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Georgia 4-H SAFE Shotgun Hunter Education Requirements

Georgia 4-H SAFE Shotgun has benefited from Pittman Robertson Funding for years. SAFE 4-H Shotgun members in grades 6-12 are required to take a Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GA DNR) approved Hunter Education Course and pass the assessment.

We realize clubs begin practice at varying times of year. Georgia 4-H requires that new 4-H Shotgun Members without a Hunter Education Certification pass a GA DNR approved course by May 1.

There are two options for hunter education courses:

1. Free in person classes

2. Online courses with varying fees

Each option will require 8 hours of instructional time. In person classes generally are offered in 1- or 2-day formats. Online courses may be completed in multiple sittings.

Where do I begin? The first step for every 6th -12th grade archery club member is creating a Go Outdoors Georgia account. Use the 4-H member's information, NOT a parent or guardian's information.

Here is the website:

<https://license.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com/Licensing/CustomerLookup.aspx>

Please click the "Enroll Now" button to begin the process.

Once the 4-H member has an account, which will be referred to as a "GO Customer ID#," please go the main "Hunter Education Courses" page here:

<https://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/huntereducation>

Free In Person Option

To search for free, face-to-face classes click "Free Courses" or scroll further down the page to "Find and sign up for a class."

If logged in, the 4-H'er will need to hover over "Events/Volunteering" and click on "Search Events/Volunteering."

The 4-H member will now be on a "Search Events" page. In the "Event Type" box, choose "Hunter Safety Certification" from the choices. The default "Start Date" is the current day. There will be a default "End Date" that can be adjusted. Please enter the zip code and miles willing to travel for free, face-to-face training before clicking "Search Events."

Available courses matching zip code and mileage entry will be displayed. There will be detailed information on each course and a “Registration Period Closed” or “Register” button.

Online Course Option

As a reminder start here for online courses:

<https://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/huntereducation>

Click “Online Courses.”

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources has approved the eight courses found on this page. Be sure to only take one of these courses to comply with Georgia standards. Other courses exist online. Georgia 4-H SAFE club members must take one of these eight.

Students enroll in one of the online classes.

When the student passes the online class and is ready to pay, student will enter his GO Customer ID #, which will then connect his certificate with his account.

Student prints off the certificate provided by the online course- this is in case information is not properly transferred between the online provider and GO Outdoors Georgia.

Student then logs into his GO account, goes to “purchase license,” scrolls to the bottom of the available options and selects “hunter education card” (no charge) and proceeds to check out.

While it may take a few days for the two systems to communicate with each other, if GO still does not show that the student received their hunter education certification, students should contact the Wildlife Resources Division and provide a copy of the certificate from the online provider they printed off.

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