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## 2007: Another Successful Year

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As 2007 draws to a close, the NRA Training Department has a great deal of exciting news and changes to announce. We would also like to wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season and New Year.

The Instructor Program experienced an incredible amount of growth in 2007. The number of NRA Certified Instructors has risen to over 53,000 and continues to grow. Although not all of these 53,000 instructors are actively teaching, many are providing various types of support to those who are actively teaching. Other instructors are helping at their clubs and ranges to promote the shooting sports and the safe, responsible handling of firearms. We truly appreciate the efforts of all instructors in supporting the shooting sports, firearms safety and personal protection.

Online renewal of instructor and training counselor credentials is now a reality! A great number of instructors and training counselors have already taken advantage of this quick and easy renewal method. Renewals can be processed at [www.nra.org/training](http://www.nra.org/training). From this site, you may also access the rest of the Training Department's web pages and report basic training courses that you have conducted. Any changes or corrections to be made during the renewal process must be handled via telephone and can be done by calling the Credentials office at (703) 267-1427 or by printing the changes on the renewal form and mailing it with your remittance.

As announced in the Summer 2007 edition of the UPDATE (Issue 43), Winchester Ammunition has become the sponsor of the newly renamed Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program. Since Instructor Candidates receive a student packet which includes a qualification program booklet, we are withdrawing the booklet from the Instructor Candidate packets to eliminate duplications. In those instances where you have accumulated extra qualification booklets, please distribute them to shooters of all ages at your facility and encourage them to embark upon a self-paced personal marksmanship improvement program. You may return entire packets for credit, but partial packets cannot be returned for a refund or exchange. Please send any returns along with a copy of your packing slip to NRA Program Materials Return, 891 Auto Parts Place, Suite 1, Martinsburg, West Virginia 25403.

The importance of hearing protection and the effect that shooting related noise can have on one's hearing was featured in the last edition of the UPDATE. As shooting educators, our obligation to promote hearing protection is two-fold: not only must we set an example by always using appropriate hearing protection, but we must also educate shooters on the importance of protecting their hearing and how hearing loss can affect quality of life. The Education and Training Division is pleased to be working with Starkey Laboratories to promote and educate shooters on

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the importance of hearing protection and to incorporate these ideas into our Training Program. For more information on our partnership with Starkey and the plan to increase education regarding hearing protection, refer to the article on page 5.

As always, we encourage instructors to teach NRA Certified courses. However, should you choose to teach a course of your own or someone else's design, you cannot issue an NRA course completion certificate for that particular course. If you award a certificate and indicate that you are an NRA instructor, you must include a clear

disclaimer that your course is not NRA approved or recognized. The disclaimer, "This is not an NRA Approved Course" in print equal to or larger than the size print used for the title of your course should be placed on any advertisements or certificates in which you use the title "NRA Certified Instructor."

2008 promises to be a prosperous year for the Training Department and the Education & Training Division. We look forward to continuing our goals of improving and expanding our current programs, as well as revising and updating materials. As always, teach well and be safe!

—Mitch

## Hat Tip

Our Web designers are constantly striving to provide you with the easiest way to locate NRA Programs near you. Did you know that you can visit the NRA Programs Website and search for specific programs, training, Friends of NRA events, etc. near you? Go to [www.nra.org/programs.aspx](http://www.nra.org/programs.aspx) and click on the "FIND NRA NEAR YOU." You will be able to search by zip, city, or state. You can narrow your search by including the radius in miles as well.

## TRAINER'S QUIZ

1. Can I advertise classes on the NRA's website?
2. What is the standard turn around time for processing credentials?
3. Why do I have to take the Student level Class for NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home prior to attending Instructor training?
4. How can I communicate with the NRA Training Department more effectively?
5. I want to train NRA instructors. What are the requirements?

The answers to these frequently asked questions can be found on page 16.

## Youth Programs Update

### **Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program**

In 2007, 249 shooters achieved the Distinguished Expert rating. In addition, 20 shooters attained Double Distinguished Expert rating by becoming a Distinguished Expert in two of the three discipline areas, which are rifle, pistol and shotgun. Likewise, seven shooters attained the highest level of recognition, the Triple Distinguished Expert rating by becoming a Distinguished Expert in all three disciplines. Many youth participated in the Marksmanship Qualification Program, but many of the Double and Triple Distinguished Experts have been adults. For more information contact the Marksmanship Qualification Coordinator, Barry Ranney at (703) 267-1505 or [branneym@nrahq.org](mailto:branneym@nrahq.org).

### **Cooperative Groups Program**

Kahr Arms offers an instructor discount program for certified instructors who want to use one of their pistols in class instruction. The products priced under this program generally represent a 51% discount off MSRP. Contact Frank Harris at [frankharris@kahr.com](mailto:frankharris@kahr.com) (Northeast), Art Moore at [artmoore@kahr.com](mailto:artmoore@kahr.com), (Southeast/Midwest), or Jodi DePorter at [jodideporter@kahr.com](mailto:jodideporter@kahr.com) (West region) for the application form that outlines several restrictions, including the need to document your current status as an Instructor.

In coordination with Kahr, Cylinder & Slide offers customized work in various stages from a smooth trigger job and re-crowned muzzle to a full-on carry package complete with kydex holster, flashlight and knife. Once you have your gun, contact Cylinder & Slide at (800) 448-1713 to place your deposit. (Look for a new "Instructor" package option when deciding what custom work you want done at Cylinder & Slide.) When they're ready to begin work on your gun, they will contact you, thus allowing you to enjoy your gun in the meantime. Note that certain polishing customization options cannot be performed on a "black" gun. Of course, an FFL will need to be provided to Kahr with your order." For more information contact Chip Lohman, Cooperative Programs coordinator, at (703) 267-1550 or [clohman@nrahq.org](mailto:clohman@nrahq.org).

### **NRA's Youngest Triple Distinguished Expert**

Jonathan Burns of Woodbridge, Va., joined a very elite group of marksmen this past July, becoming the youngest Triple Distinguished Expert in the history of the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program.

Distinguished Expert is the highest possible rating that a shooter can attain and is comparable to a competitively classified sharpshooter. "The honor of having it and knowing that very few people can do it is big," said Burns, age 15. "It took two years to get it overall. My dad trained me in all of the different aspects of shooting. It was good father-son time with him being there every step of the way."

Having reached his goal of becoming a Triple Distinguished Expert, Burns is now focused on earning a spot on his high school's air rifle team. He hopes to one day shoot competitively in college, and ultimate to make the Olympic team. To learn more about the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program, please call 703-267-1505 or visit [www.nrahq.org/education/training/marksmanship](http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/marksmanship).

### **Shooting Sports Camp Program**

The 2008 Shooting Sports Camp packet, that includes the NRA DAY Informational camp flyer, is now available to camp directors. Please keep checking the shooting sports camp web page of the NRA website as we will be putting the 2008 application and a list of the volunteer state coordinators online in early 2008. Veteran camp directors, please consider becoming a volunteer state coordinator for your state and increase the numbers of camps. Please watch your local gun club for a camp seminar in your area. For more information, please contact the NRA Shooting Sports Camp Program Coordinator, Amanda H. Millward at (703) 267-1591 or [amillward@nrahq.org](mailto:amillward@nrahq.org).

**Check out the latest on all  
NRA Youth Programs at  
[www.nrahq.org/youth](http://www.nrahq.org/youth)**

## **ATTENTION! NRA Pistol Instructors and Coaches**

The NRA National Junior Pistol Camp will be conducted at Camp Perry, Ohio, July 7th through 11th, 2008. The camp can accommodate 25 youth competitive pistol shooters. The focus will be on both cartridge and air pistol shooting using both bullseye and interactive targets. Mr. Mike Krei, Director of the NRA Competitive Shooting Division, has ten scholarships available through a generous donation from the Bullseye-L Conventional Pistol Web forum and Dr. Norman Wong. These scholarships are

available to reimburse first-time campers for travel, camp housing, and camp enrollment fees up to a total of \$500.00 each. The application will be available on the NRA Firearm Training website beginning February 1st, 2008. Youth are the future of our sport, encourage them to attend and compete.

*For the application form, visit  
[www.nrahq.org/education/training/basictraining.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/basictraining.asp)  
after February 1st, 2008*

## Training Counselors! Become a Refuse To Be A Victim® Regional Counselor with a Home Validation Course

**N**RA Training Counselors who are interested in adding the Refuse To Be A Victim® (RTBAV) Regional Counselor rating to their credentials are now eligible to home validate the training course. A certified RTBAV Regional Counselor is the equivalent to an NRA appointed Training Counselor. He/she holds the necessary credentials to train Refuse To Be A Victim® Instructors. RTBAV instructors are qualified by Regional Counselors to teach Refuse To Be A Victim® Seminars to the general public.

### **To add the Regional Counselor rating to your credentials:**

1. Order the RTBAV Regional Counselor Manual, item 14944 (\$28.95), from the NRA Program Materials Center (800) 336-7402. If you are not a current RTBAV instructor, you must also order a RTBAV Instructor Development Workshop Kit, item 14958 (\$35.00), and a RTBAV Student Packet, item 14948 (\$4.00).
2. Read the complete RTBAV Regional Counselor Manual. While reading, please keep in mind that information and requirements defined in the training manual are for a standard Regional Counselor Training Course. You are not participating in the standard training course. Because of your status as a trained NRA certified Training Counselor, your requirements have been modified (simplified). Just follow these instructions (1-5) as defined.
3. Complete the Regional Counselor Application (references are waived), Regional Counselor Agreement, and Regional Counselor Candidate Quiz.
4. Since a Refuse To Be A Victim® Seminar is part of the Instructor Development Workshop that you will be

teaching, home validating Regional Counselor candidates must successfully register, teach, and close one Seminar (with a minimum of 6 attendees) to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the program and the administrative procedures they will be teaching RTBAV instructors. This Seminar requirement will be waived for any Regional Counselor candidate who has successfully registered and taught one or more RTBAV Seminars within the last year.

5. Prepare a check payable to NRA for your Regional Counselor certification fee. The Regional Counselor fee for NRA members is \$20; non-members \$30. If you have paid for multiple-year credentials as a TC, you will be contacted for the balance to bring your RTBAV Regional Counselor rating in line with your Training Counselor appointment.

### **Mail the following as a complete package:**

- Regional Counselor Application
- Regional Counselor Agreement
- Regional Counselor Candidate Quiz
- Note with the date/location of your most recent RTBAV Seminar
- Regional Counselor fee

**To:** NRA/RTBAV Regional Counselor Credentials  
11250 Waples Mill Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030

An updated trainer's certificate and wallet ID card with your new Refuse To Be A Victim® Regional Counselor rating will be sent to you as soon as the application is processed. Please allow approximately 5-6 weeks for processing. If you have any questions, please call (800) 861-1166.

## Prominent NRA Instructor/Coach, Passes Away

We are sad to announce the passing of Mr. Jim Kinkade, Streator, IL. Jim passed away at the National Coach Conference at the U.S. Olympic Training Center on December 6, 2007. He was an avid pistol shooter, and an NRA Instructor/Coach. He developed pistol-shooting programs for the local clubs in his area and was involved in his State Association shooting programs where anyone could learn to shoot and compete. Jim was involved with the NRA Junior Olympic Shooting program, teaching some of the nation's best junior shooters at both the State and National Camps. He was an original member of the National Coach Development Staff, the nation's coach training staff, and was the Head Coach of the NRA's Junior Pistol Shooting Camp at Camp Perry, OH. HQ Moody, past National Coach Trainer and now the NRA Rifle Manager, said, "Jim was someone you could always depend on for help and a great friend of the shooting sports. We will miss him a lot, but we will never forget him. He lives on through all of the kids and adults that he taught." He made a difference.

## Making Hearing Protection a Priority

**I**n the last issue of the UPDATE, the cover article featured the importance of hearing protection, particularly during shooting activities. While hearing loss caused by firearms is preventable through the use of hearing protection, it is important to note that you can take additional steps to help protect and enhance this invaluable sense through hearing screenings, hearing instruments and identification of existing hearing loss.

Through a partnership with American Hearing Benefits, the NRA is able to offer these benefits to NRA members and their immediate families, including parents and grandparents. Discounts of up to 60% are available on hearing aids and digital hearing protection through our association with Starkey Laboratories, the world's leading producer of hearing aids. With these hearing benefits, NRA members are able to receive the highest quality of products and services at the best possible prices.

Educating shooters on the importance of hearing protection is critical for a variety of reasons. Hearing loss can have a major impact on one's quality of life, in terms of both effectively communicating and for safety reasons as

awareness can be diminished. Hearing is an important sense that deserves adequate protection like any of the other senses. You wouldn't take a gamble on your eyesight or ignore a vision problem, so give your hearing the same attention! Find out more about hearing protection and benefits for NRA members by visiting the website [www.nra-hearingbenefits.com](http://www.nra-hearingbenefits.com) or by calling toll-free (866) 619-5889.

**Did you know that NRA members and their families receive exclusive hearing benefits? A variety of benefits are available including:**

- FREE annual hearing screenings for NRA members and their immediate family.
- Referrals to local providers with reputations for high quality and honest service.
- The world's most advanced digital hearing protection and hearing aids at prices up to 60% off.
- A FULL two year extended warranty included with purchase at no additional charge.
- Education on hearing, hearing aids and hearing protection through your NRA subscriptions.

## Hittin' the Road

**A**s Executive Director of the Illinois State Rifle Association, Richard Pearson is well aware of the need to train and educate people on firearms safety while promoting the shooting sports. Over the years, Pearson has witnessed clubs and organizations struggle to hold events without all the necessary equipment.

"I saw people trying to put on events at clubs and they never quite had the right materials," said Pearson.

Ten years ago, Pearson began helping others through the idea of a "Club in a Box," or a portable kit with the tools and equipment necessary to train and educate. Over time, this idea expanded into Pearson's concept of a mobile education and marksmanship training trailer. With all the materials needed to hold a class or host a small event, the trailer is helping turn Illinois fields into classrooms. Such innovation is no doubt part of the reason ISRA was named 2006 Outstanding State Association at NRA's September 2007 Board Meetings. The 14-foot by 8 ½ - foot trailer can be used to facilitate a variety of events.

"Just about any program can use this trailer," says Pearson. "Women On Target shoots, youth programs, basic pistol or rifle classes, Personal Protection In The Home, Range Safety Officer—this trailer works for any type of program."

All the equipment necessary for an event or program can be found in the trailer. Complete with two tents, chairs, two battery-powered clay bird throwers, a dozen

steel targets and frames, ear and eye protection, a variety of firearms, eight bows and all educational materials and supplies, all that is needed is sufficient room and qualified instructors. With an array of disciplines to offer, including archery, the trailer allows for an event or program to run several stations depending on the number of people and size of the area.

The trailer made its debut at this year's Grand American in Sparta and also at the Oak Ridge Sportsman's Club near Peoria, Illinois. Thus far, the trailer has helped educate and train over 80 people in Illinois and the number continues to grow. There has been an overwhelmingly positive response to the trailer as it is conducive to both outdoor and indoor events.

"Now that the weather is getting colder, the materials in the trailer can be used to hold a class or training indoors," explained Pearson.

Pearson hopes that the concept of the trailer will spread to other clubs and organizations so that other states can help promote firearms safety and the shooting sports.

"Our motivations behind this trailer are safety and marksmanship," says Pearson. "The main thing is to get people trained and provide the right materials."

For additional information on this mobile education and marksmanship trailer or to request use of the trailer, call Richard Pearson with the Illinois State Rifle Association at (815) 635-3198.

## What's New In Women's Programs?

### ***A Volunteer's Dream Job***

Just imagine sharing your shooting sports expertise while on 33,000 acres of western mountain terrain in the scenic high mesa country of New Mexico- where the elk and antelope roam and the skies are so wide you can almost see back in time. Truly- a volunteer's dream job! And it's all happening at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico, the most comprehensive shooting center in the nation.

The NRA Women On Target® Program is seeking volunteers for the Women's Wilderness Escape slated for July 13-26, 2008. If you are an NRA Certified Instructor or a state-certified hunter education instructor, we need volunteers for rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading firearms and hunter clinic events. Other positions we need that do not require NRA instructor certification are: photography, transportation, administration, medic/nurse, archery, orienteering and survival. Call Patty Zollman, 703-267-1378 or email [pzollman@nrahq.org](mailto:pzollman@nrahq.org) for an application.

### ***Hunt Excursions***

From puddle ducks to Rocky Mountain Elk, an exciting new array of hunt excursions is now available through the Women On Target® Hunt Program. Download the brochure at [www.nrahq.org/women/wot.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/women/wot.asp).

### ***Instructional Shooting Clinics***

The new edition of the Women On Target® Instructional Shooting Clinic Guide is hot off the presses. ISCs have been expanded to include a greater range of instructional opportunities. Find out how ISCs can benefit your club and your community by requesting an ISC Guide at [www.nrahq.org/women/clinicapp.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/women/clinicapp.asp).

### ***Heard About the New NRA Women's Wilderness Escape?***

The NRA Women's Wilderness Escape is an adventure you'll want to repeat again and again! It provides women, 18 and older, with a nine-day "get away" opportunity to experience the softer side of firearm education with an exposure to a wide variety of shooting sports activities and an array of enticing hunting and outdoor related activities. And it's all happening at the NRA Whittington Center, in Raton, New Mexico, July 16-24, 2008.

No experience is necessary, and all firearms and ammunition are provided for you. Women attending will be guided by some of the most skilled firearms instructors and outdoor specialists in the country. You'll learn to shoot rifle silhouette, scoped/tactical carbine, long-range high power rifle, conventional and tactical pistol, historic firearms, shotgun (trap or skeet), and archery. Special outdoor activities are being planned as well. While staying at the Whittington Center, you'll share rustic log cabin housing units (with indoor plumbing), eat in the dining facility, and anticipate the unscheduled early morning and evening escapades of the deer, elk and antelope that call the Center home. Food, housing, guns, ammunition, targets, classes, camping, mock hunt, evening activities, instructors, demonstrations, and adventures are all included in the \$975 fee. All you have to do is get there. Space is limited and reservations are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Request an information packet at [www.nrahq.org/women/wilderness\\_escape\\_request.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/women/wilderness_escape_request.asp) or call 703-267-1378 to have one mailed.

**For more information about any of these Women's Programs call today at  
(800) 861-1166!**

## **Lesson III of the Personal Protection In and Outside The Home Courses**

**Personal Protection In and Outside The Home Instructors should cut this out of the *Shooting Education Update* and attach it to your Personal Protection Lesson Plans.**

***In an effort to clarify who can teach Lesson III of the NRA Personal Protection Courses, the following changes have been made:***

This lesson must be conducted by an attorney licensed to practice law within the state this course is given and who is familiar with this area of the law, a Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) who possesses an intermediate or higher Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certificate granted within the state, or an individual currently certified to instruct in this area of the law by the state in which this course is presented.

NRA Certified Instructors may conduct this lesson only if they meet the requirements stated above and then only in their capacity as an attorney, or other state certified individual not in their capacity as an NRA Certified Instructor. Instructors are authorized to reproduce this lesson and provide a copy to the presenter. It is essential to the quality of the lesson that the presenter be provided a copy of the lesson plan in advance of the class to allow for proper preparation and planning. Schedule your class and coordinate with the presenter to allow ample time for questions and answers during and at the end of the lesson.

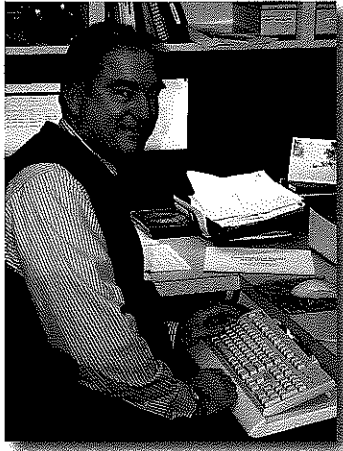
## Meet the Education and Training Division Staff

### Chip Lohman

Cooperative Programs Coordinator  
NRA's Youth Programs Department

After becoming an NRA Instructor and teaching several pistol classes a month, Chip Lohman joined the NRA's Youth Programs Department in May 2007 as the Cooperative Programs Coordinator. In his position, Chip works with 15 youth organizations including 4-H, Boy Scouts of America, JROTC, High School Rodeo, DeMolay, Royal Rangers, FFA, American Legion, Progressive Farmers and the VFW. Through these national organizations, Chip helps the NRA support approximately 7 million youth by helping them develop into future leaders through the shooting sports.

Prior to the NRA, Chip spent 25 years serving in the United States Marine Corps where he reached the rank of Colonel, shot competitively and taught Sniper School. Chip has enjoyed a variety of shooting activities over the years including hunting, reloading and bench rest shooting. After leaving the service, Chip was a Sales and Marketing manager with AT&T in the telecommunications industry. In his spare time, Chip works on building an air gun range in his basement. He also enjoys sailing and spending time with his two Yorkshire Terriers.



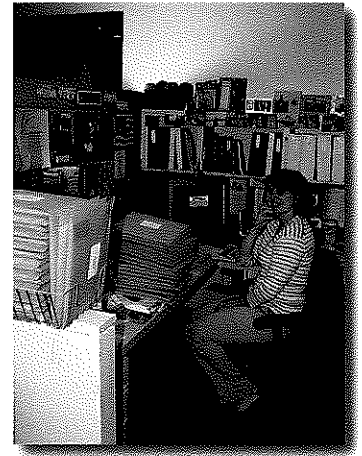
### Amanda Millward

Shooting Sports Camps Program Coordinator  
NRA's Youth Programs Department

Amanda Millward joined the NRA's Youth Programs staff in April 2007. Previously, Amanda worked for the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action since 2004 as both an Information Specialist and the Second Amendment Student Group Program Coordinator.

Amanda is responsible for overseeing the NRA Shooting Sports Camps Program. This program helps local clubs and organizations conduct shooting sports camps for a variety of ages, disciplines and skill levels and promotes youth participation in shooting sports activities. Through Amanda's efforts, youth have the opportunity to learn about gun safety, explore a new discipline or hone their skills.

Originally from New Jersey, Amanda was raised in up-state New York and graduated from Ithaca College in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in writing. In addition to her duties as Shooting Sports Camps Program Coordinator, Amanda is a Refuse to Be A Victim® Instructor. In her free time, Amanda volunteers as an EMT with the City of Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department and teaches health and safety classes for the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area. Amanda was named the 2005 Volunteer of the Year for the American Red Cross and enjoys taking numerous dance classes.



## Order Returns Information

To all trainers, please note that the returns address for orders being sent back to the NRA Program Materials Center has changed. The new address is:

NRA Program Materials Returns  
891 Auto Parts Place, Suite 1  
Martinsburg, WV 25403

Remember that any returns to AB & C must be accompanied by the original packing slip. Entire packets can be returned for credit. Partial packets CANNOT be returned for refund or exchange.

All returns and exchanges must be made within 60 days of receipt of merchandise.

## Did You Know.....?

Russ Evans, Head Coach of the NRA Junior Intermediate Smallbore Rifle Camp held at Camp Perry, Ohio, shares this with the campers and staff.

The sum of the numerical order of the letters in "ATTITUDE", adds to up 100%. As instructors, we know the importance of teaching knowledge, skills AND attitude. Purely coincidence? We think not.

A - 1
T - 20
T - 20
I - 9
T - 20
U - 21
D - 4
E - 5
= 100%

Outside of defending the Second Amendment, NRA is probably most widely known for its marksmanship training programs. NRA's 53,000 Certified Instructors teach basic firearms education to 750,000 citizens a year. Most of those citizens are new to gun ownership or are trying to qualify for a concealed carry permit.

But NRA has another type of Certified Instructor—one specifically trained to teach hunting clinics. NRA Hunter Clinic Instructors may be certified to teach clinics in Whitetail Deer Hunting, Wild Turkey Hunting and Western Big Game Hunting. (A separate exam and certification process is necessary for each.)

From a student's viewpoint, these clinics may be considered a more advanced, next step up from conventional hunter safety training -- and there is a tremendous need for them. Many new hunters today, regardless of age, simply do not have the time to devote to hunting as people did years ago. This makes the sport harder to learn. Deer hunting success rates bear this out. In Virginia, for example, only about 50 percent of the hunters are successful in the firearm season and less than 30 percent in the bow season. Basic hunter safety training gives people a great start, but it doesn't teach you how to hunt. NRA Hunter Clinics do.

The typical NRA Certified Hunter Clinic Instructor is a passionate, knowledgeable hunter who wants to help other hunters be successful. Many are already conventional hunter safety instructors seeking a way to expand what they can offer others. Although Hunter Clinic Instructors can charge for their classes, few of them are in it for the money. The satisfaction of helping eager students become more successful hunters is all the reward they need.

One person who has taken Hunter Clinic instruction to an unusually very active level is Tony Legg. Tony was just promoted to State Hunter Education and Range Coordinator for the Missouri Department of Conservation. Prior to that he ran the department's outdoor educational programs at Missouri's Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. With 30 volunteers and six staff members, he was overseeing 300 educational clinics a year on various types of hunting and shooting. He was already an NRA Certified Instructor, and one day he saw an article about becoming a Hunter Clinic Instructor in the *Shooting Education Update*.

"A light bulb went off in my head," Tony says. "This is what I needed to be."

Tony called NRA quickly and was especially impressed when he saw the lesson plans and other materials supplied to instructors. "Everything we needed was already developed," he said. "There was no way we would have had time to produce anything similar."

Tony encouraged his colleagues to become Hunter Clinic Instructors and it wasn't long before all his staff and half the volunteers were certified, in both Whitetail Deer and Turkey hunting. In fact, NRA recently authorized him to conduct workshops personally to certify others.

Missouri has an extremely active slate of youth hunting days, and the clinics that Tony and his staff give are often held just before one of the youth mentored hunts. For these hunts, the young hunters and parents are required to take the clinics. All the clinics are free and all the shooting equipment, eye and ear protection and targets are provided. Not surprisingly, their biggest such clinic is held just prior to the state's youth deer hunt.

About 120 youngsters, plus parents, were scheduled to attend that clinic in October.

One youngster who has been through several deer and turkey clinics is 15-year-old Zachariah Curry of Fenton, Missouri. "I got started hunting because my grandpa and uncle hunted," Zack said. "I remember listening to their stories and that made me want to start."

Asked what he thinks of the Missouri hunter clinics, Zack said, "They put on the best clinic I've been to, and I've been to plenty. You learn things like scouting for a place to hunt, how to track deer after the shot, and we learn background like history and biology of deer, too. I learned a lot from my uncle, but I think the clinics are especially good for dads and sons who haven't hunted -- I'm sure it helps them a lot.

"The guys who put on the clinic are so nice and want every hunter to be successful," Zack continued. "Like when I killed my deer the first year they were so excited for me, it was really cool."

"Missouri does a lot to get youngsters into hunting and the shooting sports," Tony commented. "And when the kids go through these clinics and go out to hunt, they are just beside themselves. As soon as the hunting clinics are over you hear, 'Let's go do it! Let's go do it now.' Even if they don't come back with anything they've still got smiles on their faces."

Some of those smiles should be on the instructors' faces, too. The effort Missouri is putting into educational programs is really paying off. Missouri is one of the few states that is actually gaining hunters. For every 100 hunters lost, Missouri has a net gain of 19.

"We run a load of NRA courses out here," Tony said in closing. "I can't wait for NRA to offer certification in Upland Bird Hunting."

## Steps To Becoming An NRA Hunter Clinic Instructor

Everything you need to do to become a Hunter Clinic Instructor can be done online.

For full details, visit:

[www.nrahq.org/hunting/clinic/hunterclinic.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/hunting/clinic/hunterclinic.asp)

Basically, there is an application to fill out and you must take an exam, scoring at least 90% to be certified. Applicants are advised to purchase a \$26 set of materials before taking the exam, which includes:

- NRA Hunter Clinic Instructor's Guide
- NRA Wild Turkey, Whitetail Deer, or Western Big Game Hunting Clinic
- Instructor's Manual
- NRA's The Hunter's Guide
- Student Manual for Wild Turkey, Whitetail Deer or Western Big Game Hunting
- Applicants are required to purchase these materials prior to teaching their first clinic.
- There is an additional \$35 application for NRA members (\$45 for non-members).



Once the application, fees and exam are submitted, NRA staff will process everything, grade the test and notify applicants of the results. Successful applicants will receive a Certified Hunter Clinic Instructor Credentials Packet.

For more information, call (703) 267-1516 or visit  
[www.nrahq.org/hunting/clinic/hunterclinic.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/hunting/clinic/hunterclinic.asp).

### CHANGE MADE TO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATE PACKETS

Effective October 15, 2007, Item number EQ 09525, the Marksmanship Qualification Program Booklet has been removed from the following packets:

EF 13211—Rifle Instructor Candidate Packet

EF 13281—Pistol Instructor Candidate Packet

EF 13391—Shotgun Instructor Candidate Packet

EZ 14265—Muzzleloading Rifle Instructor Candidate Packet

EZ 14275—Muzzleloading Pistol Instructor Candidate Packet

EZ 14285—Muzzleloading Shotgun Instructor Candidate Packet

This item has been removed at the request of numerous Training Counselors who were accumulating excessive booklets when ordering the student packets for their students along with the Instructor Candidate Packets.

### Replacement Course Completion Certificates

NRA course completion certificates are normally sold only as a component of the corresponding basic course Student Packet. Course completion certificates are not sold in separate bulk quantities.

Certificates that are ruined or damaged may be replaced for instructors on a one-for-one basis for a \$1.50 service charge each by returning the unusable certificates and payment (make checks or money orders payable to NRA) to the NRA Training Department, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Replacement certificates to accommodate students whose certificates have been lost or destroyed will not be provided by the NRA except as a component of another Student Packet. It is recommended that instructors urge their students to safeguard their course completion certificate and inform them that the cost of a replacement will be \$7.00 (or the current cost of another packet). Only the student's original instructor should issue a replacement certificate.

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## A Camp Director's Guide to Receiving an NRA Foundation Grant

**W**e all know it exists and almost every camp director wants a piece of it – grant money. There are millions of NRA Foundation dollars just waiting to be used and 50% of it is set aside toward educational programs. In the past 15 years, over 65% of grant money has gone to youth programs such as shooting sports camps. With all this money being awarded, what do the camp directors need to do to receive grant money from the NRA Foundation?

In order to be considered for funding, you must obtain a copy of the W-9 form and the NRA Foundation, Inc.

Grant Application. However, before turning in the required documents, contact your state field representative to see if there are any other state specific requirements (example: registering your camp with the Shooting Sports Coordinator before acquiring grant money). Each state has its own committee that reviews the applications and recommends eligible projects for funding. Remember, even though the state committee makes recommendation, the final approval belongs to the NRA Foundation's Board of Trustees.

### Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

- To promote, advance and encourage firearms and hunting safety.
- To educate individuals, including the youth of the United States, with respect to firearms and firearms history and hunting safety and marksmanship, as well as with respect to other subjects that are of importance to the well being of the general public.
- To conduct research in furtherance of improved firearms safety and marksmanship facilities and techniques.
- To support activities of the National Rifle Association of America, but only to the extent that such activities are in furtherance of charitable, educational or scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any similar provisions subsequently enacted.
- To engage in any other activity that is incidental to, connected with, or in advancement of the foregoing purposes and that is within the scope of allowable purposes under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3).
- After you have received funding and the event has ended, don't forget to fill out and send in the NRA Foundation Grant Final Report. Without this form, your camp will not be considered for funding the following year.

Eligible groups must have a unique federal employer Number (EIN) issued by the Internal Revenue Services (IRS). NRA Foundation will *not* fund the following projects and organizations:

- Projects which confer private benefit upon the applying organization/group
- Deficit financing (payments for something already purchased or reimbursement for an event that has already taken place)
- Projects for commercial ventures (private business)
- Projects which require membership in the NRA or in the applying organization/group
- Applications from organizations/groups that have not submitted a final report for a previously awarded grant.
- Political candidates or organizations
- Labor organizations
- State fund committees
- Friends of the NRA committees
- Private business/enterprise
- Other organizations or groups that have not been assigned a federal employer identification number issued by the IRS

For more information on NRA Foundation grants, to find your local NRA Field Representative, or to receive the required materials, go to [www.nrafoundation.org/grants](http://www.nrafoundation.org/grants) or contact the Grants Manager, Sandy Elkin, toll-free at (800) 423-6894 ext. 1131 or (703) 267-1131 or [selkin@nrahq.org](mailto:selkin@nrahq.org).

## NRA Awards \$10,000 in Scholarships to Outstanding Junior Members

The National Rifle Association has selected three of its top Junior Members to receive the 2007 Outstanding Achievement Youth Award, recognizing them for their active participation in the community, the classroom, and the shooting sports. Overall, \$10,000 in scholarship money was awarded to the winners thanks to a generous donation from Brownells, Inc., the world's largest supplier of firearms accessories and gunsmithing tools.

A \$5,000 scholarship was awarded to first-place winner Juliann Terry, 18, of Newcastle, Wyo. A member of the Rapid City Rifle Club, Terry placed first in .22 rifle at the 2006 Wyoming 4-H Shooting Sports competition and later represented the state of Wyoming at the 2006 4-H Nationals, placing fifth in the country in small-bore competition. In addition to being a fine shooter, Terry is also active in her community, having presented the Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program to local elementary school students and volunteering as a teen leader at 4-H workshops and summer camps in her home county. She excels in the classroom as well, sporting a 4.0 grade point average while playing clarinet in the Newcastle High School Band.

"Juliann exemplifies all of the qualities that we look for in awarding the Outstanding Achievement Youth Award," said NRA Youth Programs Manager Larry Quandahl. "She is an exceptional young person, one who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership qualities, complete dedication in the classroom, and an unwavering commitment to the shooting sports."

The second-place award and its accompanying \$3,000 scholarship went to eighteen-year-old Scott Thomas of Poca, W.Va. Thomas, an NRA Life

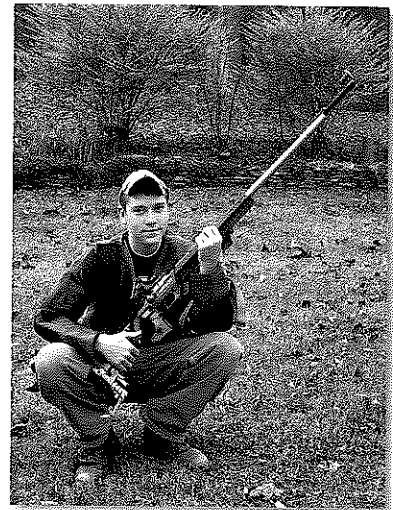
Member, is a member of the Putnam County Gun Club Junior Smallbore Team. He is a three-time smallbore competitor in the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, and he has served as a volunteer at numerous shooting camps. Thomas was selected to attend the 2006 Youth Education Summit (YES) in Washington, D.C., earning a hunting trip for his exceptional performance at the event. He hopes to one day shoot on the West Virginia University rifle team.

Jonathan Warhol, 16, of Leonardo, N.J., was the third-place winner, earning a \$2,000 scholarship. Warhol is an apprentice NRA Certified Shotgun Instructor and has achieved the rating of Distinguished Expert in the shotgun course of fire of the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program. Warhol has distinguished himself on the skeet field, becoming the 2006 New Jersey Junior Champion in 28 gauge. An honor student at New Jersey's Mater Dei High School, Warhol teaches others the joys of shotgun shooting through the Women On Target® Program, youth day events, and the junior shooting program at the Central Jersey Rifle and Pistol Club.

All NRA Junior Members (or NRA Regular or Life Members under age 18) who are current members of an NRA-affiliated club or state association and who have completed one NRA Basic Firearm Training Course are eligible for the award. Applicants must also have earned at least one rating through the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program and submitted three letters of recommendation, a copy of their school transcript, and a 1,000-word essay entitled, "What the Shooting Sports has Taught Me."



**Juliann Terry, 1st Place Winner**  
Award presentation by John Sigler, NRA President



**Scott Thomas, 2nd Place Winner**

Aside from these core requirements, applicants must have participated in at least five NRA-sponsored programs. These elective requirements include presenting the Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program, attending the Youth Education Summit, competing in the Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC), entering the NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest, or participating in the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, among others.

Applications for next year's Outstanding Achievement Youth Award are due at NRA Headquarters no later than May 1, 2008. To learn more about the program or how to apply, please contact NRA's Youth Programs Department at (703) 267-1505 or visit [www.nrahq.org/youth/achievement.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/youth/achievement.asp). To learn more about Brownells, Inc., visit [www.brownells.com](http://www.brownells.com).

# Training Workshops, Hunts, and Clinics Schedules

## NRA Training Counselor Workshop Schedule

### OHIO (Lima)

February 1-3

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### FLORIDA (Boca Raton)

February 16-18

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### PENNSYLVANIA (Carlisle/Harrisburg)

February 16-18

Linda Tucker, (717) 766-7011  
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### KENTUCKY

(Shepardsville/Louisville)

February 29- March 2

George Eberhardt, (502) 724-8970  
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### CONNECTICUT (Colchester)

April 18-20

George Emanuel, (860) 537-5050  
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April 25-27

Al Alberius, (501) 217-0217  
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April 25-27

Kerry Miller, (743) 368-0135  
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### COLORADO (Denver)

May 31-June 1

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### CONNECTICUT (Colchester)

October 3-5

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For more information, please contact the Training Counselors listed here. For the most current schedule, visit [www.nrahq.org/education](http://www.nrahq.org/education).

## Women On Target® Hunts

### Texas SAAM Training & Hog/Bobcat Hunt Combo (\$2,850)

April 25-30

### Kansas Wild Turkey (\$747.50)

May 1-5

### Maine Ruffed Grouse, Puddle Ducks, Canadian Geese, Salmon & Trout (\$1,380)

September 29- October 4

### South Dakota Pheasant (\$1,265)

October 2-6

### Colorado Elk (\$3,680)

October 16-23

### Nebraska Pheasant & Chukar (\$339.25)

October 24-26

### Montana Whitetail Deer & Turkey

(\$1,639)

December 5-10

### Oklahoma Whitetail Doe, Bobcat, Coyote & Hog (\$1,150)

January 2-4, 2009

If you would like more information about these or future hunts, contact Denise Conni, NRA Women's Hunt Coordinator, at (703) 267-1413 or [dconni@nrahq.org](mailto:dconni@nrahq.org).

## Women On Target® Instructional Shooting Clinics

### CALIFORNIA (San Rafael)

January 30, February 27, March 26, May 3, July 26, September 24 and October 29

Pistol

Peter Patrakis, (415) 302-1035

### MICHIGAN (Washington)

May 10

Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery

Gary Williams, (248) 853-0092

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# NRA Launches Web Site Devoted to Hunters' Rights

On November 1, NRA launched a new Web site devoted to hunters' rights. All factors that affect your freedom to hunt, and the future of the sport itself, will be addressed at [www.nrahuntersrights.org](http://www.nrahuntersrights.org).

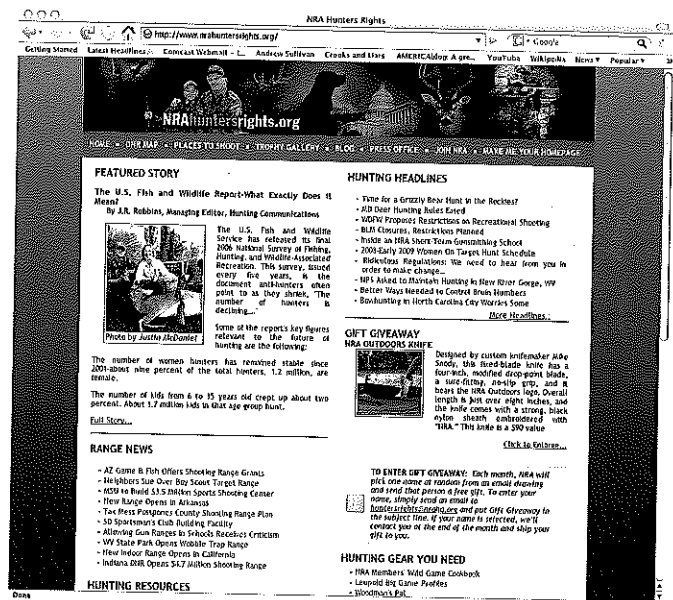
The site will not tell you how to hunt, where to put your tree stand or what the best guns and loads are for your favorite species. Many Web sites and magazines can already tell you all that.

The site will alert you about threats to hunting and NRA's efforts to combat them—our direct lobbying efforts at every level, our hunter recruitment and instruction programs and our funding of conservation and range improvement projects.

Commenting on the need for this site, Kayne Robinson, Executive Director of General Operations, said, "Hunting is under attack in ways it has never been attacked before. Stifling regulations are overly complex and too often have nothing to do with game management. Anti-hunting groups with well-financed coffers and celebrity spokespersons grab every headline they can get. Nit-picking laws that turn inadvertent mistakes into criminal offenses are becoming common horror stories. Shrinking lands, dwindling numbers of hunters and other factors are combining to threaten the sport more and more."

But whether it's a proposed ban on hunting ammunition, the closure of public hunting lands, or regulations that are actually driving people out of the sport, NRA is at work on every front to ensure your continued right to hunt. The combination of NRA's political strength, hunting programs, grant funding and the sheer size of our hunting membership make us the most formidable defender of hunting there is.

The new site will give credit where it's due, too. If a new range opens in your state, if a season is extended or added, or if a youth mentored hunt is instituted, you'll read about it at [www.nrahuntersrights.org](http://www.nrahuntersrights.org). With limited time and resources, hunters need to know about every new opportunity, place to hunt, or new season available.



[NRAhuntersrights.org](http://NRAhuntersrights.org) will also provide many opportunities for hunter input and recognition. We'll be open to stories from you on a variety of topics, such as:

**Trophy Gallery**—Share your hunting photos with others.

**Hunt Reports**—Had a particularly good or bad experience with an outfitter? Let us know.

**Gut Check**—Your true stories of survival.

**Unsung Heroes**—Know someone in your state doing good work for hunters? Let's give that person some recognition.

**Regulatory Issues**—Is there a hunting law in your state you feel just doesn't make sense?

Guidelines for submitting all such material are available by sending an email to: [huntersrights@nrahq.org](mailto:huntersrights@nrahq.org). Just put "Hunters Rights Guidelines" in the subject line. Your questions and comments on the site are welcome at the same address.

*Watch for monthly gift giveaways, too.*

## Sales Tax Collection

Attention NRA Trainers: As some of you know, the NRA has been working to ensure our compliance with state laws, with regards to charging sales tax on merchandise sales. You will notice in this issue of the Shooting Education Update a copy of the updated 2008 NRA Trainer's Order Form. There have been some changes to the Sales Tax area of this form that you should pay close attention to. Anyone from the following list of states that purchases merchandise from the NRA Program Materials Center will be charged state sales tax for that state

(CT 6%; DC 5.75%; FL 6%; IL 6.25%; MD 6%; MI 6%; VA 5%; WV 6%). You will be asked to add applicable state, county, and local tax percentage for: CA, IA, MN, NC, NY, OH, PA, TN, TX, WI.

The NRA appreciates your assistance in helping us comply with these state regulations! As stated in previous issues, this compliance helps us to preserve our long-term reputation with the states.

## Scouting for Your Spring Turkey

The key to turkey hunting success is getting close to birds. This requires finding toms or flocks of turkeys, monitoring their behavior, and attempting to pattern their movements so you have a good idea where they will be at given times. Spring scouting is particularly productive, since breeding flocks won't travel far from the center of their territory under normal circumstances.

In spring, the favorite way of locating toms is to travel through known turkey habitat and pinpoint locations where you hear gobblers. You may simply walk the woods when turkeys gobble most (around dawn or dusk) and listen for gobblers sounding off. Or you may entice or challenge them into gobbling with a locator call. When walking trails or driving back roads, stop every couple hundred yards and sound a crow, owl, hawk, or predator call or maybe a gobbler tube. At each spot you stop, call toward different directions and try different calls. Being territorial, turkeys challenge many other animals that invade their turf. Sometimes toms are so "hot" they will respond to almost any audible stimulation, including train whistles and slamming car doors. Other times, especially during harsh weather, gobblers are reluctant to answer. Slight variations in your locator call may make the difference in getting them to respond.

Some hunters use loud turkey hen yelps to locate gobblers, but this method can backfire. A tom could sneak in unannounced and take you by surprise. If he does, you can bet he'll be much harder to call when hunting season rolls around. If you're scouting after dusk and you're sure turkeys are on their roost, you don't have to worry about gobblers coming. But if they see you walk away or hear your car, they may



become suspicious of your particular call. You're better off with one of the non-turkey locator calls.

Cover as much ground as possible during the first and last hour of daylight. Call in areas where sound will carry far. Concentrate on distant toms – those close to the road are easily heard and usually draw the attention of several hunters. Remember that the lay of the land will influence the sound of the gobbler. If both you and the turkey are on a powerline corridor, he will sound closer than he actually is. If he is behind a ridge and late spring foliage, he will sound farther away.

Experienced hunters can sometimes tell the difference between an immature tom and a trophy by the sound of the gobbler. A weak, broken gobbler, equivalent to the voice of a teenage boy, is a jake or subordinate tom. The gobbler of a mature, dominant bird is high-pitched with a clear, confident ring.

Listen hard for far-off gobblers; a distant tom may be able to hear your call and sound off just within hearing range. Use landmarks to pinpoint gobbling sites. Make special note of locations where you hear gobblers several different days. Check the area at midday, trying to locate favorite roosting trees. If you find some,

make note of an easy, sure method of approaching close in the dark.

### ***Patterning Spring Birds***

Turkeys are not always found where they were last fall and winter. However, gobblers are often found where other gobblers were found the previous spring. The reason is simple. Gobblers seek hens; hens seek good nesting areas. Good nesting areas are used year after year.

You can locate turkey flocks in spring by finding dusting areas, droppings, scratchings, or tracks. Dusting areas are depressions in dry, sandy, soil – sometimes on anthills. Look for dropped feathers nearby. Scratchings are areas where turkeys scrape to the bare ground looking for food. J-shaped gobbler droppings can be distinguished from roundish hen droppings. Also look for turkey tracks in mud and soft bare earth such as cultivated fields. With experience, you may be able to tell thicker-toed tracks of a mature gobbler apart from those left by hens and young birds. Hunters should do preseason scouting to locate these high traffic areas and decide where the turkeys are most likely to be. Make notes and maps of areas where you find good turkey food and signs of turkey activity.

When scouting, try to learn where the gobbler roosts, whether he has a harem, and where the hens lead him. Since there's no hunting pressure, he will probably gobble frequently and following him should be easy.

If you can, shadow the gobbler. Try determining where he goes and when. Try to find his strutting ground, his center of activity. This area is usually a partial clearing or very open woods close to roosting trees. Turkeys spend much time loafing, displaying, and breeding in their primary strutting grounds.

Gobblers strut in early morning and are often heard and seen in meadow or field corners before the season. A spotting scope may help you quickly search wide areas of pastures and fields. A hunter can learn where gobblers have been sighted by talking with truckers, farmers, and school bus drivers – people who travel the rounds during the early hours – and people who talk with early-morning travelers, such as waiters/waitresses and gas station attendants. Locating a half dozen gobblers will greatly enhance your chances of scoring.

## Hunt Well — Hunt Often

Excerpt courtesy of the NRA Hunter Skills Series – Wild Turkey Hunting.

For more information on Wild Turkey hunting or for ordering information, contact the NRA Hunter Services Dept., (703) 267-1516 or visit us on the web at [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org).

## Turkey Hunting Tips to Remember

- ◆ Never wear the colors red, white, or blue, which appear on the head of a turkey.
- ◆ If you wear camouflage, cover your entire body, including face and hands.
- ◆ If you see another hunter approaching, remain still. Never wave, stand or sound a turkey call. Use your voice or a whistle.
- ◆ Always call in terrain that is fairly open with a visibility of at least 50 yards in every direction.
- ◆ If you bag a bird, carry it wrapped in hunter orange material.
- ◆ Avoid making the "gobble" sound during spring hunting season, especially in heavily hunted areas.
- ◆ Any time you use a turkey decoy, you need to use added caution. If you use a decoy, place it so that you are not in danger of being shot.
- ◆ When setting up to call, make sure your back is protected by a tree wider than your shoulders.
- ◆ When walking in the woods in the dark, always use a flashlight. This not only identifies you as a person to other hunters, but helps you avoid falls or other accidents.
- ◆ Use extreme caution when you move to head off a gobbler in the spring or break up a flock of turkeys in the fall. Be sure of your footing and control the muzzle of your gun.
- ◆ If you are on land where you have sole permission to hunt, do not assume there are no other hunters.

## Wild Turkey Fingers

1 wild turkey breast  
flour  
lemon pepper  
salt and pepper  
vegetable oil  
Cavender's® seasoning

Remove wild turkey breast and de-bone. Slice turkey breast into long strips, approximately one inch wide and one half inch thick and place in paper bag. Place flour, salt, pepper, Cavender's® seasoning and lemon pepper in paper bag and shake vigorously to coat thoroughly. Heat vegetable oil and drop turkey fingers into oil and cook until golden brown.

Recipe Excerpt Courtesy of Dan Dobbins (Columbia, SC) and the NRA Members' Wild Game Cookbook – Second Edition

## Answers to the Trainer's Quiz

Take the NRA Trainer's Quiz on Page 2

1. Can I advertise classes on the NRA's website?

ANSWER: Yes, you may post NRA Basic Courses and NRA FIRST Steps Courses. NRA Course Posting Policy:

- ◆ NRA will post up to four NRA classes for each calendar month for each instructor.
- ◆ Each posting must indicate a "Course Length" at least equal to the minimum hours required by the lesson plan(s) for the course(s) listed to be presented.
- ◆ NRA does not post "general advertisements."
- ◆ Each posting must be for a specific future starting date.
- ◆ Postings may not contain Web site addresses or links to Web sites.

2. What is the standard turn around time for processing credentials?

ANSWER: From the time we receive the information, NRA credentials turn around time is approximately 4-6 weeks.

3. Why do I have to take the Student level Class for NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home prior to attending Instructor training?

ANSWER: Due to the difficulty and intensity of the training, instructor candidates need to experience what they are going to be expected to teach others.

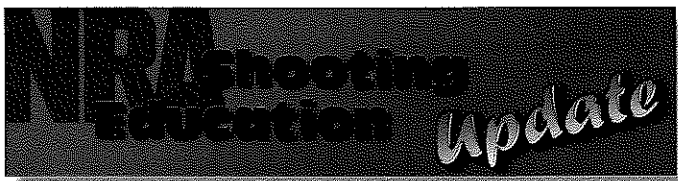
4. How can I communicate with the NRA Training Department more effectively?

ANSWER: Email is the best form of communication. Voicemail boxes fill quickly, so please be patient if awaiting a return call. Contact information is provided on page 2 of each SEU.

5. I want to train NRA instructors. What are the requirements?

ANSWER: The prerequisites to become an NRA Training Counselor (instructor trainer) are:

- ◆ Be an instructor for at least two years.
- ◆ Teach at least 5 official NRA Courses to a minimum of 25 people in the past 2 years.
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