

## **Shooting Sports Interest Meeting**

January 11, 2010

### Welcome:

Georgia 4-H supports a wide-variety of programs. You are here tonight to learn more about the S.A.F.E. program that is offered here in Henry County. We have a modified trap shotgun shooting sports program.

The acronym, S.A.F.E, stands for Shooting Awareness, Fun & Education. This program allows youth to learn safe and responsible use of firearms including sound decision-making, self-discipline and concentration. We also promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.

### Introductions:

**Henry County Extension Agents** – Heather Dunning (4-H) & Frank Hancock (ANR)  
**Certified S.A.F.E Shotgun Coaches** - Mike Singley, Charles Roberts, & Jake Carter

### Club Structure:

Because of the nature of the program, the structure of this club is going to be different than most of the other 4-H clubs you may be familiar with. We will not have year-round meetings. This club will be centered around a few educational meetings & weekly practices on the range, where you will learn about gun safety & handling, sportsmanship, and developing shooting skills. There is no substitute for practice, practice, practice. We will send out a schedule of practices in the near future. Practices will be held on Saturdays until the days get a little longer so we can practice after school during the week. After Daylight Savings Time begins, we will practice twice a week. You can pick which day during the week you want to come or you can come to both.

Again, because of the nature of the shooting sports program, there are a lot of things we need from you. Enclosed, you will find a packet of forms. We need you to fill out and return all the colored forms. There is an enrollment card that needs to be completed (even if you've filled one out for another 4-H club). A general code of conduct form, medical authorization form, and S.A.F.E participants & parents contract that need to be completed *before* you can practice.

This sport is unfortunately one of the more expensive hobbies, so we also require dues for each member, \$55.00. We use this money to purchase equipment & supplies for the year. Checks can be made out to Henry County 4-H. You can pay that at the informational meeting on January 11, 2010. There is a list of things you will need to bring to every practice in your packet: close-toed shoes & long pants (not really an issue this time of year, but when it warms up, continue to do this), safety glasses (eye protection and better sight for target), ear plugs (we are hoping to receive a donation of these items like last year, but just in case we cannot, be prepared at the first practice with your own), and your gun. The club has one single-shot 12-gauge gun that was donated. We will have it available to use at the first few practices. If you decide that this is a sport that you want to continue with, you will want to purchase your own gun because the one we have will not work for the competition due to its single-shot capacity.