

Picture If you will ...

A young person steps to the firing line with a bow or air rifle. They breathe, relax, focus on the target, release the arrow or squeeze off the shot and follow through. They are coached and encouraged by an adult that is by their side or who is waiting behind the ready line. Their achievement, either success or shortcoming is applauded and shared by their peers. They evaluate what they have done and then set goals for the future.



The life skills developed in shooting sports carry over to other areas of life. Whether it is school or work, young people report that shooting sports programs help them build confidence and provided them with the skills needed to concentrate and focus on the task at hand.

Project S.A.F.E. focuses on both project skills that are related subject matter (shooting and safety) and on the development of knowledge that can be used throughout life. S.A.F.E. is noted for the values and life skills it instills in young people as they grow into responsible young adults.

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Project S.A.F.E. Programs
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Georgia 4-H Project S.A.F.E.

Shooting
Awareness
Fun and
Education



*Skills for Life
Activity for a Lifetime*



What is Project S.A.F.E.?

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.

Hunting and shooting have been a strong part of our American tradition and the 4-H S.A.F.E. program helps continue this tradition through the involvement of the whole family. Georgia 4-H believes that in a society that has chosen to possess firearms, all members, regardless of age should be provided adequate training to ensure safe, ethical and responsible interaction with firearms. We also believe that education, such as that provided by the S.A.F.E. program reduces accidents related to the sport.

Disciplines Offered

Georgia 4-H offers S.A.F.E. programs in the areas of Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery, BB, Rimfire and Shotgun. However, all programs are not offered in each county. You should check with your local county Extension office for availability and ages served.

What are the Program Goals?

✿ Enhance youth development of self concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activities.

✿ To involve youth in a life skills program that teaches safe and responsible use of firearms including sound decision-making, self-discipline and concentration.

✿ To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.

✿ To expose participants to the broad array of vocational and life-long avocational activities related to shooting sports.

✿ To strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.

✿ To 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.



How Can I Become Involved?

4-H uses Project S.A.F.E. to teach youth development. Our programs are valuable for helping young people develop:

- ◆ Self confidence
- ◆ Personal discipline
- ◆ Responsibility
- ◆ Teamwork
- ◆ Sportsmanship

As well as other life skills.

The skills required for responsible use of firearms and other shooting sports equipment carries over into many parts of life. Project S.A.F.E. provides a positive experience for youth by creating opportunities for young people to develop new skills on and off the range. Through hands-on learning, youth develop skills and confidence for leadership while learning to take action that demonstrates their concern for others through involvement in citizenship activities.

The interaction between youth, parents and certified volunteers through the S.A.F.E. program allows young people to feel that they are valued and gives them a place to belong while they work with other youth and adults that share their interest.