



2012 STATE 4-H SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP

Cost: \$25 per shooter (non-refundable)

Where: Red Eagle Skeet & Trap Club

When: Saturday, April 14, 2012

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2012 (entry fee is due at time of registration)

Late Registration: If registration and entry fee is not in the Clay County Office (not postmarked) by March 31, 2012 a late fee of \$25 per shooter will be assessed.

Lunch Available on Site: Nichols Lawson Middle School 4-H Shooting Sports Club will provide lunch as a fundraiser for their club. Lunch will consist of hotdogs, chips, drink, and dessert. Cost will be \$4.00. This club will also have concessions available for a minimal charge. If you bring a check for lunch make them payable to NLMS.

The 2012 Alabama 4-H Shotgun Championship will be held at the Red Eagle Skeet & Trap Club in Childersburg, Alabama on Saturday, April 14, 2012. Check-in will begin at 7:00 a.m. A safety orientation will be conducted at 8:00 a.m., and the competition will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

We will continue to rotate through lunch. Participants should eat when they have time between rotations. Lunch will be available on site. Competition will continue until all teams have completed their scheduled courses of fire and all (if any) shoot-offs are complete. We will wrap up the day's events with awards.

Each participant's parent or guardian must complete and sign an Alabama Parent and Youth Consent Form for each 4-Her at the Match. This form can be found at http://www.aces.edu/fourh/docs/volunteers/Youth_Consent_Form.pdf. Coaches must bring copies to the match.

The ranges at Red Eagle Skeet & Trap Club will be open at noon on Friday, April 13, 2012 if you wish to come early and familiarize yourselves with the ranges. Club members may be available upon request to coach your teams on this practice day. The range fee for 4-H members at Red Eagle is \$4.00 per 25 targets. If you are coming early, you might want to consider some fun with a round of sporting clays at Selwood Farm which is located in Talladega Co. Contact Kim Good at (256) 252-9029 or goodkim@aces.edu for more information, if you are interested.

Due to the anticipated size of this year's Championship, each team will need to provide an adult to assist with match facilitation. This may include, but is not limited to: scoring, refereeing, lining up the next team on a field, safety check of youth before entering field, general match safety, running of score sheets, etc.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 31, 2012 (entry fee must be included)

CONTACTS: Kim Good at (256) 252-9029 or goodkim@aces.edu or Jay Conway at (256) 338-4631 or conwajk@aces.edu.

ELIGIBILITY: 4-H events are open to active members of a chartered Alabama 4-H club that has experiential learning in regularly scheduled and planned meetings. Participation is limited to those

members who are actively participating in the 4 H program and have been a member for a 90 day minimum.

The Alabama 4-H Club Year begins on August 1 and ends on July 31. Age eligibility is determined by how old the youth is prior to January 1 of the Alabama 4-H Club Year. To be eligible for 4-H the youth must be nine (9) years old and not older than 19 years old prior to January 1 of the Alabama 4-H Club Year. Checking the Alabama 4-H Age and Eligibility Chart for 2011-2012 4-H Club Year will help families, volunteers and staff to determine the divisions of 4-H Membership. Go to <http://www.aces.edu/fourh/docs/AL4H-AgeChartfor20112012.pdf>

This Match is limited to bona fide Alabama 4-H members who have completed the 4-H Basic Shotgun Course. Each county may bring as many 4-Hers as they want, but each coach can have only one junior team and one senior team. If there is more than one shotgun team in a county, as long as those teams are completely separate, all teams from a county may participate in this Championship. Coaches have two options for determining their teams: 1) predetermine their Junior and Senior teams (4 members) and bring additional 4-Hers to compete for individual awards, or 2) have all of their Juniors and Seniors shoot and then determine each team by the top four individual total scores.

Alabama 4-H will decide whether or not to certify this event for national competition. If it is certified, then the winning Senior team may elect to represent Alabama at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational in Grand Island, NE on June 17 - June 22, 2012 with limited funding from the State 4-H Office. A signed Alabama Parent and Youth Consent Form for each 4-H member participating in the event must be in the possession of the Coach or Agent at the event. This form can be found at http://www.aces.edu/fourh/docs/volunteers/Youth_Consent_Form.pdf.

Once a Senior Team wins the State 4-H Shotgun Championship, regardless of whether or not they attend nationals, the youth from the winning team are no longer eligible to participate in the State 4-H Shotgun Championship.

DIVISIONS: Junior 4-H'ers are those between the ages of 9 & 13. Senior 4-H'ers are 14-18 years old. Go to <http://www.aces.edu/fourh/docs/AL4H-AgeChartfor20112012.pdf> to determine ages.

EQUIPMENT: Participants will provide their own shotgun(s), ammunition (no reloads) and eye & ear protection. Each participant should have a means of carrying enough shells (25) to complete a round of fire. ALL EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION WILL BE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY RANGE OFFICIALS PRIOR TO AND/OR DURING USAGE AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE SAFETY.

REGISTRATION: The registration fee will be \$25 per shooter to cover the cost of range fees, awards and insurance. There is an additional cost per person for lunch. (See information above) Checks or money orders, payable to ACES must be submitted with your registration and is due March 31, 2012. Cash is acceptable for lunch. See Registration and Safety Certification forms below.

CONDUCT OF THE MATCH: Juniors and Seniors will shoot two rounds (50 targets) of Trap and two rounds (50 targets) of skeet. A team may consist of three shooters and one alternate. The three highest scores in each event (trap or skeet) will be added for a team total score. The overall high team scores will be comprised of the total team trap and total team skeet scores added together. Teams must be comprised of at least three shooters.

Everyone at the range, including coaches, parents and others observing the competition, will wear eye and ear protection. Anyone not wearing eye and ear protection while on or behind a range will be asked to put them on or move to the pavilion.

Participants will not be allowed to have cell phones on the range.

SKEET:

Event: Standard NSSA (American) Skeet

Course of Fire: Juniors & Seniors - Two (2) rounds (50 targets) consisting of singles and doubles from stations 1, 2, 6, and 7 and singles from stations 3, 4, 5, and 8.

Time Limits: Shooters will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay, shooters should be prepared to take the field 30 minutes before their scheduled firing time.

Equipment: Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge not to exceed 1-1/8 ounces with shot no larger than US 7-1/2 fine or smaller than US 9 fine at velocities approximating 1200 feet per second.

Coaches: Once a team has entered the field for competition, only team members, range officers and judges will be allowed on the range. Coaches must remain behind the range.

TRAP:

Event: Standard ATA (American) Trap.

Course of Fire: Juniors & Seniors - Two (2) rounds (50 targets) consisting of five targets from each of five shooting stations at 16 yards.

Time Limits: Shooters will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay, shooters should be prepared to take the field 30 minutes before their scheduled firing time.

Equipment: Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge not to exceed 1-1/8 ounces with shot no larger than US 7-1/2 fine or smaller than US 9 fine at velocities approximating 1200 feet per second.

Coaches: Once a team has entered the field for competition, only team members, range officers and judges will be allowed on the range. Coaches must remain behind the range.

TEAM TIES: In the event two or more teams tie for one or more placings, a shoot-off will be held. Each team representing the tie will fire a complete round of Trap and Skeet following the rules above. If a tie still exists, teams will go to the skeet ranges to shoot doubles at stations 3, 4, and 5.

INDIVIDUAL TIES: Individual ties in skeet will be broken by shooting doubles at stations 3, 4 and 5 on the skeet range. Individual ties in trap will be broken by shooting complete rounds of 25 targets until the tie is broken.

POSTAL MATCH: If a 4-H Shotgun Team has a compelling reason they can't attend the State 4-H Shotgun Championship at Red Eagle Gun Club on April 14, 2012 the team members can shoot what is called a "Postal Match".

What is a Postal Match? It is a means by which an absentee 4-H Shotgun team's scores may be counted towards the State competition. While new to the Shotgun discipline, this practice is common in the Air Rifle-BB disciplines!

Your 4-H Team members each shoot 100 rounds strictly following the 4-H rules, under the supervision of an adult range owner or officer who has no affiliation with the 4-H Club (not a relative or close friend, nor the 4-H team's coach). The person to certify the team's scores must be approved by either the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee Chairman (Shannon Andress), the Event Range Officers (Jimmy Smitherman/Henry Dorough), or Match Director (Kim Good) in advance. The approved scorekeeper must sign off on each scorecard. The signed scorecards must be in the **Clay County office** (not postmarked) Monday March 26, 2012, to be tabulated with the other scores. Teams who opt to have a "postal match" in lieu of attending the State Championship will be responsible for their own target, ammo, and range fees, and the fee to submit scores for the State Championship will be \$50 per person.

2012 4-H SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP POSTAL MATCH RULES:

1. 100 targets (50 trap, 50 skeet) must be shot by 4-H team members with *no breaks*. For scores to count as team scores, all members must shoot together at the same time and location.
2. Postal Matches must be shot on a commercial range, not in someone's backyard. Please confirm your range's eligibility with Jimmy Smitherman (smithji@aces.edu) before you shoot.
3. Postal Match scores must be supervised and certified by a nonbiased third-party Scorekeeper. The team's 4-H Coach nor anyone associated with the team will not be approved to certify Postal Match scores.
4. The Scorekeeper must be approved in advance by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee Chairman, Event Range Officer, or Match Director. Scores must be recorded on standard shotgun scorecards. The scorekeeper must legibly sign each submitted scorecard with the Scorekeeper's
 - name
 - address
 - phone
 - email
 - date of Postal Match
 - start and end times of Postal Match
 - location of Postal Match
5. In the event of a tie between an on-site team or individual, and postal match teams, the on-site participants will have preference over postal match entries.
6. Postal Match scores, Alabama Parent and Youth Consent Form for each person shooting in the postal match and a check in the appropriate amount (made payable to ACES) must be "in hand" not post marked to Kim Good by Monday, March 26, 2012 in order to be counted. Send Scores and check to:
REA Kim Good, 93 County Road 31, Ashland, AL 36251

AWARDS: Awards will be given to competing teams. Individual accomplishments will be recognized during the team awards presentation. Junior and Senior team awards as well as junior and senior individual awards in skeet, trap and high individual will be presented.

PROTESTS: Any questions regarding the rules including protests and appeals will be directed to the event rules committee consisting of the Match Director and/or a representative of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee. Upon appeal, all decisions by the rules committee will be final.

CONDUCT AND DRESS: All participants are expected to behave in an appropriate manner consistent with the 4-H Code of Conduct (this is on the Alabama 4-H Parent and Youth Consent Form) http://www.aces.edu/fourh/docs/volunteers/Youth_Consent_Form.pdf and dress according to the 4-H Dress Code http://www.aces.edu/fourh/docs/volunteers/Dress_Code_Philosophy.pdf.

Any participant, parent, coach or spectator deemed to be behaving in an inappropriate manner may be asked to leave the facilities for the remainder of the event.

EVALUATION FORMS: Please bring completed shooting sports program evaluation forms (separate forms for youth and coaches) and the Club Report form to the contest and turn in at registration. To find the forms, go to <http://www.aces.edu/fourh/programs/nree-new.php> and click on NREE Program Evaluations.

LODGING: Lodging is available in Childersburg. You might want to camp at Red Eagle Skeet & Trap Club or stay in a local motel. Two motels to consider are: Day's Inn -- 256/378-6007 or Key West Inn - 256/378-0337. Red Eagle Skeet & Trap Club has electrical and water hook-ups available for \$15.00 per day. If you do not need the utilities, camping is free. Contact Kim Good at (256) 252-9029 or goodkim@aces.edu if you need a hook up.

DIRECTIONS TO RED EAGLE SKEET & TRAP:

From the North: From Birmingham take Hwy. 280 East to Childersburg. After crossing the Childersburg Veterans Memorial Bridge, turn left at the first traffic signal onto Hwy. 235N. Proceed 1.2 miles and turn right onto Pinecrest Ave. After crossing the RR tracks, immediately turn left onto Hollywood Blvd. Proceed approximately 200 yards and look to the right for the road sign "Red Eagle" turn on the gravel road and proceed to the Red Eagle Clubhouse.

From I-65 South: North of Clanton, take Al. Hwy. 145 to Wilsonville. Turn right on Al. Hwy. 25. Turn right on Al. Hwy 76 and follow to U.S. 280. Turn right on U.S. 280, cross Coosa River bridge and turn left at the first traffic light (Al. Hwy. 235N). Proceed 1.2 miles and turn right onto Pinecrest Ave. After crossing the RR tracks, immediately turn left onto Hollywood Blvd. Proceed approximately 200 yards and look to the right for the road sign "Red Eagle" turn on the gravel road and proceed to the Red Eagle Clubhouse.

From Auburn: Follow U.S. 280 West to Childersburg. Turn right on Al. Hwy 235N. Proceed 1.2 miles and turn right onto Pinecrest Ave. After crossing the RR tracks, immediately turn left onto Hollywood Blvd.. Proceed approximately 200 yards and look to the right for the road sign "Red Eagle", turn on the gravel road and drive to the Red Eagle Clubhouse.

From Talladega: Take Hwy 21 South, approx. 10 miles and take Hwy 76 West (Desoto Caverns Pkwy.) approx. 10 miles to Hwy. 280. Turn right on 280 and proceed to the next traffic signal and turn right on Hwy. 235N. Proceed 1.2 miles and turn right on Pinecrest Ave. After crossing the RR tracks, immediately turn left onto Hollywood Blvd. Proceed approximately 200 yards and look to the right for the road sign "Red Eagle", turn on the gravel road and drive to the Red Eagle Clubhouse.



2012 STATE 4-H SHOTGUN COMPETITION

COUNTY or CLUB:

COACH(ES):

The team members and individual shooters listed below are bonafide members of 4-H in this county.

Signed: *County Extension Coordinator, Regional 4-H Agent or County Extension Agent* *Date*

JUNIOR SHOOTERS - AGE - BIRTH DATE

SENIOR SHOOTERS - AGE - BIRTH DATE

INDIVIDUAL SHOOTERS- AGE - BIRTH DATE

Please mail registration form and registration fee to: Clay County Extension Office c/o Kim Good, 93 County Road 31 Ashland, AL 36251. Registration must be in the Clay County Office by March 31, 2012 (not postmarked).



2012 SAFETY CERTIFICATION LIST:

This is a REQUIRED form. All 4-H Coaches should submit this completed form to on-site Registration when checking in at AL State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships.

DISCIPLINE (Shotgun, Air Rifle/BB, Archery, Smallbore): _____

DATE & LOCATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP: _____

COUNTY & CLUB NAME: _____

COACH(ES) _____

Name of Senior Team Members	Age	Race	Sex
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Name of Junior Team Members	Age	Race	Sex
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Name of Individual Shooters	Age	Race	Sex
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I certify that each of the individuals listed above has completed the 4-H Basic Shotgun course.

(Signature)

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2012 CLUB REPORT FORM

Club _____ County _____

Number of Volunteer Leaders: Male _____ Female _____

Number of 4-Hers: Male _____ Female _____

Juniors _____ Seniors _____

Location of Meetings _____

Average Length of Each Meeting _____

Date of First Meeting _____

Date of Final Meeting before State Event _____

Highlights of this club's 2011-2012 4-H year:

Please send this form and all program evaluation surveys to Shannon Andress, Montgomery County Extension Office, Two East Office Center, 400 Eastern Blvd., Suite 107, Montgomery, AL 36117 before the state event ~ OR bring them to the state event.



2012 LUNCH ORDER FORM

For planning purposes it is very helpful to know who will be purchasing the on-site meal. The meal is \$4.00 per person. Checks need to be made payable to NLMS.

Total number that will be purchasing lunch _____