DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y.
EXTRAVAGANZA AT GREYSTONE CASTLE

S - Shooting
A - Archery
F - Field
E - Excellency
T - Trials for
Y - Youth
DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y. Extravaganza

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1) Quick Overview of the S.A.F.E.T.Y. Program.

2) How To Organize a Youth Event.

3) Helpful Hints and Suggestions
DSC SAFETY Extravaganza

Since 1998…

More than 30 events
61,000 students and parents
2150 volunteer opportunities
Each spring and fall, 125 students along with one of their parents spend a full day of adventure and quality time at the beautiful Greystone Castle in Mingus, TX.
The Dallas Safari Club charters buses from Cabela’s in Fort Worth to Greystone Castle. Following breakfast and a safety introduction, the students will go with their assigned groups to participate in a full day of one-on-one safety instruction with…

- Shotgun
- Rifle
- Pistol
- Crossbow
- Archery
- Black Powder
- Safety Skills Exercise
The students and their parents are taught safety and shooting instruction. Safety is emphasized at every station!
Each station, the students will have one-on-one instruction with a volunteer!
Rifle...
Pistol...
Crossbow...
Archery...
Nice Shot....Robin Hood!!!
Black powder...
Safety Exercise!
Similar to a Hunter Education Skills Exercise
Including Safe Fence Crossing!
Breakfast and Lunch are provided with Falconers on display.
Game Wardens bring their “Wall of Shame”.

A great educational tool!
An outstanding opportunity for youth and parents to spend quality time together.
We hope to see YOU at the DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y. Extravaganza... September 21, 2013
How do you plan a youth shooting event?

Best way - attend a SAFETY event.

Logistics and Planning – MOST IMPORTANT THINGS FIRST!

• Must have a committed volunteer base!
• Create a Youth Event Committee – willing to volunteer a lot of time
• Liability Insurance with Abuse Policy and Volunteer Guidelines (Sexual Predator Check)
• Determine a viable date – must work with the youth invited
• Locate a Youth Group(s) – DEF’s Outdoor Adventures, Boys/Girls Clubs, Churches, Boy Scouts/Girls Scouts, etc.
• Locate a host site or proper shooting facility.
• Purchase own guns, ammo, tents, etc. Rent as little as possible
• Find a way to store equipment. (guns, ammo, decoys, targets, etc.
• Find sponsors and donors for food, water, transportation, ammo, etc.
Shooting Facility.

- Very important and can not be overlooked or understated.
- Students can not attend events unless it is on the weekend; however, gun clubs are usually not available on weekends.
- Spring is more difficult due to activities.
- Land owners may not have liability insurance
- State Parks and Municipal Parks are too difficult due to liability
- Must consider parking availability – buses or car pooling
Possible location to consider:

- **Collin County Outdoor Adventure Camp** – Melissa, TX.

- **Owned by Collin County, operated by Dallas YMCA**

- **Nice facilities, covered pavilion, archery range, lots of land for shooting ranges, plenty of parking.**

- **Must get approval to shoot fire arms**

Consider private gun club outside of DFW area

May have to rent facility

Many locations within 100 miles but must work out all of the details
Leadership Responsibilities – for example:
2 Area Leaders in charge of 3 skill stations each
6 Skill Leaders, one for each station
6 Student Group Leaders
1 Food Preparation Leader
1 Safety, First Aid Leader
2 Volunteer Leaders to organize all volunteers, set-up, take-down, check-in, volunteer registrations, etc.

Timeline:
8 – 10 Weeks to organize each event
Helpful Hints and Suggestions

• Every Student must have a Parent, vital tool for recruitment and retention of future hunter.

• Student name is on the front and back so volunteer evaluators will know who is shooting, participating and following directions at all times.

• Youth and Volunteers are given a t-shirt with donor names listed to differentiate between the parents.

• Youth are given an orange hat so everyone can designate a youth from a volunteer.
Helpful Hints and Suggestions Continued

• 140 volunteers, 125 students/parents are ideal for event; however, start small and build. First event only 25 students attended.

• Youth Committee volunteer time. Estimated 300 man hours to organize and prepare event.

• Make students and parents accountable, charge them!

• Must get student and parent registrations signed in advance. Helps in preparation, communication and accountability.