

# YOUTH ON TARGET

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## From the Coordinator

### The Great Clover Hunt

You have heard the old saying If at first you don't succeed try try again. Well, for most of my life I have been trying to find a four leaf clover! Each spring of my life has found me hunched over every clover patch that I come across looking in vain. I do recall a few hunts that I have been on with family and friends that yielded such a green prize but had not attained such glory for myself. I was left watching the lucky (pardon the pun I couldn't resist) individual quickly yanking it from its bed and hoisting it in victory over their heads! I remember my sister finding one and she even went so far as to preserve it under a photo sheet, carefully placing each leaf as to enhance the viewing. You can be certain that in my opinion, no laurel wreath placed on the head of an ancient Olympic athlete has ever held such distinction or created a fervor of envy as that of finding the elusive plant.

That being said, I headed out again, looking searching, dreaming and what did it get me?...a whole lot of nothing! Until, one day this year, while arriving at my parents house, I opened the door of my truck to step out....and there it was. I rubbed my eyes, to make sure of what I was seeing was real or just one of many apparitions caused by a cluster of clover. NO! I was not hallucinating, because there all by its lonesome right next to the concrete apron of the carport, lie the object of my desire. I fell to the ground, gently counting the leaves to make certain before I announced to every dog and cat in the neighborhood that after all these many years I had indeed achieved success!!!!

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To say that I was excited would have been an understatement. I went into the house to tell my mom of my find, and she in turn was happy for me as well. I gloated for a moment more before going to a shed on the property to get some fishing equipment. As I approached the shed to unlock it, I noticed a patch of clover at the door and you guessed it, there sticking out like a sore thumb was yet another four leaf clover!! Two in one day! What are the chances? Well according to a source I found on the internet its about 1/10,000.

I went to work the next day and told of my discoveries. I even took pictures of them as proof. The only thing that I can think that could be attributed to my success is how much I see the 4-H logo at work. It is on



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everything from coffee mugs to t-shirts to clocks. I began to think about clovers that I had found and how they are really like our 4-H members, sitting among other youth in the community, yet standing out as they differ. The 4-H program gives youth the opportunity to excel and to be a part of something that allows them to have experiences that others may not, it gives them the tools to be productive citizens in their communities, and of their lives and make differences not only in themselves but those around them, both young and old. 4-H teaches them to use their heads for clearing thinking, to pledge their hearts to greater loyalty, to devote their hands to a larger service, and their health for better living!

Now I know you are wondering, "Did he pick those clovers and placed them on display for all to stand in awe and acknowledge that he was the great green clover hunter?" The answer is no, because you see in my mind I want to remember them just like I remember every youth I come in contact with through this program, still growing, still rising to the challenge, still standing out.



John L. Long, Ph.D  
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Shooting Sports Coordinator

## 2010 Mississippi 4-H Shooting Sports National Team Members and Coaches

*Karelia Schmitz*

*Justin Adams*

*Candace Chandler*

*Jayden Jenkins*

*Cory Critcher*

*James Cotton*

*James Golden*

*Emily Bordelon*

*Luke South*

*Mark Baldwin*

*Kayla Parker*

*Gary Holcomb*

*Nathan Rawls*



*Drew Barefoot*

*Josh Burchfield*

*Alex Calder*

*Hugh Guillot*

*David Failla, Jr.*

*Brian Layton*

*Jared Peoples*

*Stuart Wright*

*Woody Speights*

*Abigail Garbutt*

*Carty Tillman*

*T.J. Smith*

Thank You for Your Donation!

The 4-H Shooting Sports National Team would like to thank Gerald Beem of Beem's Pawn Gun & Discount Shop from Carthage, Mississippi for his sponsorship of the .22 Pistol Team.

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**2010 Mississippi 4-H Shooting Sports  
National Team Individual Results:**

*Twenty-five Mississippi 4-Her's competed during the 2010 National Invitational*

**Mississippi placed 5<sup>th</sup> Overall in the Nation!!!**

Air Rifle Standard 3P Sporter-1<sup>st</sup>-**Luke South**  
 Air Rifle Sporter Event Standing-1<sup>st</sup>-**Luke South**  
 Archery Compound 3-D Round-8<sup>th</sup>-**Josh Burchfield**  
 Shotgun Skeet-7<sup>th</sup>-**Gary Holcomb**  
 Shotgun Sporting Clays-4<sup>th</sup>-**Carty Tillman**  
 Shotgun Trap-12<sup>th</sup>-**T.J. Smith**  
 Smallbore Pistol Silhouette-8<sup>th</sup>-**Candace Chandler**  
 Smallbore Pistol Silhouette-9<sup>th</sup>-**Karelia Schmitz**

Air Rifle Standard 3P Sporter-5<sup>th</sup>-**Kayla Parker**  
 Air Rifle Sporter Event Standing-6<sup>th</sup>-**Kayla Parker**  
 Muzzleloading Rifle Silhouette-13<sup>th</sup>-**David Failla**  
 Shotgun Skeet-14<sup>th</sup>-**Carty Tillman**  
 Shotgun Sporting Clays-11<sup>th</sup>-**T.J. Smith**  
 Smallbore Pistol Camp Perry Round-3<sup>rd</sup>-**Justin Adams**  
 Smallbore Pistol Camp Perry Round-7<sup>th</sup>-**Karelia Schmitz**  
 Smallbore Pistol Slow Fire Bullseye-8<sup>th</sup>-**Karelia Schmitz**

Smallbore Pistol Slow Fire Bullseye-10<sup>th</sup>-**Justin Adams**

**National Team Overall Individual**

**Awards:**

Air Rifle-3<sup>rd</sup>-**Kayla Parker**  
 Air Rifle-4<sup>th</sup> -**Luke South**  
 Shotgun-11<sup>th</sup>-**Carty Tillman**  
 Shotgun-14<sup>th</sup>-**T.J. Smith**  
 Smallbore Pistol-5<sup>th</sup>-**Karelia Schmitz**  
 Smallbore Pistol-14<sup>th</sup>-**Justin Adams**  
 Smallbore Pistol-16<sup>th</sup>-**Candace Chandler**



**National Team Overall Team Awards:**

Air Pistol-12<sup>th</sup> Place (Emily Bordelon)  
 Air Rifle-2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
 Archery Compound-7<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Muzzleloading-12<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Archery Recurve-10<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Shotgun-9<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Smallbore Pistol-2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**National Team Awards:**

Air Rifle Standard 3P Sporter-4<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(Mark Baldwin, Kayla Parker, Luke South)*  
 Air Rifle Sporter Silhouette-4<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(Mark Baldwin, Kayla Parker, Luke South)*  
 Air Rifle Sporter Event Standing-1<sup>st</sup> Place  
*(Mark Baldwin, Kayla Parker, Luke South)*  
 Archery Compound 3-D Round-6<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(Drew Barefoot, Josh Burchfield, Alex Calder, Hugh Guillot)*  
 Archery Compound Field Round-6<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(Drew Barefoot, Josh Burchfield, Alex Calder, Hugh Guillot)*  
 Compound Archery FITA Round-8<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(Drew Barefoot, Josh Burchfield, Alex Calder, Hugh Guillot)*  
 Muzzleloading 25 yd Bottles & Critters-11<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(David Failla, Brian Layton, Jared Peoples)*  
 Muzzleloading 50 yd Bullseye-12<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(David Failla, Brian Layton, Jared Peoples)*  
 Muzzleloading Rifle Silhouette-11<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(David Failla, Brian Layton, Jared Peoples)*  
 Archery Recurve 3-D Round-9<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(Abigail Garbutt, Woody Speights, Stuart Wright)*

Archery Recurve FITA Round-7<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(Abigail Garbutt, Woody Speights, Stuart Wright)*  
 Shotgun Skeet-6<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(Gary Holcomb, Nathan Rawls, T.J. Smith, Carty Tillman)*  
 Shotgun Sporting Clays-3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
*(Gary Holcomb, Nathan Rawls, T.J. Smith, Carty Tillman)*  
 Shotgun Trap-15<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(Gary Holcomb, Nathan Rawls, T.J. Smith, Carty Tillman)*  
 Smallbore Pistol Camp Perry Round-2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
*(Justin Adams, Candace Chandler, Karelia Schmitz)*  
 Smallbore Pistol Silhouette-4<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(Justin Adams, Candace Chandler, Karelia Schmitz)*  
 Smallbore Pistol Slow Fire Bullseye-2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
*(Justin Adams, Candace Chandler, Karelia Schmitz)*  
 Smallbore Rifle CMP Rimfire-10<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(James Cotton, Cory Critcher, James Golden, Jayden Jenkins)*  
 Smallbore Rifle NRA 3 Position-14<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(James Cotton, Cory Critcher, James Golden, Jayden Jenkins)*  
 Smallbore Rifle NRA Silhouette-16<sup>th</sup> Place  
*(James Cotton, Cory Critcher, James Golden, Jayden Jenkins)*

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## A word from our President...

Well let me start out by saying howdy!

It has been an honor serving as your president of the Mississippi 4-H Shooting Sports Association. Just recently my father asked me why I do so much with the 4-H program. My answer was simple I love it! 4-H has and will always be my 2<sup>nd</sup> family.

This year has been a challenging year for our district matches. Almost every district had to reschedule their competitions due to severe weather.

My hat goes off to the ladies and gentlemen who managed these changes, because I know firsthand how much time it takes to prepare and hold an event.

I want to say thank you to all the volunteers who give their time and energy to our youth in Mississippi. To all Level II instructors, a big thanks!! To all the staff at MSU thank you for all the support you provide.

Now for the best of all the youth participating in shooting sports....

Ya'll rock!!! After many years involved with the 4-H Shooting Sports it still warms my heart and sometimes brings a tear to my eye watching our youth on the range and to hear them exclaim "I hit the paper!!!"

Be safe on the range

Have fun

Learn a lot

Enjoy life

Herbert Sanders

Mississippi 4-H Shooting Sports Association President



## HOME ON THE RANGE

### “Questions in Coordination”

*Kathy Petty*

*Level II Instructor, Coordinator*

Just a few questions and thoughts as we prepare to start a new Shooting Sports year.

- Who schedules your practice times?
- Who decides if a fund raiser is needed?
- Who decides how existing funds will be spent?
- Who decides what equipment is needed.
- Who keeps everything fair so that all disciplines have what is needed?
- Who works closely with your County Extension personnel to be sure your county is within prescribed guidelines?



If you don't know the answer to these questions, then it is possible you don't have a County Shootings Sports Coordinator. The coordinator position can be filled by an Extension Agent or by a volunteer. There is training available to help them understand their duties. This training will be offered as part of the Mississippi 4-H Shooting Sports Level I instructor training sessions that will be held August 28-29 in Cleveland, MS and October 23-24 in Natchez, MS.

It is very helpful if your county will form a Shooting Sports Association. The instructors and selected parents will be members of this association. They will elect officers and guide the development of your county Shooting Sports program. The 4-H Agent or other Extension personnel will sit on this board as an advisor.

By having a Shooting Sports Coordinator and a Shooting Sports Association, your county can be aware of new information as it arises. This also ensures that you are not asking for donations from someone that your county 4-H program has already contacted.

A Shooting Sports Coordinator maintains close contact with instructors and Extension Agents to make sure everything is done in a timely manner. It is wise for a coordinator to attend as many range practices as possible. If there are issues that need to be addressed, the Association members can come together and decide what is best for the entire county program.

If you do not have a trained Shooting Sports County Coordinator, please contact your 4-H Agent and get someone trained in this discipline.



## ATV SAFETY CORNER



### *A Message for Parents:*

#### *“Steps for Safe and Responsible ATV Riding”*

Once you determine that ATV use is proper for your youngster, it is time to prepare yourself to be a good ATV teacher and supervisor.

#### **Step 1: Educate Yourself About ATV Safety and Proper Riding Techniques**

You must learn as much as possible about ATVs in general and especially your youngster’s ATV. You must be qualified to instruct and supervise your youngster. This means that you will need to understand the features of the ATV and the proper riding techniques. The best source of reference is the owner’s manual supplied with the ATV. Read the owner’s manual before you begin to instruct your youngster about ATV safety. Pay particular attention to the warning labels on the ATV. For a “hands-on” learning experience consider taking the *ATV RiderCourse*.

#### **Step 2: Teach Your Youngster Safe and Proper Riding Techniques**

Teaching your youngster ATV safety is a step by- step process. It begins with safety rules and moves to actual riding procedures. Since youngsters learn at different rates, it will be up to you to set the pace of your youngster’s progress. At some point you may decide that he or she is not ready to ride an ATV.

#### **Step 3: Avoid Unsafe Situations through Close Supervision**

ALWAYS closely supervise your youngster’s riding. This is needed even if your youngster has learned and mastered the rules and skills of safe ATV riding. Youngsters can get tired easily and become careless. They do not always see everything that is important around them. Your close supervision and good judgment are important.



*By: Larry Alexander  
Extension 4-H Specialist*

*Information compiled from ATV Safety Institute*

Northwest District Shooting Sports

Even though bad weather delayed the NW Regions Shooting Sports event a couple of weeks, they came out shining with 269 4-Hers participating. The weather was perfect and the day went well with another successful shooting event. The NW region had 61 participants to qualify for state invitational in their chosen discipline.

Sherry Radcliff  
4-H Program Associate  
Tallahatchie County



Ashley O’Kelly  
Senior  
Tate County

Bolivar County was represented in the Northwest Region Shoot with 30 entries in Shotgun, Archery, and 22 Rifle. Bolivar County had several who placed in the top 3. Brandon Williamson was the first place winner in Junior II Shotgun. Jordan Burchfield was the 2nd place winner in Junior III Shotgun. Frank Chandler was the 2nd place winner in Senior II Shotgun. Ashley Bonner was the 3rd place winner in Junior III Female Compound Archery. Mary Frances Martin was the 3rd place winner in Senior II Female Compound Archery. Justin Gong was the 2nd place winner in Junior II Male Compound Archery. Brandon Williamson was the 3rd place winner in Junior II Male Compound Archery. 1st place winner in Junior III Male Compound Archery was Jordan Burchfield. 1st place in Senior II Male Compound Archery was Josh Burchfield.

Laura J. Giaccaglia  
Interim County Extension Director/4-H  
Bolivar County



SHOOTING SPORTS TRIVIA

What rust preventative is commonly used in the storage and preservation of firearms?

(See page 11 for Answer to Trivia Question)



## Meet Your Volunteer

### Jamie Draughn, Level II Shotgun Instructor

Jamie Draughn started assisting Wayne County 4-H in 2004 where he helped form the Cedar Ridge 4-H Shooters. Since starting, he has had participants on the State Shotgun Team for National Shooting Sports for three years, including the first two females in Mississippi to represent 4-H in shotgun. Jamie only works with the shotgun discipline since becoming a volunteer in 2004 because shotgun is his favorite discipline.

Jamie has been shooting competitively since 1995 and he enjoys participating in Sporting Clays in 410, 12, and 20 gauge competitions. He also coaches sporting clays at a facility called Cedar Ridge Sporting Clays where Cedar Ridge 4-H Shooters practice on a regular basis.

Jamie has served Mississippi as a shotgun coach three times to National 4-H Shooting Sports events. Jamie mentioned that the quality of youth, their skills, abilities, and the character they present at the events are outstanding. Jamie feels that the events related to Shooting Sports demonstrates the positive aspects of today's youth from around the country and the great things they can achieve.

When Jamie was asked how he would like his service in the shooting sports program to be remembered, he said, "the aspect of making a difference in the lives of



youth he has worked with and contributing to their love of shooting is what is important". "Knowing the positive imprint the program has made on them will be evident in their children and grandchildren for generations to come in recognition enough", says Jamie.

Jamie mentioned, "Patience is vital". "If you enjoy working with youth and understand that all youth are not the same nor are their abilities going to be at the same level, then you can be successful at coaching them to shoot". It is important to remember that each youth has potential—it just has to be unlocked.



## 2010 National Volunteer Training Jackson's Mill, WV



The Mississippi delegation hit the road again the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup> for 2010 National Volunteer Workshop in Jackson's Mill, WV. Those in attendance were Tracy Robertson 4-H Agent from Lauderdale Co., Lionel Hinds 4-H Agent, Washington Co., Jan Walton 4-H Agent, Grenada Co., and John Long from the State 4-H Office. The week long training ended with Tracy and Jan completing training in the Pistol discipline, Lionel in Shotgun, and John in Archery. Participants at this workshop attained the title of Level II instructors and will assist in state instructor workshops along with assisting the executive board and other local, district, and state events.

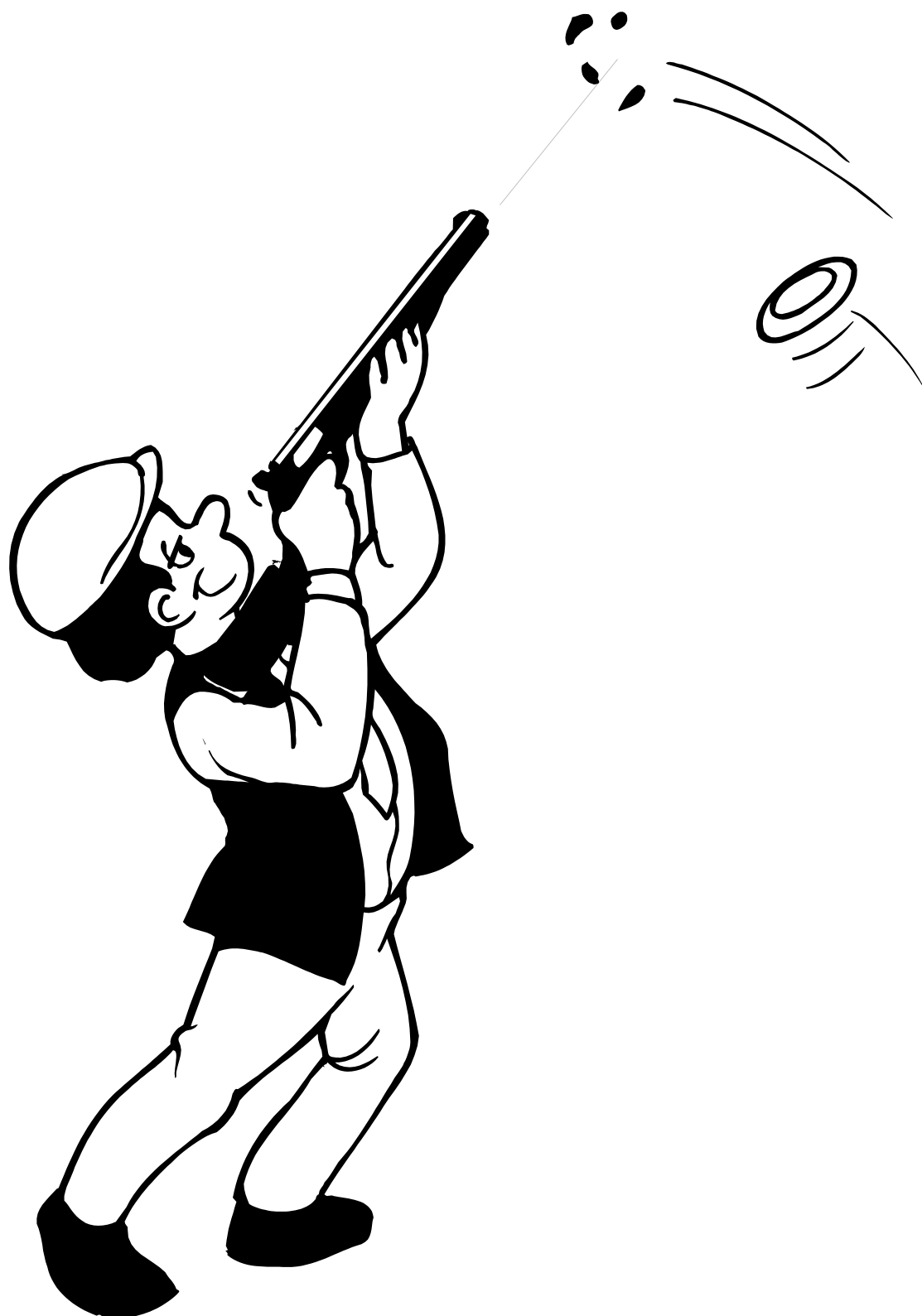


## 2010 4-H Congress Introduction to the Pistol Workshop

Nine 4-H members participated in the Introduction to the Pistol Workshop at this years' Congress. For many this was their first time on the range. Participants were instructed by Level II Pistol Instructor Tom Gannan from Leake Co on the basic procedures of eye dominance and firing pellet pistols from 10 meters. As you can tell from the smiles a good time was had by all!



# Kids Corner Coloring Page



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To Make the Best Better

Answer to Trivia Question:

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**Upcoming Events:**



*Remember:*

*August 28-29 North Volunteer Training in Cleveland, MS.*

*October 23-24- South Volunteer Training in Natchez, MS.*

**\*\*Please contact your County 4-H Agent regarding information about the above events\*\***