

Barrow County 4-H Project Safe – Shotgun Team

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. Shotgun is one of the shooting disciplines offered by Barrow County 4-H. In this activity, youth from 7th through 12th grades, learn to shoot shotguns by practicing with clay targets thrown at random heights and angles from a mechanical thrower. Youth learn proficiency in leading a target and follow through. The competition phase of this 4-H activity involves teams of 5 youth shooting 25 single targets with ties being broken with the shooting of doubles (two targets thrown at the same time). Practices start in February and the season ends with the State 4-H Shotgun Competition the second Saturday of May each year. Shooters must qualify for the State Competition at a District Qualification Match. This 4-H Shotgun Competition started in 1986 with 86 participants and has grown to over 800 competitors in 2009.

Tyler Cameron, Caleb Murphy, Holden Petree, and Andrew Still shot high enough scores to qualify for State where Caleb Murphy earned third place overall out of 425 shooters.

The Barrow County 4-H Shotgun Team is represented by : (front row left to right) Chelsea Winkle, Jessie Etheridge, and Bailey Winkle. (Second Row, left to right) Kevin Trusty, Caleb Murphy, Nathan Holt, Holden Petree, Tyler Cameron, and Jake Etheridge. (Back Row) This activity is coached by Tony Trusty, Britt West and Rex Holt. Not Pictured in this team photo is: Chris Keith, Andrew Still, and Michael O'Steen.

