

# CLAY CRUSHERS

Spring Branch FFA Shooting Sports Team

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# What Do We Do?

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- Shotgun shooting team, breaking clay discs moving through the air
- Participate in different shotgun events, which are generally:
  - Sporting Clays
  - Trap
  - Skeet
  - 5-Stand
  - Others: Super Sporting, FITASC, Whiz-Bang, Doubles Trap
- Compete against other individuals, FFA teams, and 4-H teams. Event awards are given at the individual and team levels.
- Shooting sports is part of the Wildlife, Fisheries and Ecology Management curriculum for FFA.



# Goals

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- Have fun & BE SAFE. Fun and safety are the two core elements of the program and are part of everything we do.
- Develop personal skills, teach rules & best practices related to shooting and shotguns.
- Enjoy the outdoors and have fun shooting with the team at different locations.
- Continue to bring the sport of shotgun shooting to Spring Branch FFA students.
- You get out of it what you put into it.
- Be competitive and build on past program success.
- Win a State FFA Banner!!



# Safety

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- **ALWAYS** point the gun in a safe direction
- **ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use
- **ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger till ready to shoot



# Tools & Equipment - Guns

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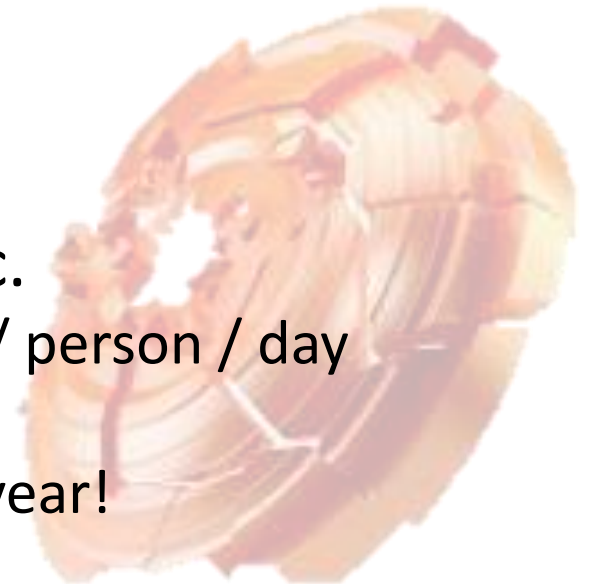
- Need to have access to a gun (own or borrow)
  - Need to buy a new one? Come to first practices to try a few out. Also talk to Mr. Barker or Mr. Johnson
- Type
  - Over / Under
  - Semi-automatic
- Wood, synthetic or camo – your preference!
- Gauge
  - 12 ga – Preferred
  - 20 ga – good
  - Stay away from 16, 28 and 410
- Chokes – Light modified or improved cylinder, modified, and skeet will be all you need for most events



# Tools & Equipment – Ammo

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- How much am I going to need?
  - Each tournament: 100-200 shells
    - Larger, multi-event tournaments like SALE will require more
  - Practice: 50-200 shells
  - Try to buy in Cases (250 shells / case) or Bricks (100 shells)
- Type
  - 7 ½ or 8 shot, nothing larger than 7 ½
  - 1 oz or 1 1/8 oz load (7/8 oz for 20 gauge)
  - Reloads – Okay for practice, generally not for tournaments
- Who has ammo? Academy, Carter's Country, Briley, etc.
  - Briley and Carter's – recently have had cases, limit of 1 case / person / day
  - Academy recently has had cases with a 4 unit limit
  - Now is a good time to stock up on ammo for the rest of the year!



# Tools & Equipment – Other & Clothing

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- For eye and ear protection there are a lot of options at varying price points:
  - Ear Protection
    - Foam/molded/electronic
    - No ear muffs, can interfere with gun
  - Eye Protection
    - Recommend actual shooting glasses over sunglasses
    - Many shooters like multiple lenses for cloudy vs sunny conditions
    - Prices vary significantly from \$10-\$900
- Each athlete will also need
  - Shell Bag or Shooting Vest – we will have a team vest from Barepelt available
  - Jersey – one is required. (We need Team Sponsors!! see Team Sponsor Form)
  - Closed toe shoes – tennis/running, boots, hey dudes
  - Weather appropriate clothing



# Organizations

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- Need to join the following organizations:
  - Spring Branch FFA
  - SCTP – Scholastic Clay Target Program – Allows us to compete in youth only shoots for individual and team awards
  - NSCA – National organization for sporting clays. Throughout year, I'll recommend NSCA shoots. These are excellent development opportunities with more challenging targets
  - ATA – American Trap Association. ATA has a youth only organization – AIM. Join both.





# Calendar

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- Four main tournaments
  - Ag Clays (State FFA Tournament) – Sporting Clays, Trap
  - San Antonio Rodeo (SALE) – Sporting Clays, Trap, Trap Doubles (new this year)
  - Concordia – Participation Qualifier for SALE and Houston Rodeo – Sporting Clays
  - October SCTP
- Other tournaments – Great practice! Shoot as much as you can!
  - SCTP – Start in October. 5 over the next 6 months
  - NSCA – one every weekend ([iclays.com](http://iclays.com), [winscoreonline.com](http://winscoreonline.com), [scorechaser.com](http://scorechaser.com))
  - Charity – including the SBFFA tournament on October 15, please plan to participate in this!
- Can't make Concordia or October SCTP? Get with me and we will find a replacement
- If you are not raising an animal or doing non-livestock projects you can shoot in Houston Rodeo Young Guns in February



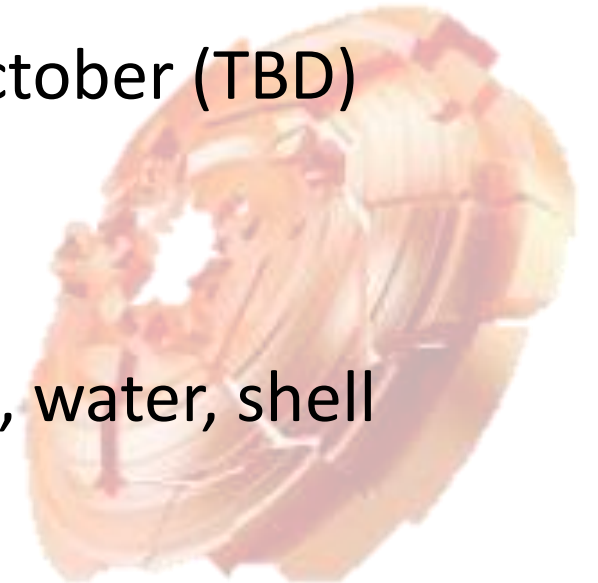
## SBFFA Clay Crushers Shoot Calendar, 2022-23

Date	Name	Events	Location	Registration
Sat. 10/8	Ft Worth Rodeo Shoot	Sporting	Defender, Ft. Worth	winscore by 9/1
<b>Sat. 10/15</b>	<b>SBFFA Fundraiser</b>	<b>Sporting</b>	<b>Texas Premier, Sealy</b>	<b>Coach</b>
Sat. 10/22	Needvilla FFA Charity (Qualifier)	Sporting	Texas Premier, Sealy	Self - iClays - mention SBFFA
<b>Sat. 10/29</b>	<b>SCTP hosted by SCTP</b>	<b>Sporting &amp; Trap</b>	<b>American Shooting Center</b>	<b>Coach</b>
Sat. 11/12	SCTP hosted by SCTP	Sporting & 5-stand	Blackwood, Conroe	Coach
<b>Fri. 12/2</b>	<b>Concordia Battle of the FFAs (Qualifier)</b>	<b>Sporting</b>	<b>Kickapoo, Waller</b>	<b>Coach</b>
Sat. 12/3	Concordia Fundraiser, Charity	Sporting	Kickapoo, Waller	Coach
Sat. 12/10	SCTP hosted by Katy Dusters	Sporting & True Pair	Westside Sporting	Coach
Jan. 1/21	SCTP hosted by Katy Dusters	Sporting and Skeet	Greater Houston Gun Club	Coach
<i>Feb. 9-11</i>	<i>SBFFA Show &amp; Sale</i>	<i>not shoot, noting date</i>		
Feb. 10-12	HLSR: Young Guns (if not raising animal)	Sporting, Skeet	Greater Houston Gun Club	ASTs / Coach
<b>Feb. 15-19, 2023</b>	<b>SALE - San Antonio Rodeo Junior Shootout</b>	<b>Sporting, Trap, Mod. Trap, Super Sporting</b>	<b>NSC, San Antonio</b>	<b>ASTs / Coach</b>
Sat. 3/25	SCTP hosted by Clay Crushers	Sporting, Super Sporting	Texas Premier, Sealy, Tx	Coach
Sat. 4/22	SCTP hosted by SCTP	Skeet, Trap	Greater Houston Gun Club	Coach
May. 6-7	SCTP Regional Championship	Skeet, Trap	Waco Skeet & Trap	Coach
<b>Jun. 4-6</b>	<b>Texas Parks Ag Clays</b>	<b>Sporting, Trap</b>	<b>NSC, San Antonio</b>	<b>ASTs / Coach</b>
Jun. 8-11	State SCTP	Sporting, Trap, Skeet	NSC, San Antonio	Coach
<b>Team Shoots</b>				

# Practice Schedule

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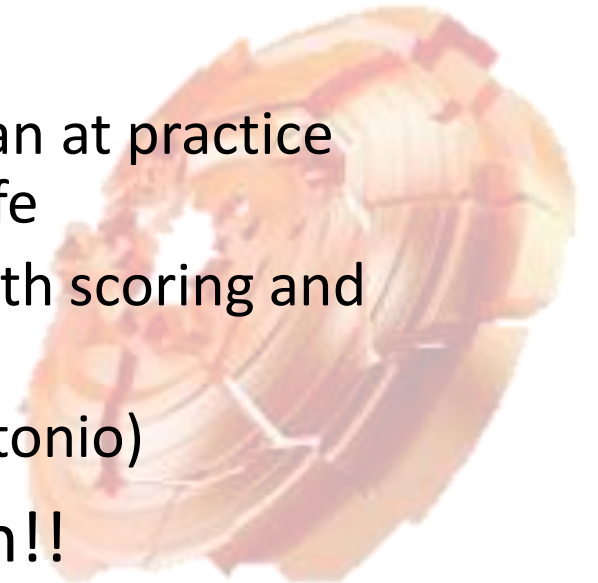
- September
  - 9/17, Saturday, 9am – Attend either Sat or Sun
  - 9/18, Sunday, 3pm – Attend either Sat or Sun
  - 9/25, Sunday, 3pm
  - 10/1, Saturday, 9am
  - 10/2, Sunday, 3pm
- At least one Sunday afternoon per month starting in October (TBD)
- Location: Kickapoo (map in packet)
- What to bring: gun, ammo, chokes, eye/ear protection, water, shell bag or vest, closed toe shoes



# Team Requirements

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- Member of Spring Branch FFA
- Texas State Hunter Education (or Wildlife Management Course)
- Other requirements listed in SBFFA Shooting Sports Contract
- iCEV Ducks Unlimited Certification (by 3/31/2023)
- Parent/Guardian Involvement
  - Not a drop and run sport
  - For students that can drive, need to have one parent/guardian at practice until I'm comfortable that son/daughter knows how to be safe
  - SCTP Tournaments – need a few parents to attend to help with scoring and trapping
  - Parent/guardian to attend out of town tournaments (San Antonio)
- Register for Band app (look for invite) – Communication!!



# How Much Does This Sport Cost?

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- Team Dues: \$150 (may be waived with sponsorship)
- SCTP/NSCA/ATA Memberships: ~\$70
- Jersey: Order at least one (either short sleeve or long sleeve) ~\$70/each
- Vest: Strongly suggested, Barepelt (\$125-150)
- Tournaments: \$75-\$200 in registration for each one
- Practice:
  - Kickapoo: Clay cost included in team dues
  - Other clubs: \$0.30 to \$0.60 per target
- Ammo: \$90-110 / case of 250 shells
  - 100-200 per tournament
  - 50-200per practice
- Travel Costs for San Antonio



# Next Steps

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- Paperwork and money – due in a week on September 13 5-6:30pm. If you cannot make this, contact Mr. Johnson at [sbffaclaycrushers@gmail.com](mailto:sbffaclaycrushers@gmail.com)
- Hunter Education – complete in September
- Start buying ammo
- Team sponsors – sponsorships are affordable and help our team operate! Please solicit sponsors! If an athlete brings a sponsor by September 13 their \$150 fee is waived.
- Questions???

