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To: All Counties with Project SAFE Teams

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

February Coaches Certification Please Read Carefully!

A Project SAFE Coaches Certification will be on February 24-26, 2012 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. Certification will be offered for Archery, Rifle (Air Rifle, BB, 22 Rimfire) and Shotgun. In addition, we will hold an Advance Archery Certification course for coaches that have previously completed the 4-H Archery Certification. Registration will be conducted online through the **Georgia 4-H Event Registration Site**.

When you register online you will need to pick the discipline you are registering for – e.g. “Project SAFE Certification Rifle.” Insert each coach as a separate record. You will also need to select either, **Full Registration, Part-time Registration, or Discipline Only** when registering. Please make sure to check with coaches regarding lodging and meal needs prior to registering them. At registration, additional lodging may not be available and counties are required to pay for lodging that they reserve. The registration site will open on Monday, January 24th at 8:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17th.

Full Registration: Includes all Meals and Lodging on Friday and Saturday
\$145 (*\$170 Advanced Archery*)

Part-time Registration: Does not include Lodging or Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Lunch and Dinner on Saturday are included.
\$80 (*\$105 Advanced Archery*)

Discipline Only: Saturday Session only for Previous Certified Coach certifying in an additional discipline. Includes Lunch on Saturday.
\$60 (*Option not available for Advance Archery Participants*)

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Registration is on a first come first served basis. We have room for 25 archery, 15 advance archery, 25 rifle, and 30 shotgun coaches. We ask that counties only register 2 coaches per discipline to allow all counties a chance to register. On February 6th, you may register additional coaches if space is still available. If counties register more than 2 coaches per discipline prior to February 6th, they may be removed from the registration to allow other counties the opportunity to send coaches. Once registration is filled for a discipline, you may add coaches to the waiting list by emailing me the county and name of coaches for the waiting list. In event of cancellations, vacancies will be filled from the waiting list in the order that they were received.

Coaches can certify in only one discipline during the training. Coaches must be present for the entire weekend training in order to receive certification. County Extension Staff registered for the training must also attend the entire weekend. It is recommended that volunteers serving as S.A.F.E. Coaches should be adults at least 21 years of age.

Coaches who have already been certified in one discipline and wish to come back for another are welcome. They are only required to attend the discipline session held on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. They must be on-site by 8:00 a.m. and attend the entire discipline session. For coaches retuning for an additional discipline, please be sure to select “*Discipline Only*” on the online registration system.

We will offer advance archery training for those coaches that have already completed the Basic 4-H Archery Coaches Training. This will be a separate 16 hour training taught by a NADA Level III Instructor and will focus teaching intermediate level archers by providing coaches new drills and skills to work with these young people. The course includes training materials, manual, and 4 year NADA certification if the coach elects to join USA Archery or the National Field Archery Association. The training will begin on Friday evening and conclude on Sunday before lunch.

Please make checks payable to *Georgia 4-H Foundation* and post marked by *February 17th*. **There is a \$35 cancellation fee after the 17th**. Checks should be mailed to:

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Onsite registration for the event will be held in the Bankers beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening. Coaches arriving prior to 6:30 will need to wait until registration begins. The Friday evening session will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

It is the responsibility of the county office to communicate information in this letter and a copy of the schedule to coaches attending from their county. There will not be any additional information sent under separate cover to those that are registered.

Project S.A.F.E. Coaches Training Agenda February 24-26, 2012

Friday Evening

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Registration	Bankers
8:00 – 10:00 p.m.	General Session 1 – Why Shooting Sports and 4-H (Archery, Rifle, and Shotgun)	Bankers
	Advance Archery Training	Krannert

Saturday

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:00 a.m. – 12:00	Training in Disciplines <i>Archery – Krannert 1</i> <i>Advance Archery – Krannert 2</i> <i>Rifle – Bankers</i> <i>Shotgun – Krannert 3</i>	Breakout Locations
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Dinning Hall
1:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Training in Disciplines	Breakout Locations
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Dinning Hall
7:00 – 9:30 p.m.	General Standards Session 2 – Serving as a 4-H Volunteer	Bankers

Sunday

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	
8:00 – 11:00	General Session 3 – The County Program (Archery, Rifle, and Shotgun)	Bankers
	Advance Archery Training	Krannert
11: 00 - 11:30	Final Discipline Meeting – Graduation	Breakout Locations
11:30	Homeward Bound	

Participant Expectations

An extremely full schedule of classroom and field activities is planned to prepare participants for their role as a 4-H S.A.F.E. coach. Small amounts of free time will be available, but the workshop is extremely intensive. We have tried to include only those topics that we have found to be important to team members when they get home, while also meeting the requirements of the 4-H program. Your presence at both the discipline and general sessions is vitally important.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE

Interaction among participants is some of the most valuable activity during the workshop. The workshop will include many opportunities to exchange ideas formally and informally. Be prepared to dive into the middle with questions and information to pass on to others.

Make the effort to share approaches, tactics, or gimmicks that have worked for you.

OBJECTIVES

Participants will:

1. Develop an understanding of the 4-H S.A.F.E. Program.
2. Learn and practice effective methods of teaching shooting skills to youth and adults.
3. Be involved with developing or re-examining their county's 4-H S.A.F.E. plan.
4. Gather and share information on successful 4-H S.A.F.E. activities with participants from other counties.
5. Become part of the 4-H volunteer team that provides training to 4-H S.A.F.E. volunteers in their home county.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

4-H S.A.F.E. is one of the fastest growing programs in 4-H today. In addition to teaching youth concepts related to shooting and firearm responsibility, the curriculum offers opportunities to develop important life skills, such as citizenship, leadership, sportsmanship, ethics, critical thinking, and an appreciation for nature. 4-H S.A.F.E. is a community-based, volunteer-directed, family-oriented activity that emphasizes hands-on learning.

Each participant in this workshop will attend a session that will focus on the selected discipline. The instruction and teaching practice offered at this workshop will prepare the participant to train additional volunteer 4-H instructors in their home county, helping to broaden the base of the 4-H S.A.F.E. Program.

Participants from each county will be given opportunities to work together as a team to develop or re-examine their counties 4-H S.A.F.E. plan. Participants should have at least a basic understanding of the shooting discipline.

The workshop sessions are not designed to teach participants how to shoot. Rather they are designed to equip volunteers with the necessary tools to use Shooting Sports as a Youth Development program through 4-H while teaching responsible firearm use and marksmanship to young people.

What to bring

- Blanket and linens or sleeping bag—linens/blankets will not be provided
- Three days worth of comfortable, outdoor clothing for both wet and cold weather—Dress warmly!
- Ear protection (for snoring room-mates!)
- Alarm Clock
- Eye protection
- Shotgunners will need a **shell bag** or something to carry loose shells in when on the line
- Reading glasses
- Rain gear
- Toiletry kit (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, towels, etc.)
- Any medications you require daily
- Ideas or concerns for sharing with fellow coaches during the sharing session on Saturday night
- Shotgunners—a 20 gauge shotgun in a case if you have one. Do not bring a 12 gauge. Do not bring ammunition.
- Enthusiasm for Project SAFE and mentoring the youth of Georgia!