

2008 Alabama 4-H Shotgun Championship

The 2008 Alabama 4-H Shotgun Championship will be held at the Red Eagle Skeet & Trap Club in Childersburg, Alabama on Saturday, May 17. Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. A safety orientation will be conducted at 8:45 a.m., and the competition will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

We will rotate until noon. Lunch will be available on site for \$5.00/person. Immediately following lunch, the competition will resume 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/newsite/Volunteers/> under the *Important Forms* heading. Coaches should bring copies to the match.

The ranges at Red Eagle Skeet & Trap Club will be open at noon on Friday May 16 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 \$3.00 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. Contact Henry Dorough at 256-362-6187 or dorouhd@auburn.edu more information if you are interested.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 11

CONTACTS: Kim Good at (256) 354-5976 or goodkim@auburn.edu or Henry Dorough at (256) 362-6187 or dorouhd@auburn.edu

ELIGIBILITY: Participants must be bona fide members of Alabama 4-H. Each county may bring as many Junior and Senior teams (4 shooters per team) as they want—as long as the teams are coached by separate coaches at separate locations at separate times. Counties may also bring all individuals who may wish to compete for individual awards.

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 June 23-26 in Grand Island, Nebraska at their own expense. 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/newsite/Volunteers/> under the *Important Forms*

DIVISIONS: Junior 4-H'ers are those between the ages of 9 & 13. Senior 4-H'ers are those who have reached their 14th birthday as of January 1, 2008 and have not yet reached their 19th birthday.

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 \$15 per shooter to cover the cost of range fees, awards and insurance. There is an additional \$5.00 cost per person for lunch. Checks or money orders, *payable at the event*, should be made out to Red Eagle Trap & Skeet Club. Lunch is payable to Talladega Co. 4-H Shotgun Club. Cash is acceptable. 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.

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 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.

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 and dress according to the 4-H Dress Code. 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/NaturalResourcesPrograms/Shootingsports.php> and click on *Evaluation*.

LODGING: Lodging is available in Childersburg. You might want to camp at Red Eagle Skeet & Trap Club or stay in a local motel. 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) 354-5976 or goodkim@auburn.edu if you need a hook up.

Two motels to consider are: **Day's Inn** -- 256/378-6007 or **Key West Inn** -- 256/378-0337

DIRECTIONS TO RED EAGLE SKEET & TRAP: **The following directions may be inaccurate since a bridge is out on Al. Hwy. 235. Please e-mail Kim Good or Henry Dorough after May 9 to see if the bridge has been re-opened.**

From the North: From Birmingham follow U.S. 280 East to Childersburg. After crossing the Coosa River bridge, turn left at the first traffic light (Al. Hwy. 235). Travel 1.3 miles and turn right on Pinecrest Drive (look for boat ramp sign). Cross the railroad track and turn left on paved road (look for Red Eagle and boat ramp signs). Turn right on gravel road with Red Eagle sign.

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. 235). Travel 1.3 miles and turn right on Pinecrest Drive (look for boat ramp sign). Cross the railroad track and turn left on paved road (look for Red Eagle and boat ramp signs). Turn right on gravel road with Red Eagle sign.

From Auburn: Follow U.S. 280 West to Childersburg. Turn right on Al. Hwy 235. Travel 1.3 miles and turn right on Pinecrest Drive (look for boat ramp sign). Cross the railroad track and turn left on paved road (look for Red Eagle and boat ramp signs). Turn right on gravel road with Red Eagle sign.

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2008 STATE 4-H SHOTGUN COMPETITION

COUNTY or CLUB: _____

COACH(ES): _____

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

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

JUNIOR SHOOTERS	AGE	BIRTH DATE

SENIOR SHOOTERS	AGE	BIRTH DATE

INDIVIDUAL SHOOTERS	AGE	BIRTH DATE

Please e-mail registration form to: goodkim@auburn.edu or fax to Kim Good at 256-354-7787 by **May 9**.

SAFETY CERTIFICATION LIST: Coaches should turn in the following signed list when checking in at the match:

2008 Alabama 4-H Shotgun Championship Safety Certification

COUNTY _____ COACH(ES) _____

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

(Signature)



2008 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 2008 4-H year:

Please send this form and all program evaluation surveys to Dr. Emily Kling,
ACES-210 Duncan Hall, Auburn University AL 36849-5620 before the state event
OR bring them to the state event.