Objectives of the Mississippi 4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y. Program



The Mississippi 4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y. Program is an educational program that teaches young people and adult leaders essential life skills through the shooting sports. Objectives of the program are to provide opportunities to help these young people, their families or guardians, and adult volunteers to be self-directed, responsible, and productive members of society.

Mississippi State University Extension Service specialists, county Extension agents, 4-H volunteer leaders, instructors, and coaches must understand the goals and objectives of the 4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y. Program so they can manage or present it properly. Goals and objectives included here are consistent with 4-H programs in Mississippi.

4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y. program leaders transfer knowledge, skills, and attitudes to young people and others, helping them to be successful by using subject matter developed by professionals and resources of land-grant universities. These are the Mississippi 4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y. Program objectives:

- Enhance development of a participant's self-concept, character, and personal growth through safe, educational, and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activities.
- Teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, including sound decision-making, self-discipline, and concentration.
- Promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior.
- Expose participants to the broad array of vocational and avocational activities related to the shooting sports.
- Strengthen families through life-long recreational activities.

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