

MISSISSIPPI 4-H INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES

Participants must be at least 21 years of age AND currently enrolled as a registered volunteer in your county before they can start the certification process which is as follows:

Step 1

Prior to hands on training each participant must complete the online youth development module (Moodle) Pre AND Post Test. Participants must score at least 80% on the Post test in order to attend the hands on portion of the training.

Step 2

Participants are required to attend the one day hands on workshop that is in relation to the online Moodle in which they enrolled.

Each county may bring one or more agents or registered volunteers in each of the seven disciplines that will be offered; however, at this training session each person can complete certification in only one of the following disciplines*:

Pistol, Rifle, Muzzleloader, Archery, Shotgun, Hunting, and Coordinator

ARCHERY involves a fascinating group of sports for people of all ages. The fundamentals are simple. The requirements are few. A new archer can be shooting well within a short time, if he or she has the benefit of a planned approach to developing the basics of form.

MUZZLELOADING provides participants with the basics of muzzleloading history while developing familiarity with muzzleloading arms. Trainees will learn the use of black powder and Pyrodex as well as other muzzleloading accessories.

PISTOL participants will learn to understand the fundamentals of safety while getting hands-on experience with both .22 and air pistols. Trainees will learn to recognize and identify the parts of pistols and their functions, understand sight alignment and trigger control, and learn basic range commands and shooting procedures.

SHOTGUN trainees will learn to understand shotgun parts and their function as well as learn how to identify action types. Participants will learn the differences between shotguns and rifles and understand choke basics and shotgun uses. Additionally, classroom and hands-on training will provide individuals with an understanding of shotgun safety and basic functions of ammunition components.

RIFLE explores .22 and air rifle parts and their function. Participants will learn how to use different types of sights, determine eye dominance, and understand range etiquette through both classroom and hands-on range experiences.

HUNTING is introduced from the ground up. How to plan for a trip, hunting techniques, proper choice of camo and other items needed for a given situation, orienteering, and game calls are just a few of the many exciting things that participants will learn in this discipline.

COORDINATOR provides participants with the necessary tools to organize their club. It also provides information on how to safely and legally conduct a range exercise. Tips will be given on fundraising and volunteer recruitment.

TRAINING SCHEDULE: The following agenda is for the hands on instruction* portion for all instructor certification workshops.

**Hands On Instruction*

8:00am- 12:30pm Classroom Instruction

12:30pm-1:00pm Lunch

1:00-3:00am Hands On Training

3:00pm-4:00pm Classroom Instruction

4:00-5:30pm Testing/Final Remarks

REGISTRATION

Please check with your local extension agent on registration procedures.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO HELP WITH LOGISTICS.

WHAT TO BRING

You will need to bring personal items, comfortable footwear, clothing suitable for outdoor conditions including rain wear apparel, insect repellent, note taking equipment such as pen/pencil, notepad ect.