

Chattooga County 4-H Shotgun Team Handbook 2019



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What Every 4-H'er Should Know!

What is Georgia 4-H?

4-H is the major youth outreach program of The University of Georgia. 4-H curriculum focuses on agriculture, environmental sciences, family and consumer sciences, leadership, citizenship and communication. 4-H programs are delivered by county extension agents, program assistants, 4-H specialists, and volunteer leaders. 4-H'ers can enroll in more than 50 different projects and participate in a wide array of youth development events and activities.

4-H Name & Emblem

The official 4-H emblem is a clover with four leaves and an "H" on each leaf. The 4-H name and emblem are intended to represent the ideals of the program with its focus on the 4 "H's" HEAD, HEART, HANDS and HEALTH...head trained to think, plan and reason; heart trained to be true, kind and sympathetic; hands trained to be useful, helpful and skillful; and health to render ready service, to develop health and vitality.

4-H Pledge

*"I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service,
and my health to better living
...for my club, my community, my country and my world."*

4-H Motto

"To Make the Best Better"

4-H Colors

Green and White

4-H Slogan

"Learn by Doing"

4 "H's"

HEAD, HEART, HANDS and HEALTH



Georgia 4-H Objectives:

- To develop a desire to gain new knowledge, skill and attitudes through real life experiences
- Learn the decision making process
- To gain an appreciation for the contributions that agriculture and environmental sciences and family and consumer sciences make to the economy and human welfare
- To strengthen personal standards and citizenship ideals
- To strengthen abilities to make intelligent decisions, solve problems, and manage resources and affairs in a fast changing world
- To develop potential by seeking and acquiring educational and vocational experiences
- To improve skills in leadership, communication and self-expression

Chattooga County 4-H Shotgun Team Mission Statement:

- To provide youth knowledge and training experience in Modified Trap/Shotgun in a friendly atmosphere while developing leadership skills, teaching responsibility, and encouraging each 4-H'er to do their best.

Eligibility:

- Age/Grade is determined by January 1st of the current 4-H/school year. In the Shotgun program it is a requirement that all members be within the 7th through 12th grades.

General 4-H Eligibility Requirements:

- 4-H'ers may enroll in the fall semester of 4th grade and must be nine years of age at enrollment.
- The 4-H'er must compete with the appropriate county as described: A 4-H'er should participate and compete in the county where he/she resides or the county in which he/she goes to school. Residence is established based on legal guardianship.

Change in 4-H Membership:

- Requests for change in membership are submitted to the Chattooga County 4-H Office using the change in 4-H membership form. The request is sent to the State 4-H Membership Review Committee, who will meet and communicate the decision to both home county and the county for proposed membership. 4-H'ers should allow four weeks for the decision to be made.
- When a 4-H'er is granted a change in membership, the change is in effect for the duration of the 4-H'ers career or until a change in circumstances occurs.
- 4-H'ers with dual residences in different counties or attend school in a county that differs from the county where s/he resides, must select one county to compete in during a 4-H year (August 1-July 31). A change in membership is not required and declaration is made when a 4-H'er competes in a contest.

Team Dues:

- Membership fees are **\$100**, which will include the following: **Shotgun team shirt, clay targets, District Match fee, and State Match fee.** Membership fees are due or payment arrangements made no later than February 1. Once you have joined there are no refunds.
- **All members are REQUIRED to supply their own gun, gun case, and ammunition for the Shotgun Team.**
- **All members must complete the Hunter Safety Course as required by the state.**

Practices:

- Practices will be held at the Old Chattooga County Landfill – **See Practice Schedule.**
- Membership is from **October until August.**

Equipment:

- All members of the Shotgun Team are required to supply their own shotgun, gun case, and ammunition. At least one box of ammunition will be shot per practice. Suggestions from coaches should be taken into consideration.

- **Shotgun Shell Restrictions**

1 oz: less than 1325 fps

7/8 oz: less than 1350 fps

No more than 1 oz of shot

7.5, 8, or 9 shot

No STEEL SHOT

Attendance:

- **All participants are expected to be active members, attending every available practice, prior to district qualification. It is your responsibility to inform the coaches if you cannot be at a practice or event.**

General Team Rules:

- **Team members are expected to act in a safe manner at all times.** They are expected to be kind and courteous to others. They are expected to listen to coaches and practice at home if possible. Members are expected to help and support each other during practices and events.
- Shotgun team members must respect and follow the directions of coaches.
- **Medical forms and a code of conduct form must be completed and turned in prior to the first practice.**
- Electronics are not permitted during practice and events at any time. Staff members may confiscate any electronic equipment and return it to the team member after practice.
- **No open toed shoes or any types of crocs.** Comfortable tennis shoes are best.
- **Community Service:** Shotgun Team Members are encouraged to participate in other community service activities with Chattooga County 4-H. The Team will be required to do at least one Community Service activity of their choosing with approval from the Extension Coordinator.

Parents Responsibility:

- **Parent Expectations: Parents must stay for practices, no drop offs.** Parents are expected to help out during events. Parents are encouraged to go through the paperwork to become a **certified 4-H volunteer leader including a background check provided by The University of Georgia.** You **cannot** chaperone or attend an overnight function without this paperwork being completed.

Coaches Responsibility:

- **It is the coaches' responsibility to make sure all members act in an appropriate and responsible fashion. It is their responsibility to abide by all Georgia 4-H S.A.F.E. rules and guidelines. Safety is your number one responsibility.**
- **If a problem or issue occurs it is the coaches' duty to inform the Chattooga County Extension Office immediately.**



**Chattooga County 4-H Shotgun Team
4-H'er and Parent
Membership and Rule Compliance Agreement Form**

Member Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Member Phone Number: _____

Member Email Address: _____

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I have read and understand the content of the Chattooga County 4-H Shotgun Team Handbook. As a member of the Chattooga County 4-H Shotgun Team and a Georgia 4-H'er, I agree to abide by the guidelines and expectations set forth by the club and Georgia 4-H.

As an enrollee in this discipline, I am aware of the sporting equipment involved, circumstances of its use and consequences of its misuse. I am aware of the fact that, there is a potential physical danger to me/my child if precautions, safety and training are not provided and followed. With respect to the 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.

I am also aware and understand that I/my child from time to time will be touched, moved and held in a manner to assist positioning, balance, comfort and provide continuity in curriculum training for the discipline being taught.

I am also aware that even though I/my child is enrolled in the 4-H Group Accident Policy, this may not be adequate insurance coverage. I understand I may provide added coverage for accident and liability at my own expense.

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

*This will be kept on file at the Chattooga County Extension Office.
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Important Dates and Practice Schedule

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September 8, 2018 – Kick-off Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Ag Center

September 22, 2018 – Safety Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Ag Center

March 16, 2019 – Sporting Clay Invitational, Forsyth, GA

TBA - District Shoot

May 11, 2019 – State Shotgun Competition at Rock Eagle 4-H Center

Practice Schedule: All Practices will be held at the Landfill. Directions will be provided to team members.

Beginning on October 6, 2018, and every Saturday at 9 or 10 a.m. until the State Competition

Additional Practices will be scheduled