Welcome to GS 116
All About Shooting Sports
This course will explain:

- The shooting sports programs available
- National standards regarding shooting sports
  - New National Standards for 2016!
- Council-sponsored shooting opportunities
- Adult training requirements
What is so special about Shooting Sports?

It teaches responsibility and sportsmanship.

It teaches self-discipline, self-control, and self-reliance.

It teaches logic and citizenship.

It teaches concentration.

It teaches safe habits and safe attitudes.

It's FUN!!!
Cub Scouts

Shooting sports are an approved part of the Cub Scout program ONLY at a council-approved Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Scout Resident Camp, Cub Scout Family Camp or council-sponsored activity where there are properly trained supervisors and all standards are enforced.
At camp, Cub Scouts have an opportunity to take part in a BB gun or archery safety and marksmanship program under the direction of trained Cub Scout Shooting Sports Range Officers. Archery and BB Shooting may not be done at the pack or den level. Cub Scouts are NOT permitted to use any other type of handgun or firearm.
Cub Scouts

Slingshots and wrist-rockets are done with a certified range person controlling the range, and a 1:1 ratio of adults to shooters.
The Boy Scout shooting sports program includes:

- Archery merit badge & ranges
- Rifle merit badge & ranges
- Shotgun merit badge & ranges
- Muzzle loading ranges
- Throwing knives & tomahawk ranges
- Sporting Arrows
To become an Archery merit badge counselor, or to run an archery range, you must:

1) Have current BSA merit badge counselor registration,
2) Have current YPT (Youth Protection Training),
3) Have completed NAA (National Archery Assoc.) or NFAA [National Field Archery Assoc.] Level-1 training, or equivalent and
4) Have current NAA Level-1 (or higher) certification, or equivalent current certification.
To become a Rifle or Shotgun merit badge counselor, you must:

1) Have current BSA merit badge counselor registration,
2) Have current YPT (Youth Protection Training) certification, and
3) Hold current NRA Instructor Certification for Rifle, Muzzle Loading Rifle, Shotgun, or Muzzle Loading Shotgun
Important Note:

Holding current certification in rifle does not qualify an individual to serve as a merit badge counselor for shotgun.

Holding current certification for shotgun does not qualify an individual to serve as a merit badge counselor for rifle.

Having current NRA RSO (Range Safety Officer) certification is not required for individuals wanting to be merit badge counselors.
Troops wanting to conduct **rifle shooting activities** must meet the following requirements:

All rifle shooting activities must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified Rifle Instructor and when on the range, must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified Range Safety Officer (RSO).

**A 1:8 ratio (instructor to shooter) is mandatory.**

**A 1:8 ratio (RSO to shooter) is also mandatory.**
Troops wanting to conduct **shotgun shooting** activities must meet the following requirements:

All shotgun shooting activities must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified Shotgun Instructor and when on the range, must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified Range Safety Officer (RSO).

A 1:1 (instructor to student) ratio is mandatory.
Boy Scouts

Troops wanting to conduct **muzzle load shooting activities** must meet the following requirements:

All muzzle load range shooting activities must be supervised by a currently NRA/NMLR-certified Muzzle Loading Firearms Instructor and when on the range, must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified Range Safety Officer (RSO).

A 1:1 (instructor to student) ratio is mandatory.
The Venture Scout shooting sports program includes:

- Archery
- Rifle [also high power]
- Shotgun
- Muzzle Loading firearms
- Pistol
- Sporting Arrows
- Throwing knives & Tomahawks
Venture Scouts

Venture Crews wanting to conduct shooting activities must meet the same requirements for the individual shooting sports (archery, rifle, shotgun, muzzle loading) as already mentioned.

Instructor to shooter ratios (1:8 for archery and rifle, 1:1 for shotgun, muzzle loading firearms and pistol) are mandatory.

Additionally, all participants must have current Venture registrations.

*NRA Basic Pistol Instruction is required for youth prior to any handgun shooting activity. (The range qualification portion of this course must be met prior to any handgun shooting activity.)
Before shooting, Units should also consult –

1. Guide to Safe Scouting, Section VIII, Guns and Firearms
5. Guide to Advancement
6. Private Property Approval [PPC SSC resource page]
Procedure to shoot on Private Property

- Plan ahead to allow time for site visits and approval using this form [on PPC BSA website at the link below]
Cub Scout Shooting Sports Range Officer Training is typically offered in the spring, in preparation for the upcoming day and resident camp sessions.

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Range Officer Training consists of two parts – classroom instruction and practical (or range) instruction.

Minimum age requirement is 18 years of age; Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts under 18 may also take training, however, per National Standards, may not be certified.
NAA (Archery) Instructor Certification is offered once each year, and is usually held at council.

NAA Level-1 training consists of 8-12 hours of instruction for certification.
NRA Instructor training requires participants to:

- Attend a pre-course interview
- Complete NRA Basic Instructor Training (BIT)
- Satisfactorily complete pre-course qualification
- Complete instructor course(s) in Rifle, Muzzle Loading Rifle, Shotgun, and/or Muzzle Loading Shotgun
- Be approved by NRA Training Counselors conducting the course(s).
NRA training designates participants aged 13-17 years old as Apprentice Instructors, participants 18 years and older as Assistant Instructors, and participants 21 years and older as Certified Instructors.

Council-offered NRA training is offered annually during the spring or as scheduled by an NRA Training Counselor and consists of multiple sessions. Training sessions may be at either council or Camp Alexander, depending on the session being offered.
NRA Basic Pistol Instruction is mandatory for all Venture Scouts wanting to shoot pistol.

NRA Basic Pistol Instruction certification consists of both classroom and range (practical) sessions.

Participants must have current Venture registration or current dual (troop-crew) registration.
Shooting Sports Committee

The Pikes Peak Council Shooting Sports Committee serves three (3) primary purposes:

1) To define a consistent set of safe and appropriate procedures and standards for shooting sports activities,
2) To provide the training required to conduct shooting sports activities following these procedures and standards,
3) To conduct council-wide shooting sports activities and where possible support unit-level activities.
Council Shooting Events

Archery, Rifle & Shotgun Merit Badge Days

• Day-long events [or more]
• Offered twice per year (spring & fall)
• Held either at council or Camp Alexander, depending on event activity
• Limited class sizes
• Perfect for Scouts needing to qualify on ranges!
• Council now has air rifles to make it easier to qualify with indoor shooting for Rifle Merit Badge
Council Shooting Events

Shoot-o-rama

• Archery, rifle and shotgun shooting
• Muzzle loading firearm shooting as well
• Throwing knives & Tomahawks
• Pistol & High-power Rifle shooting for Venture Scouts only
• Open to currently registered Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, Explorers, Venture Scouts, Varsity Teams and adult Scouters (no Cub Scouts or Webelos)
• Great opportunity to complete range qualifications for partials on blue cards
Council Shooting Events

District Camporees (Boy Scouts)
• Shooting activities depend on event theme and event planning

Cub Shoot-o-ree (Cub Scouts)
• Cub Scout archery and BB shooting ranges
• September 24th
• Held at Camp Alexander
Cub Scout Day Camps and Cub Scout Resident Camps

- Saturday one-day day camps during June & July
- Day camps open to Scouts, grades 1 thru 5
- Resident camp held over 2 weekends in August
- Cub Scout archery and BB shooting ranges at all Resident camps
2016 Shooting Sports Manual Changes

• To be released on February 14, 2016!
Questions?