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Memo To: All County Extension Coordinators and 4-H Agents

From: Mark Zeigler
Project S.A.F.E. Coordinator

Subject: State Sporting Clays Invitational
March 20, 2010

The Georgia 4-H S.A.F.E. Program will hold a State Sporting Clays Invitational at the Meadows National Gun Club located just north of Macon on Saturday, March 20, 2010. For general information and directions to The Meadows National Gun Club, visit: <http://www.ga-sportingclays.org/directions.html#meadows>

Format: The Invitational will consist of a 100 target event and is open to any eligible 4-H'er registered as a member of a county Project S.A.F.E. Shotgun Program. There will be the standard 4-H age divisions for Junior and Senior and an adult division for coaches and parents that would like to participate. Counties should refer to the Trap and Skeet Section of the Georgia 4-H Awards Guidebook for other basic 4-H policies and safety information regarding 4-H events. 4-H'ers will be assigned to squads with a least one adult member per squad to monitor safety. Squadding will be randomly selected and will not be based on county groups in order to maximize range use. However, we will attempt to pair 4-H'ers and parents if possible, but there is no guarantee. For other rules, please refer to the National Sporting Clays Association Website: <http://www.mynsca.com/Manager/NSCAHome.aspx>

Pre-registration: Pre-registration for the event is due by March 12, 2010. Counties should go to the Event Registration Site and register all youth and adults, who would like to participate in the event. Attendees not shooting do not need to be registered online. However, counties should maintain a ration of 4 youth per 4-H certified coach for the event. **There is a \$35.00 fee for all participants.** When registering, you will need to select the division for each participant, Junior, Senior or Adult. Please indicate whether the adult is a 4-H certified coach. At least one 4-H Certified Coach, must be assigned to accompany each squad if possible. Please indicate if there is a need to shoot as a 4-H'er / Parent pair.

When registering, you will also need to indicate if you prefer a morning or afternoon flight time. We will do our best to accommodate the request, however space is limited and there is no guarantee that you will be assigned to your flight request.

Checks should be made payable to the Georgia 4-H Foundation and mailed no later than March 12th to:

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Check-in: All participants must be preregistered and no registration will be excepted onsite. County groups should be checked in by one adult leader from their county. Check-in will begin at 1 ½ hours before the flight start at the covered shelter. In addition a briefing meeting will be held prior to the start of the flight time. All 4-H'ers and adults shooting must be present for the briefing. You will need to plan appropriately for lunch. There are not meal options on site or in close proximity. This is a rain or shine event. In case of adverse weather, the match may be delayed or cancelled by event management.

Awards: Competition for the Sporting Clays Invitational will be individual competition only. Awards will be presented to the top five participants in each age division. Awards for the event will be determined by the event committee.

Insurance/Medical Release Forms: 4-H Insurance for the event will be included in the registration cost. Each participant, youth and adults, must complete a Medical Release Form to turn in at check-in. For a copy of the Georgia 4-H Medical Release Form, visit: <http://www.georgia4h.org/public/more/guidebook/Medicalreleaseform.pdf>

Equipment and Ammunition: Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge meeting the requirements of the Georgia 4-H Program may be used. Firearms with release triggers are NOT permitted. All participants will supply their own shotgun and shotshells. Shotshells must meet the following specifications:

- 1 oz cannot exceed 1325 FPS
- 7/8 oz can not exceed 1350 FPS.
- Shot size must be 7 ½ or smaller and not exceed 1 oz. Shells will be factory loads. NO RELOADS WILL BE ALLOWED. All participants are responsible for bringing enough shells for all rounds, practice shots, proof-doubles, and tie breakers if necessary.

Safety Information/ Responsibilities: Each participant will be responsible for handling their own firearm and ammunition. Participants that do not demonstrate proper etiquette and safety procedures will not be allowed to participate in the event. It is the responsibility of the coaches to insure that firearms are unloaded and cased properly before traveling to the event. Coaches should uncase firearms at the event to insure

they are unload. Coaches should uncase and inspect all their county participants firearms at the event to insure they are unloaded.

- All participants will wear hearing and eye protection while on the range.
- Muzzle control must be maintained at all times. Actions must remain open when not shooting. Actions must be opened and guns unloaded when moving from station to station. Break action guns may be closed when secured in carts or on gun racks.
- Gun actions may be closed and guns loaded ONLY when on the shooting station and when it is the 4-H'ers turn to fire. Coaches assigned to the squad should monitor to insure firearms are unload when participants leave the station.
- 4-H'ers are responsible for knowing and following the rules of each clay target discipline including proper shooting sequence, where to stand while waiting your turn, when actions may be closed and the responsibilities of a squad leader while on the field.
- In the event of a misfire, firearms must remain pointed down range in a safe direction, keeping both hands on the firearm) until the firearm has been inspected by the adult assigned to the squad.
- 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.
- It is the 4-H'ers responsibility to agree with how the target is scored prior to leaving the station to ensure that the score is added correctly. Challenges to scores will be decided by adult leader assigned to the squad. Challenges, with the exception of math, cannot be made after leaving the shooting station.

Practice Rounds / 5 Stand: The Meadows National Gun Club will be open for business on the morning of the match. Five stand will be offered from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. and from 11:30 – 12:30 at a cost of \$8.00 per 25 targets. This is not included as part of the 4-H event and counties are responsible for supervision of their shooters during this time.

Schedule:

8:30 – 9:30	Five Stand Open for Practice Rounds Check-in by county group for Flight 1
9:30	Flight 1 Briefing
10:00	Flight 1 Begins
11:30 – 12:30	Five Stand Open for Practice Rounds Check-in by county group for Flight 2
12:30	Flight 2 Briefing
11:00	Flight 2 Begins
3:30	Awards