



# NCAC Venturing Shooting Sports EAC 207





# Why Have Shooting Sports in Venturing?

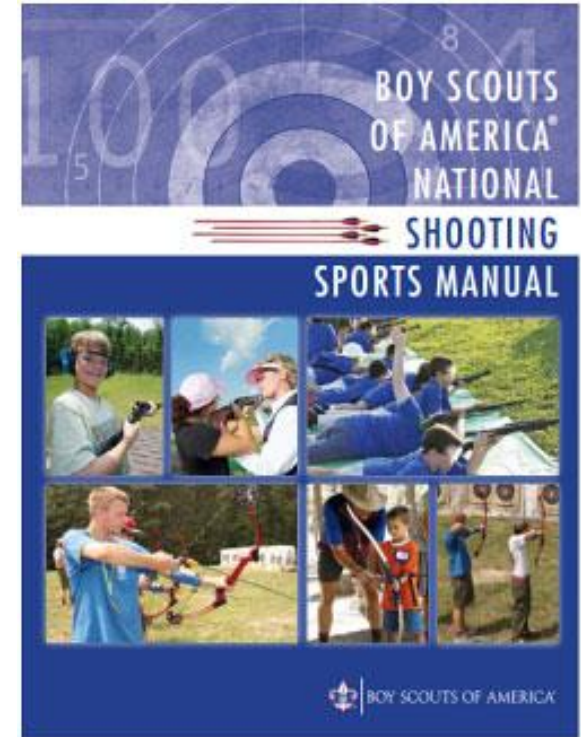
- Popular program that promotes recruitment and retention.
- Opportunity to teach Shooting Sports Safety at young age





# Information Sources

- Guide to Safe Scouting
- BSA Shooting Sports Manual
  - Can and should be downloaded
  - Changes are often made. Usually the first couple of months in the year (download latest updates)
  - 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





# What Types of Shooting Sports Can Be Done in Venturing?

- Air Rifle/BB guns (Rifle and handgun allowed)
  - Must have a trigger pull of 2.5 lbs or more
- Rifle
  - Any action or caliber that is legal in location being used
  - Trigger pull 3lbs or more
  - May not be an NFA firearm





# What Types of Shooting Sports Can Be Done in Venturing?

- Shotgun
  - 12 Gauge or smaller,
  - Ammo: Shot size 7.5, 8, 9
  - Can be any action type, semi-auto recommended
- Muzzleloading Rifle/Shotgun/Pistol
  - Must be of modern manufacture
  - Kit guns must be inspected by a gunsmith





# What Types of Shooting Sports Can Be Done in Venturing?

- Pistol
  - Any action or caliber that is legal in location being used
  - Trigger pull 3lbs or more
  - May not be an NFA firearm
- Archery
  - Proper sized equipment (20lb+) pull weight
  - Target points only, No broadheads (unless hunting)





# What Types of Shooting Sports Can Be Done in Venturing?

- 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.





# 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 Venturers







# 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 Venturers
  - Instructor Ratio is 1 to 1 Venturer that is currently shooting





# What Personnel Do I Need for an Event?

- Pistol
  - NRA Certified Pistol Instructor or BSA Shooting Sports Director with Pistol endorsement
  - NRA Certified Range Safety Officer
  - Instructor and Range Safety Officer can not be same person
  - Range Safety Officer Ratio is 1 Range Officer to 3 Venturers
  - Instructor Ratio is 1 to 1 or 2 Venturers depending of what level of activity that is currently shooting





# 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 Venturers
  - Instructor Ratio is 1 to 1 Venturer that is currently shooting





# What Personnel Do I Need for an Event?

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





# 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. Will eventual be on Council Shooting Sports Web Site
- Archery
  - <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Archery.aspx> to search for courses
  - Council will offer some training. Will eventual be on Council Shooting Sports Web Site





# Venue

- 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 [My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org)





# Targets

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





# 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





# Venturing Outstanding Shooting Sports Achievement

Venturers who go beyond the basic requirement and complete five of the seven shooting disciplines will earn the Venturing Shooting Sports Outstanding Achievement Award. This beautiful medal and certificate are sponsored by many companies and organizations in the shooting sports industry to recognize outstanding achievement in shooting sports



<http://scouting.org/filestore/pdf/shooting.pdf>



# Sea Scout Marksmanship Program

To earn this award, Sea Scouts must begin with the Basic Shooter requirements after choosing the discipline or disciplines (rifle, shotgun, or pistol). A Scout may choose to learn how to shoot more than one firearm. A Sea Scout Shooting Sports Medal is earned after a Sea Scout completes the Basic Shooter level, no matter what discipline they shoot. From the main medal, small metal bars attach that show the Scout's discipline and level of accomplishment. Sea Scouts only wear that bar for the highest level they have achieved. If a Scout shoots all three disciplines, they will have the maximum number of bars suspended from their medal.





# NRA Law Enforcement Exploring Marksmanship Qualification Program

Law Enforcement Explorer Posts and their supporting agencies can benefit greatly by enrolling their Explorers in the NRA Law Enforcement Exploring Marksmanship Qualification Program. This program provides the opportunity for Explorers to learn the safe and proper handling of handguns while helping them increase their shooting proficiency at their own pace to achieve challenging but attainable scores. Performance is measured against established par scores and any Explorer who meets or exceeds those scores is entitled to the corresponding recognition awards for the rating earned.





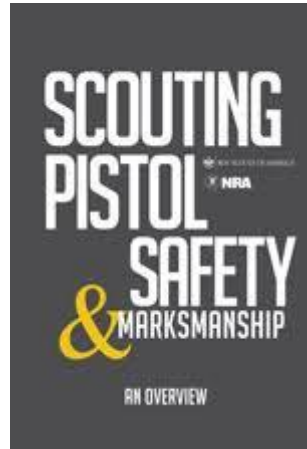
# New Shooting Sports Programs for Venturing

- Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Program
- Chalk-ball
- Cowboy Action Shooting
- Airsoft Multi-gun
- Competitive Shotgun Program

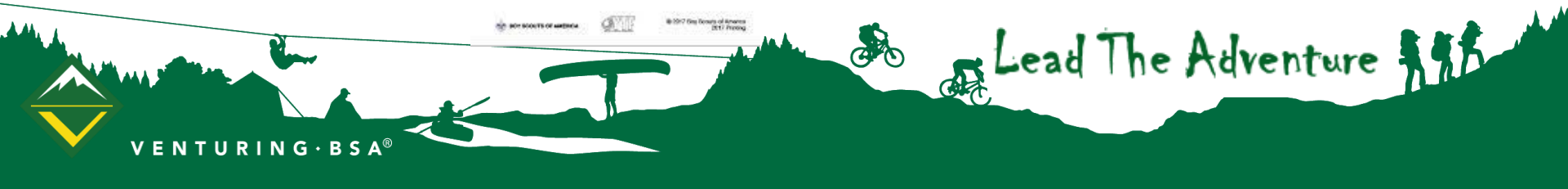




# New BSA Shooting Initiatives



**Pistol, Multi=Gun Airsoft and Scholastic Competiton programs are currently not approved for NCAC Crew or District events.**





# Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Program

- Council and District Level Event ONLY!!
- Requires Council and National Signed Agreement
- NOT A UNIT LEVEL EVENT!!!
- Must complete Scout Pistol Program Training which is 4 hours long and requires one book per scout.
- Restricted to Venturers in NCAC





# 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!!**





# Competitive Shotgun Program

The BSA partnered with the Youth Target Foundation (YTF) to provide competitive shotgun shooting experiences for Venturing crews. This program uses the standard YTF competitive shotgun program.

This is a Level 4 Shotgun Competitive Shooting Sports program as outlined in the Boy Scouts of America National Shooting Sports Manual, all requirements for a Level 4 Competitive Shooting Sports Program should be followed.







# Competitive Shotgun Program

Youth members shall have completed either NRA Basic Shotgun Course before or upon becoming a member of the shooting sports team. In addition, youth are required to take YTF team training on safe firearms handling and YTF rules. Youth may not practice with the team, nor enter any competitive matches with their unit until all training is complete.

The BSA registered adult serving as the YTF Head Coach must:

- Follow all rules related to age and training required to be a Venturing Advisor.
- Register as the Head Coach with YTF.
- Hold a current certification as an NRA shotgun instructor.
- Attend YTF coach training.

An NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) must also be present during all team practices and competitions.





# 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





# 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





# 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





# 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





# 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)**





# 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
- 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





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







# 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/>





# Questions?

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

