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**University of Scouting**  
**Scouts BSA**  
**Shooting Sports**  
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# Why Have Shooting Sports in Scouts BSA?

- Popular program that promotes recruitment and retention.
- Opportunity to teach Shooting Sports Safety at young age



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# Information Sources

- **BSA Shooting Sports Manual**
  - Can and should be downloaded
  - Changes are often made. Usually the first couple of months in the year
  - Things that are legal today may not be tomorrow and visa versa
  - Always check when planning a Shooting Sports event
- **District Shooting Sports Committee rep**
- **Council Shooting Sports Committee**

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# What Types of Shooting Sports Can Scouts BSA Do?

- **Air Rifle/BB guns (Must be rifle, no handgun allowed)**
  - Must shoot at 540 Feet per second (FPS) or less, no more than 7.5 joules of energy
  - .177 caliber
  - Must have a trigger pull of 2.5 lbs or more
- **Rifle**
  - .22 caliber rimfire only (Short, Long, Long Rifle), **No .22 Magnum!!**
  - Single shot with/without box magazine, **No semi-autos pumps or tube magazines!! No full auto.**
  - Trigger pull 3lbs or more

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# What Types of Shooting Sports Can Scouts BSA Do?

- **Shotgun**
  - 12 Gauge or smaller,
  - Ammo: Shot size 7.5, 8, 9
  - Can be any action type, semi-auto recommended
- **Muzzleloading Rifle/Shotgun**
  - Must be of modern manufacture
  - Kit guns must be inspected by a gunsmith
  - No Flint Locks

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# What Types of Shooting Sports Can Scouts BSA Do?

- **Pistol**

- Allowed in Scouts BSA under VERY Strict regulation!!! Requires instructor certification beyond NRA Pistol Instructor. Currently **Not** approved for NCAC troops

- **Archery**

- Proper sized equipment (15lb+) pull weight
- Target points only, **No broadheads or field points!!**

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# What Types of Shooting Sports Can Scouts BSA Do?

- **Slingshots/Wrist rockets**
  - Ammo must not be hard like stones, ball bearings. Suggest using dog food nuggets.
- **Tomahawk/Knife Throwing**
  - French or Blackhawk—With handles about 18 inches long, and heads weighing from 12 to 24 ounces
  - A kiddy 'hawk or junior Blackhawk—A good choice for young Scouts, this style measures about 10 to 14 inches long, and its head usually weighs about 8 to 12 ounces.

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# What Personnel Do I Need for an Event?

- **Rifle/Air Rifle/BB Gun**

- NRA Certified Rifle Instructor or BSA Shooting Sports Director
- NRA Certified Range Safety Officer
- Instructor and Range Safety Officer can not be same person
- Ratio is 1 Range Officer and Instructor to 8 Boy Scouts

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# What Personnel Do I Need for an Event?

- **Shotgun**

- NRA Certified Shotgun Instructor or BSA Shooting Sports Director
- NRA Certified Range Safety Officer
- Instructor and Range Safety Officer can not be same person
- Range Safety Officer Ratio is 1 Range Officer to 6 Boy Scouts
- Instructor Ratio is 1 to 1 Scout that is currently shooting

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# What Personnel Do I Need for an Event?

- **Muzzleloading**

- NRA Certified Muzzleloading Instructor/NMLR Instructor/BSA Shooting Sports Director
- NRA Certified Range Safety Officer
- Instructor and Range Safety Officer can not be same person
- Range Safety Officer Ratio is 1 Range Officer to 8 Boy Scouts
- Instructor Ratio is 1 to 1 Scout that is currently shooting

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# What Personnel Do I Need for an Event?

- **Archery**
  - USA Archery Level 1 (or greater) Instructor or BSA Shooting Sports Director
  - Ratio 1 to 8
- **Tomahawk/Knife Throwing/Slingshots/Wrist Rockets**
  - Range Master needed
  - Ratio 1 to 1

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# Where Do I Get Training?

- **Firearms**

- <http://nrainstructors.org>
- Search for needed course
- Be sure to select BSA only button on bottom for best price
- Council will offer some training.

- **Archery**

- <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Archery.aspx> to search for courses
- Council will offer some training.

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# Venues

- **Firearms**

- Must be Council property
- Public/private Hunt or Gun Club
- Pre-approved Private land. Must be inspected prior to use in as ready-to-use condition

- **Archery/ Tomahawk/Knife Throwing/Slingshots/Wrist Rockets**

- Anywhere that is safe, legal and can be setup per BSA guidelines
- Guideline links on [MyScouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org)

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# Targets

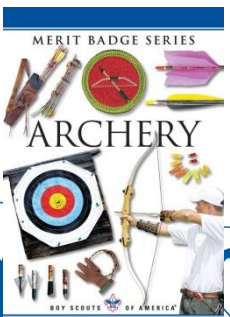
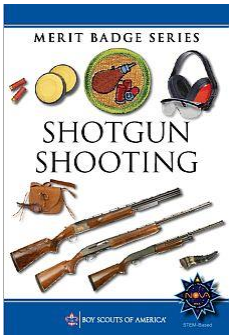
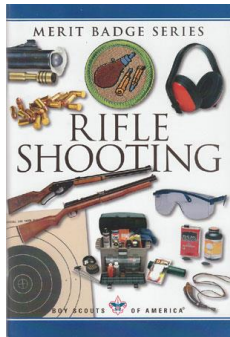
- **May not be human like or shape (includes “Zombie” targets) for Scouts BSA**
- **Tasteful representation of “normal” game animals allowed**

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# Merit Badge Program



All Range operations for merit badge instruction and requirement completion must be under control of a currently NRA certified instructor (or USA Archery Instructor) and a currently certified NRA Range Safety Officer.

Currently less than 20% of the merit badge counselors in the NCAC are properly certified to manage the range activities and on range shooting required for a scout to complete the merit badge.

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# 5 Levels of Shooting Sports

- **In general, the five levels are:**
  - A first-time shooting experience
  - Open shooting experience
  - Ongoing shooting experience
  - Competitive shooting
  - Becoming an instructor
- **Levels define what is needed in terms of staff/participant training and what equipment is allowed**

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# New Shooting Sports Programs for Scouts BSA

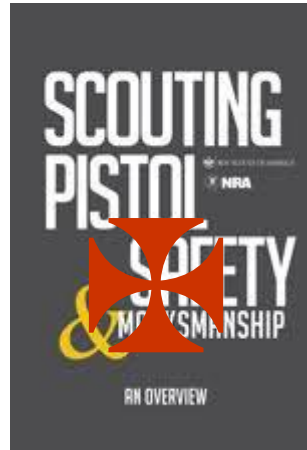
- **Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Program**
- **Chalk-ball**
- **Cowboy Action Shooting**
- **Airsoft Multigun**
- **Sporting Arrows**

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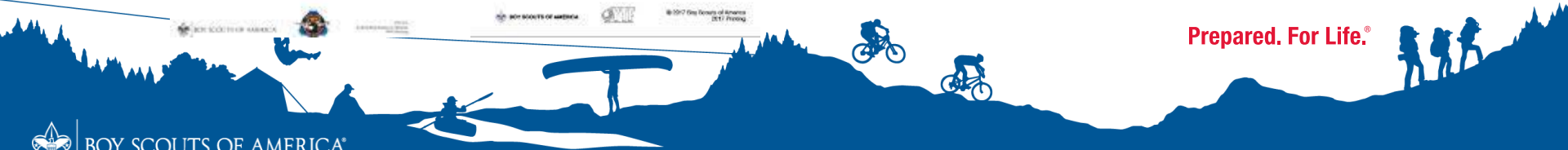
# New BSA Shooting Initiatives



**Only Multi-Gun Airsoft is currently approved for NCAC Troop or District events.**



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# Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Program

- **Council and District Level Event ONLY!!**
- **Requires Council and National Signed Agreement**
- **NOT A UNIT LEVEL EVENT!!!**
- **Scouts have to be Venture age (14 or 13 & finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- **Must complete Scout Pistol Program Training which is 4 hours long and requires one book per scout.**

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# Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Program (Continued)

- Level 3 event requires one NRA Certified Instructor for every 2 shooters and one NRA Certified RSO for every 3 shooters.
- One RSO and Instructor must have “Super Special BSA Scout Pistol training”.
- Currently available at 4 places in the US.
- **Only .22 caliber pistols can be used!!**

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# Chalk Ball

- **Council and District Level Event ONLY!!**
- **Requires Council and National Signed Agreement**
- **NOT A UNIT LEVEL EVENT!!!**
- **Level 2 event. Requires an NRA RSO plus one NRA Instructor at each station**
- **Any Scout can participate**

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# Cowboy Action Shooting

- **Council and District Level Event ONLY!!**
- **Requires Council and National Signed Agreement**
- **NOT A UNIT LEVEL EVENT!!!**
- **Scouts have to be Venture age (14 or 13 & finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- **Uses .22 single action pistol, .22 lever action rifle, 12 or 20 gauge shotgun**

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# Cowboy Action Shooting

- **Level 2 event**
- **Requires a NRA Certified RSO + a NRA Instructor Certified in firearm/s used at each station dressed in Cowboy Attire**

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# Airsoft Multi-gun

- **Council and District Level Event ONLY!!**
- **Requires Council and National Signed Agreement**
- **CAN BE A UNIT LEVEL EVENT!!!**
- **Must have District Executive and Council Shooting Sports Committee approval**
- **Patterned after NRA 3-gun. Uses Airsoft pistol, rifle and shotgun**

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# Airsoft Multi-gun

- Any Scout can participate
- Can be run with a BB gun rangemaster that has an “Airsoft endorsement”
- Coaches at each station can be 14+ old scouts authorized by Airsoft Instructor
- **Requires Brand Specific equipment that is not cheap (\$750.00 per station estimate)**

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# Unauthorized Activities, Weaponry, and Ammunition Include, but are Not Limited to:

- **Flintlock rifles and flintlock shotguns**
- **Reloading ammunition and using reloaded ammunition**
- **Crossbows**
- **Bottle rockets**

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# Unauthorized Activities, Weaponry, and Ammunition Include, but are Not Limited to:

- Exploding targets of any kind
- Short-barreled rifles or short-barreled shotguns
- Destructive devices or other regulated items such as grenades
- Firearms included in the National Firearms Act

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# Unauthorized Activities, Weaponry, and Ammunition Include, but are Not Limited to:

- **Cannons (Their use is limited to council camp ceremonies only and must follow the BSA's guidelines for cannon use.)**
- **Ballistas**
- **Boomerangs**
- **Blow guns**
- **Anvil shooting**

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# Unauthorized Activities, Weaponry, and Ammunition Include, but are Not Limited to:

- **Ninja weapons such as stars, spikes, and torpedoes, and activities such as shovel throwing**
- **Spears**
- **Spear guns**
- **Potato guns**

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# NCAC Resources

- So You Want To Hold a Shooting Sports Activity in Your Unit or District
- Where to Shoot
- NCAC Shooting Sports Standard Operating Procedures **NEW!!**
- NCAC Shooting Sports Calendar

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/outdoor-adventuring/shooting-sports/>

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# Questions?

**Thanks for spending your time  
today to help your youth have a  
better tomorrow!!**

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