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College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences & Family and Consumer Sciences



## Georgia 4-H Base Programming

### Project S.A.F.E.

#### Description of Learning Experience:

Project S.A.F.E. (Shooting Awareness, Fun and Education) is an active program designed to assist young people in personal development; to help establish a personal environmental ethic; and explore life-long vocational and avocational activities. The program uses experiential learning and positive interactions with youth and adult role models to help young people develop self-concept, self-assurance and a positive self-image through participation in Shooting Sports activities. Programs in the areas of Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery, BB, Rimfire and Shotgun concentrate on teaching shooting sports safety and developing of knowledge through positive youth development experiences.

#### Learning Outcomes:

- Enhance youth development of self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activities.
- Involve youth in a life skills program that teaches safe and responsible use of shooting sports equipment including sound decision-making, self-discipline and concentration.
- Promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- Expose participants to the broad array of vocational and life-long avocation activities related to shooting sports.
- Strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.
- Complement and enhance the impact of existing safety, shooting and hunter education programs using experiential (hands on) educational methods and progressive development of skills and abilities.

#### Georgia Performance Standards:

Although Project S.A.F.E. does not have a direct correlation to any single standard, programs complement many of the standards in the areas of Mathematics, Science and Physical Education. S.A.F.E. Program provide opportunities for young people to apply and develop skills through hands on learning in the areas of Physics, Geometry, and Physical Education.

#### Essential Elements:

Primary: Mastery and Belonging; Secondary: Generosity and Independence

#### Mission Mandates:

Science, Engineering and Technology; Healthy Lifestyles

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4-H helps young people experience: An increased desire to make a difference in their communities - High levels of leadership, self esteem, public speaking, communication and planning skills - Improved School Performance - Motivation to help others - Overall improvement in civic identity and civic engagement.