

Shooting Sports

Armadillo District Round table

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- Learn the requirements to conduct a shooting event at a council camp or on private property.
- what Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing units
 - can
 - and cannot do within shooting sports.
- Five Levels of shooting sports.
- He will also cover training and volunteer opportunities.
- **In every case, the undisputed boss is the range safety officer.**

PURPOSE and Means

Approved

- BSA Shooting Sports Web Page: The purpose of BSA shooting sports is to teach firearm safety while introducing youth to a variety of shooting sports programs. The BSA's shooting sports programs are developed and implemented through age-appropriate training and experiences.
- Rifle Shooting Merit Badge Pamphlet, p.2
 - “. . . all instruction involving any handling of firearms or live ammunition must be supervised by a certified BSA National Camping School (NCS) shooting sports director, or a certified National Rifle Association (NRA) rifle instructor or coach.
 - “. . . both Range Safety Officer (RSO) and instructor must be present” — cannot be same person (two people)
 - It is recommended the merit badge counselor use the 2012 Rifle Shooting merit badge pamphlet No.35942, and the teaching guide found in the National Shooting Sports Manual.”
- National Shooting Sports Manual
 - The Purpose of BSA shooting sports is to introduce youth to shooting. “. . . based on age appropriateness and safety with the goal of developing a positive shooting experience for each youth.”
 - NRA FIRST Steps/BSA Rifle (and Shotgun) Shooting Merit Badge Teaching Guides

Combining NRA First Steps and BSA Merit Badge

To own and use or teach safety and shooting opportunities

- An NRA grant created the combined NRA FIRST Steps/BSA Rifle and Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge Teaching Guides
- To provide beginning shooters with an introduction **to the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to own and use a specific “firearm” model safely.**
- We have now combined the NRA *FIRST Steps* Shotgun Instructor Syllabus with the additions from the BSA requirements necessary to teach the BSA Rifle or Shotgun Merit Badge into one document and **both the BSA and the NRA have approved this document.**
- **This book is to be used by Scouts BSA leaders who are currently certified NRA Rifle Instructors.**
- The advantage to using this document is that our youth will receive a consistently safe and proven instructional training no matter where they are trained in any council within the BSA family.
- BSA Summer Camps have an exemption sentence — not required for summer camp

Cub Scouts

Archery, slingshot and BB gun shooting are prohibited at the pack level.

- Cub Scout shooting sports programs may be conducted only on a district or council level.
- Archery, slingshot and BB gun shooting are restricted to day camps, Cub Scout/Webelos Scout long-term camps, council-managed short-term camps, or to council activities where there are properly trained supervisors and all standards for BSA shooting sports are enforced.
- The use of pellet air rifles is restricted to Webelos Scouts in a long-term camp setting only.

Scouts BSA shooting programs

- Scouts BSA shooting sports can take place at any council- approved property.
- This could include a BSA-approved range or a public or private commercial range or club.
- Scouts BSA members can shoot small-bore rifle, shotgun, muzzleloading rifle, muzzleloading shotguns, and archery
- following the five levels of shooting
 - A first-time shooting experience
 - Open shooting experience
 - Ongoing shooting experience
 - Competitive shooting
 - Becoming an instructor

Venturing and Sea Scouts

Any Caliber and Action

Venturers and Sea Scouts are approved to shoot the same firearms as Scouts BSA: small-bore rifle, shotgun, muzzleloading rifle, muzzleloading shotguns, and archery

And may also shoot rifles, pistols, and revolvers of any caliber or action.

An exception is they may not shoot fully automatic firearms.

The Boy Scout Rifle Shooting Pamphlet

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- Age appropriate requirements
 - Describe how you would react if a friend visiting your home asked to see your or your family's firearm(s).
 - Give the main points of the laws for owning and using guns in your community and state.
 - Explain why BB and pellet air guns must always be treated with the same respect as firearms.
 - Explain to your counselor the proper hygienic guidelines used in shooting.
 - Identify and demonstrate the three fundamental rules for safe gun handling.
 - The NRA says the primary is #1 (pointing)— but the primary for the range officers is #3 (ammunition)

Shooting Sports Training Calendar

Capitol Area Council Shooting Sports Committee

Registration is open

2023

April 15 – NRA Range Safety Officer Training – Fickett

April 22 – Sea Scout Spring Splash – LPSR

May 2 – CAC Shooting Sports Committee – Fickett

May 12-13 – NRA Rifle Instructor Fickett

May 13 – Cub BB/Archery Rangemaster Training – Tom Wooten

May 20 – Archery Level 1 – Tom Wooten

May 19-20 – NRA Rifle Instructor (con't) – Fickett & LPSR

June 17 – Stop The Bleed – Fickett

July 19-28 – National Jamboree

July 22 – NRA Basic Instructor Training

August 4-5 NRA Shotgun Instructor Training – Fickett

August 18 – 19 NRA Shotgun Instructor Training (con't) Fickett and Lost Pines

September 9 – Stop The Bleed – Fickett

September 12 – CAC Shooting Sports Committee

September 30 – Archery Level 1 Training – Tom Wooten (Lodge and Range)

October 7 – NRA RSO Training – Fickett

October 21 – Cub Scout Pumpkinpalooza – Smilin V

October 13-14 – NRA Co-op Muzzleloading Training – Fickett and Lost Pines

November 4 – Tiger Day – Lost Pines

November 11 – Stop The Bleed – Fickett

December 5 – CAC Shooting Sports Committee – Fickett

Questions?