



# **NCAC**

## **University of Scouting**

### **Scouts BSA**

### **Range and Target Sports**

## **EAC 206**





# Introductions

- **Instructors**
  - Members of the NCAC Range and Target Sports (Shooting Sports) Committee
- **Who do we have with us today?**





# Today We're Covering

- **Why Scouts BSA Range & Target Sports**
- **Types of Activities & Equipment**
- **Qualified Supervision Standards & Training**
- **Where to Shoot**
- **Information Resources**

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# Why Have Range & Target Sports in Scouts BSA?

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







# SAFETY ALWAYS COMES FIRST!



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**Suit against Boy Scouts: 'Pattern of failures' led to fatal shooting of 11-year-old at Hawaii campsite**



**3 to face firearms offenses in child's shooting death at Hawaii Boy Scouts camp**

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# SAFETY ALWAYS COMES FIRST!

- **Advance Approval by Council is Required for All District and Troop Range & Target Sports Events**
  - Approval delegated to NCAC Shooting Sports Committee
  - Requires minimum of 90 days lead time
- **NCAC Unit/District Event Review Form Available on NCAC Shooting Sports Page**



## NCAC Shooting Sports Unit/District Event Review (v11d)

All requests to allow or support a shooting sport (archery, rifle, pistol, shotgun, slingshot, BB) at any event held in NCAC (Council, District, Unit) must be submitted in a timely manner using the form below. The event is not authorized for shooting sports unless event approval is received from the NCAC Shooting Sports Committee. Send the completed form to the Committee Chairman Demi Pulas ([K4BSA@verizon.net](mailto:K4BSA@verizon.net)) and Vice-Chair for Administration Brian Suddeth ([Brian@Suddeth.com](mailto:Brian@Suddeth.com)) for review to ensure appropriate standards for qualified supervision, approved range, and appropriate equipment are covered and the activity is logged for NCAC records.

Please follow these guidelines for submission:







# What Types of Range & Target Sports Can Scouts BSA Do?



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# What Types of Range & Target Sports Can Scouts BSA Do?

- **Air Rifle/BB Rifle**

- Air rifles must shoot at 540 feet per second (FPS) or less, .177 caliber pellets
- Eye Protection Required

- **Rifle**

- .22 caliber rimfire bolt action (.22 Short, Long, LR)  
With/without box magazine  
**No semi-autos, pump/lever action, high-capacity or tube magazines.**
- Prone or supported bench positions recommended
- Eye and Ear Protection Required



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# What Types of Range & Target Sports Can Scouts BSA Do?

- **Shotgun**

- 12 Gauge or smaller
- Ammo: Shot size 7.5, 8, 9 (typical skeet/trap shot sizes)
- Can be any action type, semi-auto recommended
- Straightaway trap recommended
- Eye and Ear Protection Required

- **Muzzleloading Rifle/Shotgun**

- Must be of modern manufacture
- Kit guns must be inspected  
by a gunsmith
- Percussion cap (sidelock or inline)





# What Types of Range & Target Sports Can Scouts BSA Do?

- **Archery**

- Proper sized equipment (15lb+) pull weight
- Recurve or Compound Bows
- Arrows in good condition with target points
  - No broadheads/field points
- Arm-guard, thumb tabs, ground quiver, etc.
- Appropriate target butts and target faces (round or box targets)
  - No animal targets





# What Types of Range & Target Sports Can Scouts BSA Do?

- **Slingshots/Wrist rockets**

- Ammo must not be hard (no stones, etc.)
- Biodegradable preferred: suggest dog kibbles
- Targets can be hanging “reactive” targets
- Eye protection required



- **Tomahawk/Knife Throwing**

- French or Blackhawk— full size or junior OK
- Fixed-blade knives designed for throwing  
not Scout pocket knives or hunting knives







# Prohibited Activities Include but are Not Limited to

- **Flintlock rifles and shotguns**
- **Centerfire rifles** (except at Philmont, Summit, etc.)
- **Reloaded ammunition** (except Philmont)
- **Crossbows**
- **Bottle rockets or fireworks**
- **Exploding targets of any kind**
- **NFA Firearms/devices** (e.g., machine guns, SBRs)





# 5 Levels of Scouts BSA Range & Target Sports

- **In general, the five levels are:**
  1. A first-time introductory shooting experience
  2. **Open shooting experience** (most common unit level)
  3. **Ongoing shooting experience** (e.g., MB program)
  4. Competitive shooting
  5. Becoming an Instructor
- **Levels define what is needed in terms of participant/staff training and what equipment is allowed**





# Qualified Supervision is Required!



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# Qualified Supervision is Required!

- **Rifle/Air Rifle/Muzzleloading**

- Current NRA Certified Rifle Instructor or BSA Shooting Sports Director **AND** NRA Certified Range Safety Officer (2 people)
- Ratio: Air/Rimfire: 1 Instructor AND 1 RSO to 8 Scouts
- Muzzleloading: NRA/NMLR ML Instructor 1:1 Ratio AND 1:8 RSO

- **Shotgun**

- Current NRA Certified Shotgun Instructor or BSA Shooting Sports Director **AND** NRA Certified Range Safety Officer
- Ratio: 1 to 1 Instructor to Scout that is currently shooting AND 1 to 6 RSO







# Qualified Supervision is Required!

- **Archery**
  - Current USA Archery Level 1 (or higher) Instructor (Must be 18+) or BSA Shooting Sports Director
  - Ratio 1 to 8
- **Tomahawk/Knife Throwing**
  - Responsible adult (18+) familiar with the use of tomahawk/knife throwing and appropriate adults
  - Ratio: 1 to 4
- **Slingshots/Wrist Rockets**
  - Current BB Gun Rangemaster
  - Ratio: 1 to 4





# Where Do I Get Training?

- **Firearms**

- <http://nrainstructors.org>
- Search for needed course
- Check for BSA discounts



- **Archery**

- <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Archery.aspx> to search for courses

- **Council will directly offer some training**





# What Training will the Scouts Need for an Event?

- **All Events**

- Range and Safety Briefing
- Specifics depend on activity and level

- **Firearms Events**

- BSA Presentation PowerPoint specific to firearm type (Shotgun or Rifle), presented by a current Certified Instructor in that discipline <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/scouts-bsa-shooting-sports/>

**OR**

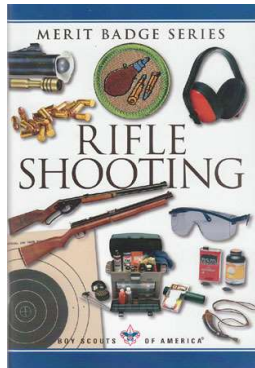
- Merit Badge Program or NRA First Steps or Basic Training for firearm type (Shotgun or Rifle)



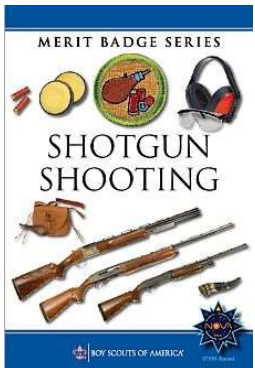




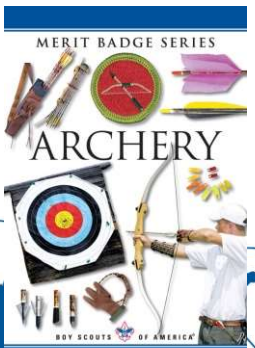
# Merit Badge Program



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



**WARNING:** some merit badge counselors are not properly certified to manage the range and shooting required for the merit badge



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# Where Can Scouts Shoot?



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# Where Can Scouts Shoot?

- **Firearms**
  - National & Council Camps
  - Public/private Gun Club or Range
  - *Pre-approved* Private land. Must be inspected by NCAC-approved CRSO prior to use in ready-to-use condition
- **Archery/ Tomahawk/Knife Throwing /Slingshots**
  - Anywhere that is safe, legal and can be setup per BSA guidelines
  - Guideline links in [BSA National Shooting Sports Manual](#)





# New Nat'l/Council Level Programs for Scouts BSA

***None Currently Available in NCAC (you may find them at a National High Adv. Base or a few Council Camps)***

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





# Information Resources



***Sooo Much Information! Help?***



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# Information Resources

## NCAC Shooting Sports Page

([ncacbsa.org/shooting-sports](http://ncacbsa.org/shooting-sports))

- **Links to many resources**
  - BSA Shooting Sports Manual
  - So You Want To Hold a Shooting Sports Activity
  - District & Unit Authorization Form
  - Where to Shoot
  - NCAC Shooting Sports Standard Operating Procedures
- **Council Shooting Sports Committee**
- **District Shooting Sports Committee rep**



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# Information Resources

## BSA National Shooting Sports Manual

- Can and should download when planning an event
  - Use Current Version from [scouting.org](http://scouting.org) or NCAC Shooting Sports site – updates are made often
  - Always check when planning a Shooting Sports event

## BSA Shooting Sports Resource Page

([scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports](http://scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports))





# Questions?



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