunday, March 8
Sunday, December 7	Sunday, March 15
Sunday, December 14	Sunday, March 22
Sunday, January 11	Sunday, March 29
Sunday, January 25	Sunday, April 12
Sunday, February 1	Sunday, April 19
Sunday, February 8	Sunday, April 26
Sunday, February 15	Sunday, May 3
Sunday, February 22	

No practices on the following Sundays: 11/23, 11/30, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/18, 4/5

TOURNAMENTS

TBD	Emanuel Co. Fun Shoot
TBD—LATE APRIL	District Qualifier in Lyons
Saturday, May 9	Perry—State Modified Trap (for those who advance)

Coaches

Beth Upchurch: 912.286.5386
Brett Monroe: 912.362.1773

John Mitchell: 940.445.0316
Matt Ulmer: 912.536.4175

2025-26 Candler County 4-H Project S.A.F.E. Shotgun Participants and Parent Contract

In order for the Project S.A.F.E. to be both rewarding and safe experience, 4-H'ers must abide by the Rules and Regulations set forth by the Club. They are as follows:

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1. **ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICE IS IMPORTANT FOR TEAM MEMBERS.** Absences must be excused by the Project S.A.F.E. coordinator prior to a scheduled practice. Practice times will be communicated, and 4-H'ers are expected to arrive at practice on time. However, **if a 4-H'er or certified coach is sick, they should not come to practice.** Text the GroupMe or one of the coaches if you are going to miss practice. Team placement at tournaments will be influenced by attendance at practices. **Team members must attend the 2 practices immediately prior to a tournament in order to participate in that tournament.**
2. **All absences – whether excused or unexcused can be made up at future practices.** A member can only make up 1 missed practice at a time. (Ex. If you missed the 2 previous practices, you can only make up 1 of them this Sunday and can do the other next Sunday).
3. **Members will be responsible for loading their own guns and picking up their own spent shells.**
4. Members must follow the directions and safety standards set by the coaches, the Georgia 4-H Code of Conduct and all range guidelines and safety procedures. **Failure to follow instructions, horseplay and other unsafe behavior can result in suspension from the team.** In addition, vaping or juuling will not be tolerated.
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9. In all circumstances, 4-H'ers, parents and coaches are responsible for their actions and upholding the standards of the Georgia 4-H Project S.A.F.E. Program. All of us are expected to behave in a manner suitable for the promotion of a 4-H youth development program, high ideals and the promotion of shooting sports as a safe and respectable recreation activity. Cooperation, self-control, self-discipline and high standards of sportsmanship are expected at all times.
10. Without proper safety practices and training the sporting equipment involved can lead to physical danger. With respect to this potential danger; those volunteers that are coaching and providing the instructional training will deem it necessary to instruct and discipline from time to time for the best interests of all involved. The foremost concern is safety with skill attainment and enjoyment second.
11. All 4-H'ers, trap operators, coaches, scorekeepers/referees, and range safety officers will wear **hearing and eye protection** at all times while on the firing line.
12. **Closed toe shoes** that are secured to the feet by use of a heel strap or formed heel must be worn at all times while on the range. Flip flops, sandals and crocs are not allowed. Shoes must be worn at the firing line.

13. At no time may a gun muzzle be rested on the body part or a toe pad in 4-H competition. In addition, no body part may be rested on the muzzle of the firearm.
14. All shotguns and ammunition will be cased or boxed with action open and secured by a certified coach until ready to move to the firing range and after the match is over. Guns should be placed in the designated area for the duration of practice and competitions. The 4-H'er is allowed to transfer a shotgun, with coach's approval, from the designated gun storage area to the firing line and back to the designated area. All guns must have the action open while being transferred to the firing line. A coach must be in control of ammunition at all times.
15. The next 4-H'er in rotation will be 'on-deck' waiting their turn and ready to go. An on-deck box will be marked on the field behind the shooting station. Ammunition will be presented to the scorer/referee to be inspected for rule compliance and shall remain in a closed box until time for the 4-H'er to shoot.
16. The Range Officer will be in charge at all times during the match. Failure to heed the Range Officer's instructions immediately will be grounds for ejection from the match and removal from the range.
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19. Safety is the number one consideration in the 4-H SAFE Program. The Range Officer or any safety officer may eject any 4-H'ers, coach or spectator for unsafe actions or behavior at any time during the match with no warning or appeal upon the event coordinators approval.
20. Parents/guardians are expected to provide transportation to/from all matches and make any necessary lodging arrangements.
21. Communication is very important to the success of this program. Parents should check email and "GroupMe" communications regularly. To join the "GroupMe" scan the QR code below:



As a member of the Candler County Project S.A.F.E. Shotgun Club, I have read and understand the above rules and regulations and agree to abide by them. I have also read and understand the Georgia 4-H Code of Conduct, and the Project S.A.F.E. Range Guidelines and Safety Procedures. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations regarding the Project S.A.F.E. Program or I forfeit the right to participate in project activities.

(Signature of 4-H'er)

(Date)

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(Signature of Parent)

(Date)

CANDLER COUNTY 4-H PROJECT S.A.F.E.

2025-26 SHOTGUN REGISTRATION/ENROLLMENT

RETURN

FIRST & LAST NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PARENT CELL PHONE #1 _____ PARENT CELL PHONE #2 _____

STUDENT CELL PHONE _____ SCHOOL _____

SPECIAL NEEDS WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT: _____

TYPE OF FIREARM PLANNING TO SHOOT: 12 GAUGE 20 GAUGE BOTH

HUNTER SAFETY CARD Number: _____

Include your Safety Number—Even if you have shot with 4-H before!

If this 4-H'er participated in Project S.A.F.E. program last year and still has the orange team jersey and it still fits, their cost is reduced by \$45 – so \$205 total.

OFFICE USE ONLY - Checklist of required forms/payment:

- ☐ FIRST \$125 FEE DATE PAID: _____ FORM OF PAYMENT: _____
- ☐ SECOND \$125 FEE DATE PAID: _____ FORM OF PAYMENT: _____
- ☐ SHOTGUN REGISTRATION/ENROLLMENT FORM (this page)
- ☐ SHOTGUN TEAM CONTRACT
- ☐ 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT & MEDICAL INFORMATION RELEASE FORM
- ☐ SHOTGUN ORIENTATION ATTENDED

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GEORGIA 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

4-H'ers Name: _____ County _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Year: _____

BEHAVIOR STANDARDS:

The Georgia 4-H Code of Conduct is valid for one 4-H Program Year and applies to all activities coordinated through Georgia 4-H.

- 4-H'ers are expected to attend all sessions as part of a planned program exhibiting positive character and behavior including (but not limited to) trustworthiness, responsibility, respectfulness, caring, citizenship and fairness.
- 4-H'ers are expected to be responsive to the reasonable requests of leaders and respectful of the needs for their personal safety and the safety of others.
- 4-H'ers should dress appropriately, use appropriate language, and respect the rights of others.
- 4-H'ers may not behave recklessly or in a manner which prohibits others from participating in the program in the manner intended.
- 4-H'ers may have access to technology at UGA/CES offices and facilities. Technology use is for educational purposes. 4-H'ers may not access inappropriate websites or materials.
- 4-H'ers are expected to do their own work on projects including but not limited to: portfolios, speeches, competitive events, and show animals. 4-H'ers may only receive assistance whether from others or from tools like generative AI with approval from the appropriate 4-H staff. 4-H'ers will properly cite source materials when appropriate, avoid plagiarism, and uphold academic integrity.
- 4-H'ers are expected to maintain a fair and respectful environment. In accordance with UGA's policies, Georgia 4-H prohibits harassment of or discrimination against any person on the basis of an individual's age, color, disability, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex, or veteran status ("protected status"). Every member of Georgia 4-H is expected to uphold this policy as a matter of mutual respect and fundamental fairness in human relations.
- Realizing these guidelines are not "all inclusive" the University of Georgia Extension staff and volunteers reserve the right to make adjustments to these policies.

CONSEQUENCES OF MISBEHAVIOR

4-H'ers and adults who observe a breach in the Code of Conduct must report the misbehavior to the appropriate leader. The leader will complete an incident report as necessary and determine the next steps regarding the incident.

If 4-H'ers are found participating in actions listed below, during 4-H events, law enforcement or other legal authorities may be notified and may lead the review and consequences related to the incident. In these incidents, 4-H'ers may be removed from the event and suspended or expelled from future 4-H participation. These behaviors may include, but are not restricted to:

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| • Possession or use of illegal drugs | • Assault, harassment, threats, and/or |
| • Possession or use of a weapon | • Inappropriate sexual behavior. |

4-H'ers who participate in these actions outside of the program may also be removed, suspended, or expelled from future 4-H participation. In addition to the above, behaviors that represent a threat to the health or safety of 4-H'ers or others could warrant consideration under this Code of Conduct regardless of whether the behavior occurs during 4-H participation.

If the 4-H'er is found participating in the actions listed below, 4-H leaders may be notified and may lead the review and consequences related to the behavior.

4-H'ers misbehaving may be asked questions and may have the opportunity to explain their actions to leaders in charge of the activity. The person coordinating the event may also convene a review board for the purpose of determining what has occurred and what disciplinary action should be taken. A review board will consist of individuals representing Extension faculty or staff, volunteers, and/or 4-H members. In some cases, incidents are deemed serious and may be referred to law enforcement or other legal authorities as noted above. If the 4-H'er receives consequences from the leader or through the

review process, his/her parents/guardians may be notified; the 4-H'er may be removed from the 4-H event and sent home at the parents' expense and may be suspended from participation in future 4-H events. If a 4-H'er wishes to appeal the decision of the review board, the 4-H'er must appeal in writing through the County Extension office. Appeals must be filed within 10 days of notification of the disciplinary action. The appeal is sent to the Program Development Coordinator of the 4-H member and the State 4-H Leader for ruling by the State 4-H Leader. Following any disciplinary review, written notification will be provided to the appropriate parties including but not limited to the 4-H'er, his/her parent/guardian and his/her county Extension faculty member.

Additional violations of the 4-H Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Breaking curfew or disturbing the peace
- Unexcused absences from the activities or premises of an event
- Unauthorized use of vehicles during the event
- Reckless or inappropriate behavior
- Use of foul or offensive language
- Possession or use of alcohol or tobacco
- Possession or use of e-cigarettes or other vaping devices
- Remaining in the presence of those who are breaking the 4-H Code of Conduct
- Theft, misuse or abuse of public or personal property
- Possession of fireworks
- Distribution, misuse, or abuse of over-the-counter, homeopathic, including supplements and vitamins, or prescription medications

PARENT/GUARDIAN & 4-H'er AGREEMENTS Release Waiver of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue

Youth Agreement: I have read the Georgia 4-H Code of Conduct and agree to participate fully in all aspects of program activities. I understand the standard of behavior and agree to maintain such during 4-H programming.

Parent/Guardian Agreement: I have reviewed the Code of Conduct and agree to all of its provisions. For the sole consideration of the Cooperative Extension Service's arranging for participation in 4-H programming, I hereby release and forever discharge the University of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, their members individually, and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, rights and causes of action of whatever kind that I may have, either on my own behalf or in my capacity as a legal representative of my child, arising from or in any way connected with my child's participation in 4-H. I further covenant and agree that for the consideration stated above I will not sue the Institution, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, its officers, agents or employees for any claim for damages arising or growing out my child's participating in the program. I understand that the acceptance of this Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant not to sue the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or part, of sovereign immunity by said Board, its members, officers, agents, and employees. I certify that my child is participating in 4-H with my knowledge and consent. I have read and understand all of the above policies. I also give permission my child's images, likeness, and voice to be used by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of the University of Georgia in print or electronic form.

VALID FOR ONE 4-H PROGRAM YEAR FROM DATE OF AGREEMENT

(The 4-H Program Year runs from August 1 – July 31)

4-H'ers Signature

Date

Phone

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Phone



Revised July 2025

Georgia 4-H Medical Information & Release Form
This form should be completed prior to each 4-H event.



EVENT: _____ Date(s) of EVENT: _____

4-H'ers Information

Name _____ County _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade _____ Gender _____ Preferred Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____ Preferred Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Text: _____

Name: _____ Preferred Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Please list the names of two adults other than parent/guardian who may be contacted in case of emergency.

Name: _____ Preferred Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Name: _____ Preferred Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Medical Information

*The following information is requested in case of accident or illness to better treat your child.
The information is optional and not required for participation.*

Name of Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Last Physical Examination: _____ Drug Allergies: _____

Other Allergies: _____

Describe any recent illness or injury: _____

Describe any pre-existing conditions: _____

Describe any other circumstances that would help leaders or medical professionals in working with the 4-H'er: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT:

I understand that should a health problem arise, I will be notified but that if I cannot be reached by telephone, such medical treatment, including surgery, as deemed necessary by competent medical personnel could be rendered; that such necessary information may be released for insurance purposes. Furthermore, I am aware that participation in 4-H programming includes risk including, but not limited to, transportation to/from events, sports and recreational games, ropes courses, water activities, hiking, as well as risks that are not foreseeable. Risks also include exposure to contagious diseases and communicable illnesses, including but not limited to COVID-19. For the sole consideration of the Cooperative Extension Service's arranging for participation in 4-H programming, I hereby release and forever discharge The University of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, their members individually, and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, rights and causes of action of whatever kind that I may have, either on my own behalf or in my capacity as a legal representative of my child, arising from or in any way connected with my child's participation in 4-H. I further covenant and agree that for the consideration stated above I will not sue the Institution, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, its officers, agents or employees for any claim for damages arising or growing out of my child's participating in the program. I understand that the acceptance of this Release, Waiver of Liability, and Convent not to sue the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or part, of sovereign immunity by said Board, its members, officers, agents, and employees. I certify that my child is participating in 4-H with my knowledge and consent. I have read and understand all of the above policies. I hereby grant permission for my child's images, likeness, and voice to be recorded in any media during this program and to be used by the University of Georgia and Georgia 4-H on behalf of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia in any publications, media, or technology now known or hereby developed in the future for any lawful purpose whatsoever without further permission from me. I understand I will not be compensated further for use of these recordings.

Parent/Guardian Signature
5/2021

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES

Date

Over the Counter & Prescription Medication Summary



4-H'ers Name _____ County _____

Parent/guardian should list any over-the-counter medication that may be given to the 4-H'er in case of illness. In addition, list any/all medication routinely taken by the 4-H'er including prescription and over the counter medications.

Check Yes or No to indicate if you allow your child to receive the following medications while participating in 4-H programming.

1. Administration of Acetaminophen (Tylenol ®) or Ibuprofen (Motrin ® or Advil ®) at an age appropriate or weight appropriate dose for discomfort, pain, or fever
☐ Yes ☐ No *** Parent/Guardian will be contacted if student's fever is 100° F or higher.
2. Antacid liquid or Antacid tablets for indigestion/minor stomach discomforts and at an age appropriate dose
☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Diphenhydramine (Benadryl®) for symptoms of allergic reactions, insect stings, or rashes at an appropriate dose
☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Sore throat relief spray for sore throat
☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Cough Drops for coughing
☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Itch and rash relief cream/ointment for minor skin irritations
☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Lubricating eye drops for eye irritations
☐ Yes ☐ No
8. Oral pain relief gel for tooth/mouth discomfort
☐ Yes ☐ No
9. Triple antibiotic ointment for minor skin abrasions/wounds
☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list any prescription, over-the-counter, or homeopathic medications your child is currently taking. This information is necessary if your child is to be treated by a medical professional. Examples: Claritin, vitamins, etc. If the following medication should be administered during this event, complete the Georgia 4-H Medicine Form. Any medications brought to a program must be in its original container, unexpired, and clearly labeled with the 4-H'ers name. Youth may not share any medication with others.

All medications should be turned in to program/activity leaders at the program start and should accompany a Georgia 4-H Medicine Form. Any exceptions to this (such as an inhaler for asthma or an epi-pen for allergic reactions) must be verified with a 4-H staff member prior to the event.

Medication	Condition being treated for

I am the parent/guardian of _____ and give permission for the medications listed to be administered as directed. By signing below, I am agreeing the information is currently correct. I agree to notify 4-H immediately in writing should any of this information change. I also understand that I will be notified if my child distributes or shares any prescription, over-the-counter, or homeopathic medication, or if my child is found to be in possession of any medications not listed on this form.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date