

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

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The Program and Team Member Requirements/Expectations

Madison County 4-H offers a BB Shooting Sports Program that includes safety classes and shooting practices at Official NRA targets. This program is offered to boys and girls enrolled in 4-H. There are **requirements** to be a part of this program and **a fee assessed** for certain practice needs, supplies, competition matches, equipment needs and other areas of the program. 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 to be aware of these requirements and meetings to attend regarding the program. An orientation is held for you to collect all the information and to try out the program without any cost. We **offer 3 to 4 practices before a commitment** to the program is made. Dates for the season are given at the Orientation/Informational Meeting.

Requirements:

1. Eligibility: Must be in the **4th through 8th grade and enrolled in 4-H for the current year.**

2. Participation Commitment:

Cloverleaf's (4th, 5th, and 6th graders)

>4-H Cloverleaf County Project Achievement (CPA) in February and 4th & 5th Grade Cloverleaf District Project Achievement (DPA) in March and 6th Grade Cloverleaf District Project Achievement (DPA) in November

Juniors (7th and 8th graders)

>4-H Junior Portfolio DUE in December in their chosen project area and compete with a demonstration at Junior District Project Achievement (DPA) in March

Or if a conflict with competing in Project Achievement, a shooter may consider the following options.

⇒ **Option #1** - He /she may enter into a **judging event** such as *Consumer Judging, Horse Quiz Bowl, Horse Judging/Hippology, Poultry Judging, or Wildlife Judging* upon **approval** of the 4-H Staff and Lead Coach. The judging competition should take place prior to the District BB Qualification Match. Check with 4-H staff to see when these are available. Judging events hold weekly practices can be up to 2 or 3 months minimum of prior to the competition.

⇒ **Option #2** – If unable to participate in either of the above, a shooter may complete 20 hours of actual involved community service activities prior to the District Qualification Match. Check with 4-H staff to approve the chosen community service activities.

Be sure to tell the Lead Coach or 4-H Staff what your eligibility choice is at the time of your commitment to the team before the events have passed. Monthly Newsletters are available upon request with these events or contact 4-H Staff for information.

Four (4) Positions Shooting

The program consists of 4 positions in which the shooters learn to compete.

PRONE – Shooter lies on the floor/ground at an angle from the target.

STANDING – Shooter is standing at an angle from the target.

SITTING – Shooter is sitting at an angle from the target.

KNEELING – Shooter is kneeling at an angle from the target.

With each of the positions the shooter is taught the specifics of how to position themselves for the most effective shot along with other shooting techniques.

Safety Classes

Each night of scheduled practice, the shooters are typically divided into groups. One group will be on the firing line practicing positions and competition shots. The other group will be in safety classes learning the Georgia 4-H and the NRA rules and regulations and preparing for a test at the state match. These classes are designed to get the most out of the fundamentals and the safety, which always comes first while having fun. IT IS THE EASY POSITION FOR A 100!

The Range Standards and Safety Commands

On the range/practice range, the shooters are taught the specific range commands in order to be able to fire at their target. The range is 16 feet 4 ¾ inches (5-meter) from the shooter to the target. A range director calls the commands for shooting to begin and follows through with exercising all safety rules. Breaking safety rules can constitute consequences.

The Teams

All the 4-H'ers are given a fair chance. Teams are lined up according to **average scores** from practices and practice matches. There are a maximum of 7 members per team; however, we all work together to encourage everyone in this rewarding program. There can be more than 1 team in the BB program. Any 4-H'er who has not been placed on a team, dependent upon average scores, will still be able to compete as an individual shooter.

The Parents

Parents/guardians and other adults serve as coaches, safety officers, safety instructors, scorers, and many other important roles. **To be a part of this program the shooter must have an adult (18 years or older) present and participating.**

The Equipment

The BB rifle that is used is the **Daisy/Avanti Model 499 or 499B** that is ordered from the Daisy Manufacturer. The shooter *does not have to own a BB rifle* to be a part of the program. Madison County 4-H BB Shooting Sports owns several BB rifles to allow you to use to try out the program before deciding to purchase one. These can also be checked-out for use. BB's and targets are also supplied for the practices and homework if needed. Packages of specific competition BB's and extra targets can be purchased from the program.

For More information contact:

**Madison County 4-H Office at (706) 795-2281
97 Sunset Avenue in Danielsville
Attend the BB Orientation/Informational**

***BB represents – SAFETY FIRST – Shooting Awareness Fun(damentals) Education Towards Young Friends Integrity
Realizing Sportsmanship & Teamwork!***

BB ORIENTATION/INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Location: BOE PLC 2 (Board of Education)

800 Madison Street

Danielsville, GA

Date: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

Time: 4:00PM

Come at 3:00PM & be a part of the 2022-2023 BB Awards Celebration

