

Smithville FFA Chapter
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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SMITHVILLE FFA TRAP TEAM

COSTS:

Students are responsible for all costs associated with participating in the Smithville FFA Trap Team. We are not financially supported in anyway. The Smithville FFA Chapter serves only as an outlet for those students interested in participating in youth shooting events.

Range Fees: Estimated Costs are \$8.00 for a round of 25 Clays.

Shell Costs: Estimated Costs are \$6.00 to \$10.00 a box depending on the type of shells.

MTA & ATA Membership: \$10.00 & \$12.00 Respectively. Must be paid to shoot in ATA Registered Shoots and participate in the AIM Clay Target Program events. Membership can be obtained at the KCTA Trap Range. Please provide Mr. Viebrock with your ATA number.

PRACTICE: We encourage everyone to shoot at least once a week during the 2020-2021 school year. **NOTE: All new shooters must attend a range safety demonstration with Mr. Viebrock prior to participating with the Smithville FFA Trap Team.**

COMPETITONS: Our members will participate in the Area 1 FFA Trap League (See Attached Area I FFA Trap League Information), Pheasants Forever Youth Shoot, and the Liberty Dual. On occasion, our Smithville FFA Team may have the opportunity to participate in other shooting events. Near the end of the school year, we will compete in the Missouri State High School Trap Shoot and we will put a team together for the Missouri AIM (Academics, Integrity, & Marksmanship) Shoot in June, and then the Grand American AIM Trap Shoot in Sparta, IL.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT:

Not all shotguns are created equal, and therefore a "Target Shotgun" is the best choice. We recommend a 12 ga., but a 20 ga. will be sufficient. Most important is that the shotgun fit your child to ensure proper shooting stance and avoid developing improper shooting habits. Ideally, a student needs a shell pouch to hold shells during the round, and a padded shooting vest. Our team members have purchased their own personal shooting vests, and are available at a reduced rate for those interested. See Mr. Viebrock.

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

Students are required to wear safety glasses and ear protection.

TRAVEL:

Students will need to provide their own transportation to the Area I FFA League events at the KCTA. If we participate in another shoot outside the school district, then the Smithville FFA Chapter will provide transportation. In the event that a student needs a ride, please give me a call.

FUNDRAISING

Currently, we have not done much fundraising for the Smithville FFA Trap Shooting team. However, we do have a “Trust Fund Account” held by the Missouri Scholastic Shooting Trust Fund” operated by the Potterfield family out of Columbia. Our goal is to raise \$100,000.00 for our trust fund account by 2030, so our FFA shooting team could operate off of the yearly interest for eternity. So if you know someone who would like to donate to the account please have them contact Mr. Viebrock or preview:
<http://www.scholasticshootingtrust.org/>

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Our first trap shoot is September 14th, 2020 at KCTA Trap Range, near Trimble at Smithville Lake. Enclosed with this packet is a list of additional shooting dates for the remainder of the school year.

Parents are encouraged to participate and help out whenever possible.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR NEW SHOOTERS

Please make sure you allow time to meet with Mr. Viebrock before the first shoot to talk about your experience and equipment. Please stay in contact with Mr. Viebrock to ensure communication of the date.

As a team, we will need to decide what time you are going to shoot. At each shoot, there will be four to five flights of shooters going out to the trap houses. I will have to register at least 1 week in advance. This means the Friday before the following Saturday shoots, and the Friday before the next following Monday afternoon shoots. I will need your preference, but can make no guarantees. Please watch your e-mails for notifications.

If you have to miss a shoot one month, then you can make up missed targets at the next months shoot.