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Great New Opportunities for 2007

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Now that the long winter is drawing to a close, more public attention will turn to shooting, and that should increase the demand for shooting instruction and coaching. It's a good time to plan and schedule your NRA courses for the rest of the year.

We've responded to the interest instructors have expressed in being able to renew credentials online. By May 1, 2007, that process will be in place and operational. We'll still be mailing renewal notices, but instructors and training counselors will now have the option to either mail their renewal and payment or renew online and pay by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express are accepted). The renewal form may be accessed from www.nra.org/training. From that site you may also order training materials and apparel or complete course posting applications to have your NRA course appear on the NRA Web site.

The NRA Program Materials Center is moving to a new facility. The intention is for the move to be transparent to you, meaning no change in phone numbers, mailing address, hours of operation, or ordering process. It would be advisable, however, to order the recommended 4-6 weeks in advance to avoid "Murphy's Law."

When ordering restricted course materials (basic course student packets and FIRST Steps participant packets), be sure they are ordered by an instructor certified for that course. It's acceptable to have the order drop-shipped to another person or address, but it is not acceptable to have an uncertified person order on behalf of a certified



One of the first official NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home Courses was conducted in February in Southern California. Instructed by Training Counselors TJ Johnston and Don Stehsel, and LA Sheriff Deputy Phil McVey, the classroom training was held at AllSafe Defense Systems. Sixteen participants were awarded certificates for both levels.

instructor. Please place orders properly so you are not delayed by a refused order.

The new Personal Protection Outside The Home Course (PPOTH) is now being taught, although it will be awhile before most potential students have an instructor nearby. NRA Training Department staff recently completed training over 100 Senior and Master Training Counselors at NRA Headquarters. These folks are now training other training counselors and instructors. There is no "grandfathering" for this course. Instructors desiring

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Great New Opportunities for 2007

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PPOTH certification must be both Pistol and Personal Protection In The Home certified and must complete both the 14-hour basic PPOTH course and the 16-hour instructor course. There are no exceptions! To find an instructor or training counselor for PPOTH in your general area, check the list at www.nra.org/training or contact the Training Department at (703) 267-1420, if you don't have access to the Internet.

Current shooting discipline instructors may still become an instructor for the two reloading courses or become a Range Safety Officer by home validation. Contact the Training Department for information on this process. Be sure to check-out the free reloading materials opportunity on page 12.

Refuse To Be A Victim® instructor certification is also available through home validation. Contact the RTBAV program coordinator at (703) 267-1394 or refuse@nrahq.org for details.

Those training counselors conducting instructor training are asked to inform their successful candidates that credentials processing may take 4 to 6 weeks from the date we receive their application and fee. We appreciate that everyone is anxious to get their printed credentials, and we process applications in the order in which they are received.

Recent events should remind us again to exercise care when sending email or posting to blogs and Web sites, especially when the subject is controversial. Such electronic communications may ultimately be read by more than the intended audience, perhaps by several thousand others. Those of us who work for the NRA are keenly aware of that probability. Pressing the "send" key can be like firing the bullet that can't be called back. Think about the possible result first, and be prepared to live with the consequences.

—And above all, be safe!

TRAINER'S QUIZ

1. What two courses make up the Personal Protection discipline group?
2. The prerequisites for attending Personal Protection Outside The Home instructor training are certification as both _____ instructors and completion of the 14-hour Basic Personal Protection Outside The Home course.
3. Personal Protection Outside The Home Student Packets can only be ordered by a _____ instructor, because of the completion certificates that are contained in the packet.

Here are Some of the Training Department's Most Frequently Asked Questions...

4. What is the Item Number for the NEW Chief Range Safety Officer training section for the NRA Training Counselor Guide, which Training Counselors use to train Chief Range Safety Officers?
5. The 2007 Reloading Instructor Validation Program where NRA certified firearm instructors order the Reloading Student Packet, complete the student exam and application form and submit both to the Training Department is funded by the NRA _____ Education Endowment, which pays the processing and initial certification fees.

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

NRA Outstanding Achievement Youth Award Youths Compete for NRA Scholarships

The National Rifle Association is now accepting applications for the 2007 Outstanding Achievement Youth Award, which recognizes NRA Junior Members who take an active part in the shooting sports through individual participation and educational pursuits. The award is designed to promote a greater appreciation of the programs the NRA has to offer and to increase awareness of the shooting and sporting activities in which youth can participate.

The program is open to all NRA Junior Members (or NRA Regular or Life Members under age 18) who are also current members of an NRA affiliated club or state association. Applicants must complete seven core requirements and five elective requirements to qualify, including completing one NRA Basic Firearm Training Course, earning at least one

rating (Pro-Marksman, Marksman, Sharpshooter, Expert or Distinguished Expert) in a shooting discipline through the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program, and submitting a 1,000 word essay on *What the Shooting Sports Have Taught Me*.

Award applicants must demonstrate their strengths not only at the range or in the field, but in the classroom, through extracurricular activities and in their personal lives. They exemplify how the shooting sports provide the knowledge, skills, and attitude to succeed in whatever educational or career goals they may have.

Deadline to apply for this award is May 1st of each year. Any awards received after the deadline will be considered for the next calendar year, unless ineligible by age or expiration of membership.

Thanks to a generous donation from The Brownell Family Foundation, our National award winners will receive:

1st place - \$5,000
2nd place - \$3,000
3rd place - \$2,000

Once a participant meets the requirements, he or she will receive the official NRA Youth Award Certificate and Medal recognizing the accomplishment and will also be eligible for our National prizes.

The application and additional criteria can be found on the NRA Youth Programs Web at www.nrahq.org/youth. If you have any questions, contact the NRA Youth Programs Department at (703) 267-1505 or email at youth_programs@nrahq.org.

Spring Planning?

Plan on a Youth Hunter Education Challenge

Shaking off the "winter blues" by planning your spring and summer programs already? Since you're at it, why not plan to get involved in a Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC)?

For those of you who haven't gotten the word, the NRA's Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) program is the most comprehensive youth hunter education program in North America today. Developed to provide more hands-on field experience to hunter education course graduates 18 years of age and younger, YHEC provides its youthful participants with a unique opportunity to test their skills at a variety of hunting techniques. From firing at life-sized targets with a rifle, bow and muzzle-loader to participating in wildlife

identification and map and compass courses, participants walk away with an appreciation of all methods of "take" and all types of game as they learn from the top hunting and shooting educators in all of North America. Because events are conducted in simulated hunting conditions, YHEC provides the best test of a young hunter's skills short of an actual situation afield.

After completing a (North American) hunter education course, youths wishing to participate in YHEC begin working with sponsoring organizations or sportsmen's groups to take part in regional or state programs, or the week-long summer NRA International event. Although participants are scored and ranked in



YHEC events, the program's competitive edge is diminished as the real challenge focuses on personal improvement. YHEC training ensures the American hunting tradition as a safe, viable recreational activity the entire family can enjoy.

YHEC events across the country are always seeking involvement from organizations and individuals. To find out how you can become involved or get this one-of-a-kind educational program started in your area, contact the NRA Hunter Services Department at 703-267-1503 or via email to membrey@nrahq.org.

ATA Adopts the NRA Coaching Program

The Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) has initiated a program to develop new trapshooters using the NRA's Coach program. The NRA will use the National Coach Development Staff (NCDS) to help ATA develop a cadre of ATA Certified Coaches. These coaches will use other NRA programs, such as the NRA Shooting Sports Camps, Advanced Junior Shooting Camps, the Excellent Performance Awards, and NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program to offer training in trapshooting to beginners—both youth and adults. These programs will help provide incentives to for participants to develop their trapshooting skills.

In 2005, NRA partnered with ATA to develop the *NRA/ATA Trap Camp Lesson Plans*, which provide a beginning training foundation for new trap shooters. This new endeavor will go the extra step of training more coaches to handle the intermediate and advanced levels of the sport and to increase the number of trapshooting programs all across the country.



NRA has developed new Trap Coach School materials to help meet ATA's need for trap coaches. Graduates from the program will be part of the national coaching system as Level 1 Coaches.

This new program will be officially launched at the SouthWestern Grand in San Antonio, TX, April 14-15. If you would like to attend or for more information about the program, please contact Stacey Hodkey at the ATA Office today at (937) 898-4638, extension 539.

2007 NRA Muzzle Loading Championships

For the second year, the NRA National Muzzle Loading Championships will be held at the Walter Cline Range in Friendship, Indiana, July 6-9, 2007. After a successful debut, the NRA has added new shotgun events and re-entry matches to the program in 2007. The championship events are shot over a two-day period and include open, senior, woman, and junior champion categories for Civil War, Hunter, Pistol, Off-hand Rifle, Revolutionary War, and Round Ball disciplines.

"NRA's dedication to preserving America's history and our tradition of competition shooting are all a part of the reason why NRA has chosen to move its National Muzzle Loading Championship to the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association's range in Friendship,



Indiana, a place many refer to as 'muzzle loading's Mecca,'" said John C. Sigler, NRA 1st Vice President. "NRA welcomes and invites all of America's muzzle loading competitive shooters to join us in rebuilding NRA's muzzle loading shooting programs by coming to the NRA

National Muzzle Loading Championships in July. This year's program is bigger and better than ever and includes shotgun events for the very first time. NRA is dedicated to making this event very special for everyone attending."

NRA is now accepting match sponsorships. For entry or sponsorship questions, please contact the NRA Rifle Department at (703) 267-1475 or rifle@nrahq.org.

For more information visit:
www.nrahq.org/compete/nm_muzz_load.asp

NRA Launching New Marksmanship Qualification Reward Program

Straight Shooters Reward Program

NRA is launching a program to expose more people to the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program. The new Straight Shooters Reward Program offers clubs, associations and ranges reward points for each skill level their participants reach. Currently, we are only running this program on a trial basis in Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina. The program will run from April 1 through October 31 of 2007. After October 31, the club, association, or range with the most points will receive two Colt Target Model .22



caliber pistols and five Henry .22 Bolt Action Youth Model Rifles. Second place will receive a Beretta U22 Neos Target Model .22 caliber pistol and three Henry .22 Bolt Action Youth Model Rifles. Third place will receive a Crosman Model 1077 Air Rifle and two Henry .22 Bolt Action Youth Model Rifles.

For more information about this new program contact Barry Ranney, NRA Marksmanship Qualification Coordinator at (703) 267-1505 or email at branneyn@nrahq.org.

Florida and Texas Sales Tax Collection

Effective as of February 1, 2007, anyone from the states of Florida and Texas purchasing merchandise from the NRA Program Materials Center will be charged state sales tax for that state.

NRA has been working with the Departments of Revenue in Florida and Texas to ensure our compliance with state laws, and we now need to charge sales tax on merchandise sales to residents of Florida and Texas. Your NRA Trainers' Order Form for 2007 was printed before we got this directive, so please help us out by automatically adding in your Florida or Texas state sales tax on mail in orders. The online Program Materials Center has already been updated to collect these taxes on orders being placed by Florida and Texas residents.

Anytime there are changes, confusion follows, so we hope that this sidebar has helped explain why we are collecting these taxes. The NRA Training Department staff wishes to thank you in advance and appreciates your assistance in helping NRA comply with these state regulations! This compliance helps us to preserve our long-term reputation with the states.



The Instant Indoor Range

Imagine being able to safely and quietly conduct shooting exercises with students in non-conventional locations, using a real firearm, with full function, recoil, and consistent trigger pull. No hearing protection required.

The N Range™ Shooting System defies conventional firearms technology, allowing the safest, most realistic indoor firearm training available, using a real gun. Neither an alternative nor a simulation, the N Range™ system quickly converts real guns to use safe, patented reduced-velocity ammunition.

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The N Range™ System accurately sends a lightweight, low velocity projectile into the target box, where it is contained. The firearm recoils normally, and the ejected cartridge case is collected in the shell catcher, while the next round is fed into the chamber as the slide cycles.

You can now have a safe and effective shooting range in virtually any environment, without sacrificing firearm function or realism. The N Range™ Shooting System has even been approved by NRA for use in the FIRST STEPS Pistol Course and for the shooting portion of NRA Pistol Instructors courses. You can now conduct training classes without a conventional shooting range!

This is a serious shooting system for serious shooters. For more information on how the N Range™ system works, visit the N Range™ website at www.nrange.com

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Meet the Education & Training Division Staff

Patricia Lewis

**Data Entry Specialist
NRA Training Department**

Patricia Lewis was hired as a temporary employee for the Education and Training Division within the National Rifle Association. With her dedication and commitment to learn every aspect of this position, she has earned the position of Data Entry Specialist, a permanent position in the Training Department.

Patricia is responsible for entering data of applicants who have completed courses to become an instructor, entering renewals, assisting with the printing and the mailing of the instructor's credentials and assisting with customer service.

She is married and the proud parent of five children. She also is a grandparent of six grandsons and one granddaughter.

Patricia spent twelve years in Europe as a Supply Clerk for all commissaries throughout the military in Europe.

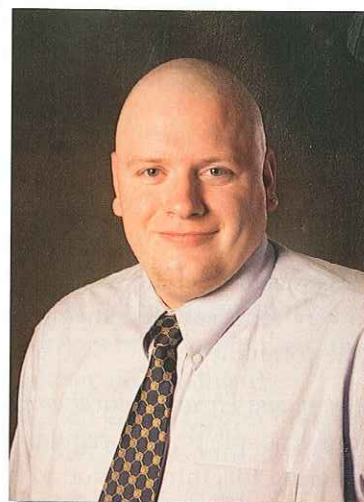


Barry Ranney

**Marksmanship Qualification Program Coordinator
NRA Youth Programs Department**

Barry Ranney has worked for the NRA since July 2005, starting as a Membership Specialist in the Membership Division. In January 2007, he joined the Education and Training Division in the Youth Programs Department as the Marksmanship Qualification Program Coordinator.

Originally from western New York, he is a 1998 graduate of Jamestown Community College in Jamestown, NY. Barry is an accomplished shooter, an NRA Certified Pistol Instructor and Range Safety Officer, an Eagle Scout, a member of the Virginia Citizens Defense League (VCDL), and just recently became the Committee Chairman for the Loudoun County *Friends of NRA*. Barry is involved in competitive shooting and has become a member of the NRA team in the Metropolitan Pistol League. When Barry is not teaching a pistol class or shooting at the range, he enjoys spending time with his wife Christi and son Evan.



NRA Affiliated Clubs Earn Thousands Through Membership Recruiting

The NRA's network of nearly 5,000 membership recruiters and more than 11,500 NRA affiliated clubs have discovered the benefits of raising money through the NRA Recruiting Program. Clubs participating in the NRA Recruiting Program are eligible to receive \$10 for every new member and \$5 for every renewal they sign up. Some earn thousands of dollars every year, making it a significant source of income for their club, while strengthening the NRA at the same time.

According to Matt Windt, Marketing Coordinator for NRA Recruiting Programs, clubs have the ability to be among the most effective NRA recruiters. "Clubs have the ability to start recruiting right away by signing up their own club members. And they have the added benefit of being able to sign up those same people year after year. They are generating a guaranteed source of income,



providing a service to their members, and helping to build NRA membership all at the same time."

There is no cost for individuals or clubs to enroll in the Recruiting Program. The NRA supplies all of the recruiting materials as well as complete program instructions and effective recruiting techniques. For more information about the NRA Recruiter Program, call the NRA Recruiter Hotline at (800) 672-0004.

Turn Your Class Into a Real Event

Use the NRA Shooting Sports Camp Program as a Marketing Tool

The NRA Shooting Sports Camp Program can offer you a great venue to introduce your community to your training programs. The shooting sports camp program is very versatile and offers many themes which you may use to reach new students or program participants.

INSTRUCTORS

Basic Shooting Camps are designed specifically to conduct an NRA Basic Firearm Training Course or FIRST Steps Orientation taught by NRA certified instructors. The camp environment allows the participants more time spent on the range shooting and receiving guidance from the instructors. Students benefit greatly from the extra time they get to practice and develop the skills they've just learned and from the personalized, one-on-one time they get with an instructor.

From a marketing stand point, the extra range time and one-on-one instruction make a great promotional tool for instructors trying to expose their courses to the community. It's also a great way to get other instructors together and organize a teaching team. Clubs can also use this camp as a way to recruit new members and build goodwill within the community.

Safety and Firearm Education Camps are also a great way to draw people to your regular basic training classes. By offering this introduction to firearms and shooting for the whole family, you can whet their appetites for more comprehensive training. This type of camp serves as an orientation to all the different types of guns—rifles, pistols, shotguns, air guns, and muzzleloaders. Participants learn the basics of gun safety and marksmanship fundamentals, as well as actual range time to try out the various types of guns. This camp gives people a chance to decide in which kind of gun and shooting sports they are most interested. When something sparks their interest they are more likely to pursue further training.

COACHES

Competition Camps are the perfect opportunity for coaches to find the talent in their community. If you're building a team and looking for new recruits, an event at your local shooting club or range is a great way to bring in people who may not otherwise know how to get involved in competitive shooting. The camp format makes it easy to educate shooters, not just about shooting techniques, but also about the basic and special gear used in competition, rules and regulations, competitive courses of fire, scoring procedures and rules, the NRA classification system, and the various types of competitions



available. You can also offer intermediate or advanced training to already experienced shooters, concentrating on refining positions and shooting techniques, as well as exposing them to shooting diaries and training programs, mental training, goal setting, ethics, and sportsmanship.

HUNTER CLINIC INSTRUCTORS

Hunters Camps are particularly helpful to NRA Hunter Clinic Instructors, who can use the NRA Shooting Sports Camp format to expand and enhance their clinics. NRA Hunter Clinics, which are designed to take hunters beyond the basics of hunting to the techniques involved in hunting a specific game species or category—wild turkey, whitetail deer, or western big game. Offer extra events as an added draw to your program such as a Cherokee Run, hunter safety trail, and guest speakers. You can even offer an organized hunt or a scouting trip into the field.

CLUBS AND RANGES

Introduce the community to your club and programs. Offer an event and invite the community to participate. Shooting Sports Camps provide you with the versatility to tailor an event to highlight your club's specialties and expertise. There is no better way to generate community good will and recruit new members than to show people, first-hand, how much fun they can have in the shooting sports. See all the camp themes to choose from on page 9.

For more information on how you can get involved with the NRA Shooting Sports Camp Program, call (703) 267-1591 to obtain a free copy of the *NRA Shooting Sports Camp Planning Guide* and application.

FREE STUFF

NRA provides camper T-shirts, camp attendance certificate, and a gun safety pamphlet. Camp staff members also receive a staff hat and a certificate of appreciation.

NRA Shooting Sports Camps

Safety and Firearm Education Camps are family-oriented and open to everyone. Participants learn about all types of firearms—rifles, pistols, shotguns, air guns, and muzzleloaders. This orientation format includes teaching safe gun handling, how the guns work, marksmanship fundamentals, and allows for plenty of range time to try out the various types of guns.

Basic Shooting Camps provide a formal introduction and orientation to a specific type of firearm. This camp revolves around the completion of an NRA Basic Training Course or the FIRST Steps Orientation and taught by NRA certified instructors. Basic Shooting Camps are ideal for people who have little to no experience with firearms and need the proper training. Instructors may use any of the NRA Basic Training Courses at this camp.

Competition Camps expose shooters to formal competitive shooting. These camps may be beginner, intermediate, or advanced. Participants learn about competitive shooting in a specific shooting sport. Topics may include the rules that govern the sport, how to select and use the proper equipment, instruction on honing and refining shooting skills, and the latest techniques to give a competitor that extra edge in matches.

Hunters Camps may incorporate a number of hunting-related activities, such as a State Hunter Education Course, a local-level NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge, an NRA Hunter Clinic, or a program of the camp sponsor's choice, including seminars, workshops, and even organized hunts.

Youth SportsFest Camps are conducted exclusively for youth participants; with a primary goal of introducing young people to the fun and excitement of the shooting sports in a safe, positive, and educational environment. Sponsors are free to develop their own program based on their experience, resources, and the facilities available to them. Typically, SportsFests are a festival-like event in which youth learn gun safety and get the chance to try out a variety of guns and sports. Examples of activities that may be offered include shooting rifles, pistols, shotguns, muzzleloaders, archery, as well as events such as a turkey

shoot, cowboy shoot, Cherokee Run, Mini-Summer Biathlon or Bike-athlon, and more.

Women On Target® Instructional Shooting Camps provide women with a welcoming, friendly environment in which to learn about the shooting sports. This camp, which uses the Women On Target® Instructional Clinic program as the training component, offers women a comfortable environment with the camaraderie of other women where they can get the encouragement and mentoring they need to become involved in the shooting sports.



NRA/ATA Trap Camps and **NRA/NSSA Skeet Camps** offer people a chance to learn the basics of trap or skeet. NRA has teamed up with the Amateur Trapshooting Association and the National Skeet Shooting Association to expand the opportunities for people across the country to learn about these exciting sports. Sponsors may design their own program or they may follow the NRA/ATA Trap Camp Lesson Plans or the NRA/NSSA Skeet Camp Lesson Plans.

Special Interest Camps allow sponsors to create their own camp or theme, giving them a wide opportunity to explore a variety of training and

shooting sports scenarios designed to focus on a specifically defined segment of people. The Special Interest Camp audience may be the disabled, local college students, families of law enforcement personnel, senior citizens, concealed carry permit holders, employees of a local company, or members of another organization, such as Boy and Girl Scout troops, Royal Rangers, or 4-H.

NRA Day is a program designed to showcase the programs and events the NRA has to offer. Through an NRA Day event, clubs can help introduce people to a variety of NRA programs. The event is a great tool for recruiting new NRA members and educating the media about the shooting sports, because it focuses on the educational and recreational aspects rather than the political. Clubs hosting an NRA Day event will also have the perfect opportunity to recruit new club members and build good community relations.

Training and Workshop Schedules

NRA Training Counselor Workshop Schedule

OHIO (Vandalia/Dayton)

April 13-15

Ed Danielewicz, (937) 339-4242
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IOWA (Indianola)

April 26-29

Randy Jimenez, (641) 466-3651
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TEXAS (Fort Worth)

April 27-29

Bill Russell, (817) 291-2376

OHIO (Camp Perry)

May 4-6

Kerry Miller, (734) 368-0135
semmtc@aol.com

FLORIDA (Gainesville)

May 9-12

Steve Moore, (386) 684-3433 or
Dick Gentry, (904) 724-7419
l0ring@clearwire.net

MINNESOTA (Cannon Falls/St. Paul)

May 11-13

Sue Bierly, (507) 533-4307

ARIZONA (Northern Area)

May 18-20

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VIRGINIA (Richmond)

May 26-28

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trainingcounselor@verizon.net

CONNECTICUT (Colchester)

June 1-3

George Emmanuel, (860) 537-5050
outfitters1@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN (Zeeland/Grand Rapids)

June 15-17

Tom Medendorp, (616) 772-6943
wmfe@acninc.net or
Barry Anderson, (616) 791-9378
Barry45ACP@aol.com

ILLINOIS (Northern Area)

July 13-15

Hank Washburn, (630) 556-3794
coltiger7@aol.com

NRA/USA Shooting Coach Training Schools

SMALLBORE/AIR RIFLE

SOUTH CAROLINA (Union)

April 14-15

Paul Davis, (864) 427-0654
pauldavis@charter.net

OHIO (Camp Perry)

July 18-20

HQ Moody, (703) 267-1401
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HAWAII (Oahu)

August 6-8

Dawn Horn, (808) 263-4644
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SHOTGUN

WISCONSIN (Wisconsin Dells)

April 21-22

Allan Pribnow, (715) 774-3301
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VIRGINIA (Centreville)

April 28-29

David Meyers, (703) 395-9613
dripsc@patriot.net

PISTOL

OHIO (Camp Perry)

July 9-11

HQ Moody, (703) 267-1401
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For more information, [contact the Training Counselors listed here](#). For the most current schedule, visit www.nrahq.org/education.

CONGRATULATIONS Distinguished Expert Award Recipients

Jacob Bailey	Adam Hartfeil	Stephen Munze	William Tipping III
Kevin Baird	Norman Horne	John Olson	Andrew Tuck
Christine Barrett	Brian Johnson	Paul Phillips	James Tucker
Kirby Bean	Michael P. Keogh	Michael Pelzer	Kathleen Valko
D. Michael Bender	Ryan Konarske	Lawrence Porter	Peter Valko
Tim Blake	Nikki Kroll	Jonathan Potter	Rebba Wallace
Matthew Carmel	Rebecca Lessie	James Rand	William Werder
Stuart Casselberry Jr.	Jonathan Lincoln	Matthew Redmond	Joseph Westfall
Larry Cecka	Janna Longshore	Carl Rideout	Shirley Woods
Jimmie Cooper	Edward R. Lynch	Steven Robins	William Woods
Langdon Cotner	Jeffrey Maynard	Karen Roman	Dean Yontz
Justin Cox	Win Maynard II	Andrew Severin	John Zeis
Jessica Deal	Ernest McAlister	Michael Sills	Paul Zeis
Colin Downs	Scott McCarthy	Nate Solomon	Double
M. Denise Finnell	Robert McCaughan Jr.	Allison Spolsdoff	Distinguished
Lowell Fletcher	Alan McClure	Katherine Spolsdoff	Scott Doty
Rodolfo Garcia Jr.	Cord McWilliams	William Teller III	Jose Ferrer
George Glen	Mike Morgan	F. Michael Thola	Shauna Morrison
Steven Hahn	Alexis Morrison	Wendy Thompson	Aristides Tsikoudakis

For more information, [contact the Coaches listed here](#).

For current schedule, visit www.nrahq.org/education.

REMINDER: Michigan Instructors

YOU are responsible for putting the following statement on your Basic Course Completion Certificates for those students seeking a MI license to carry a concealed pistol:

This program complies with the requirements of MICH. COMP LAWS § 28.425j (1)(b) (2001).

Instructors must make certain that the curriculum complies with the statute before signing such a statement, as the statute places this legal duty and responsibility upon the instructor.

Event Schedules

Youth Hunter Education Challenge State Events Schedule

UTAH (Logan)

April 13-14

Brent Bassett, (435) 245-6545

TEXAS (Dumas)

April 14 (Regional)

Lee Morris, (806) 930-5655

VIRGINIA (Appomattox)

May 4-6

VA Dept. Game & Inland Fisheries
(804) 367-1000

ALASKA (Fairbanks)

June 1-3

Joe Nava, (907) 479-2340

IOWA (Madrid)

June 1-3

Dr. Jim Pease, (515) 294-7429

N. MEXICO (Raton)

June 1-3

Larry Foster, (505) 526-1460

ARKANSAS (Ferndale)

June 8-9

Gary Jobe, (713) 253-7914

OHIO (Carrollton)

June 8-10

Steve Stechschulte, (419) 532-2043

MARYLAND (Williamsport)

June 15-17

Morris Aguilar, (410) 374-5388

MISSOURI (Jefferson City)

June 22-24

Jan Morris, (636) 464-6214

PENNSYLVANIA (State College)

June 23

Charlie Fox, (570) 297-4642

MICHIGAN (Chesaning)

Aug. 25-26

Lew Kramer, (586) 739-0343

For more information, contact the Leaders listed here.
For current schedule, visit
www.nrahq.org/hunting.

Hunter Clinics

Spring Turkey Clinic

June 16

Stackhouse Park, Johnstown, PA
Contact: Jim Pasco, (814) 536-1674

Fall Turkey Clinic

October 14

Stackhouse Park, Johnstown, PA
Contact: Jim Pasco, (814) 536-1674

For more information, contact the Instructors listed here.
For current schedule, visit
www.nrahq.org/hunting.

NEED TRAINING AIDS?

If you are in need of training aids, empty chamber indicators, "Blue Gun" firearm simulators, or dummy rounds, please visit our Program Materials website at:

<http://materials.nrahq.org/go>

Go to the "Training Materials" hyperlinks for Education & Training, Coaching, or Law Enforcement.

2007 NRA Short-Term Gunsmithing Schools

The NRA Short-Term Gunsmithing Schools Program courses for the Spring and Summer 2007 sessions are posted at: www.nragunsmithing.com. New this year on the website are descriptions of all the courses, costs, dates, instructor listings and registration information.

These courses are ideal for the hobbyist, for those in competitive shooting that want to learn how to accurize their firearm, coaches who work with groups that shoot airguns, persons who want to go into gunsmithing as a career and would like to try a couple of non-degree courses before applying to a full-time gunsmithing program, and even for existing gunsmiths that want to hone their skills. Most courses run about a week in length and are given at the participating college locations under the direct guidance of an on-site instructor.

A sampling of some of the courses available include: Design, Function and Repair of Shotguns; Accurizing the AR Rifle for Competition; Accurizing M1/M1A Rifle for Competition; Action Jobs on Cowboy Guns; Custom 1911

.45 Accurizing; Black powder Cartridges/Single Shot Actions; Design and Repair of Air Guns; Cowboy Leather Belts and Holsters; General Gunsmithing; Basic Machine Shop. There is a little bit of everything to meet your interests.

For additional information either contact the participating colleges listed below, or email jboyer@nrahq.org with your questions.

NRA Short-Term Gunsmithing Schools

Lassen Community College

Susanville, CA • (530) 251-8800

Trinidad State Junior College

Trinidad, CO • (800) 621-8752

Montgomery Community College

Troy, NC • (910) 576-6222, ext. 253

Murray State College

Tishomingo, OK • (580) 371-2371, ext. 235#

Utilizing Assistant and Apprentice Instructors

By Don Sipes
Instructor Programs Coordinator

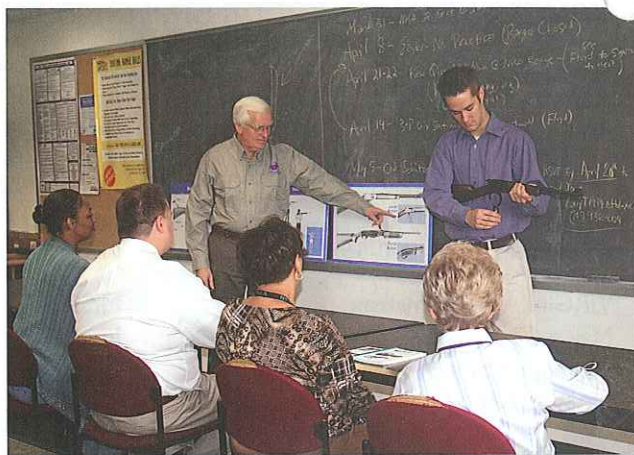
Most NRA instructors understand the benefits of "team-teaching" from the instructor training they took. Some learn the value of a training team from their own teaching experience. It's hard work to conduct a well-presented NRA course on your own—far harder than it is for a coordinated training team.

A good training team doesn't have to consist of only Certified Instructors. Many tasks can be performed quite well by Assistant or Apprentice Instructors. While these folks are not authorized to act in a teaching capacity, they can certainly handle the myriad of other tasks required in conducting an NRA course. You know the list—distributing materials, taking roll, directing parking, setting-up the range, being a demonstrator, readying snacks for the breaks, collecting money, clean-up after class, and many other important things that help make your class a success.

Additionally, with proper supervision, using Assistant and Apprentice Instructors gives young people and those who need the added experience the opportunity to develop into Certified Instructors. It can provide your training team with some real longevity.

Apprentice Instructors must be at least 13 years old and have not reached their 18th birthday. **Assistant Instructors** must be at least 18 years old. Both must successfully complete the full instructor training, including the Basic Instructor Training Course and a discipline-specific instructor training course. They must score at least 85% correct on both instructor course examinations.

Both pay the one-time processing fee (\$7.50 for NRA members or \$10.00 for non-members), but only Assistant Instructors are charged the recurring annual certification fee (\$6.00 for NRA members or \$11.00 for



non-members). Apprentice Instructors are not charged an annual fee until they become an Assistant Instructor when they reach 18 (with the favorable recommendation of a Certified Instructor with whom they have worked).

Look around your club and community for potential young candidates, and help connect them with an NRA Training Counselor. You'll certainly benefit from the effort, and they will remember you fondly forever for getting them started in their career as a firearms trainer.

2007 Reloading Incentive Programs

In 2006, we offered current instructors the option to add either or both of the reloading instructor certifications to their credentials without any one-time processing fee and without incurring the reloading certification fee until they again renew their instructor credentials. We also permitted current instructors in other disciplines to obtain the reloading certification by home validation.

The 2006 program was a booming success with over 800 new reloading instructors added (an increase of over 75%).

In 2007, we will continue that incentive program through the end of the year. Additionally, as an incentive aimed at getting the two basic reloading courses taught to more students, the program will include free replacement reloading course student packets for each student taught.

Get Free Reloading Student Packets!

Here's how it works...

Schedule an NRA reloading course, buy the necessary student packets, and teach the course. When we receive your reloading course report, the Training Department will send the listed chief instructor a free replacement reloading student packet for each reloading student who completed your course. Do this as often as you wish during 2007.

Funding for these reloading incentive programs is made possible by the NRA RELOADING ENDOWMENT and its generous contributors.

For more information about the 2007 Reloading Incentive Program, contact the Training Department at (703) 267-1428.

NRA National Junior Pistol Shooting Camp

Junior shooters who are looking for a great time, want to learn about other pistol shooting events, or who just want to improve their pistol shooting skills have that opportunity this summer at the National Junior Pistol Camp, Camp Perry, Ohio. NRA's Education and Training Division just announced the National Junior Shooting Camp schedule for 2007. The pistol camp will be held July 9-13, 2007. This is a chance to learn about other fun pistol events such as Action Pistol, Bullseye, Air Pistol, and International Pistol, and be coached by some of the finest shooting coaches in the country.

The NRA Junior Pistol Camp is a way to meet other shooters from across the country and share their common interest of sport and leisure time activities. Junior pistol shooters will be introduced to several different types of pistol shooting. Since the National Junior Pistol Camp is being conducted during the National Pistol Championships, the junior pistol shooters will be able to be part of the match excitement and will shoot on the National Championship

Range as a part of their learning experience. A tournament will be conducted at the end of the camp for the junior campers and, as a part of the camp, distinguished members of the shooting community will present special awards to the competitors.

The pistol camp features lots of one-on-one coaching, daily training sessions, and fun shoots. Coaches in the camp teach shooting techniques, provide the shooters with classroom instruction about rules, college programs, nutrition, mental focus, and other interesting topics. In addition, shooters will learn organization, self-discipline, etiquette skills and are exposed to tools such as the "shooting diary" and "training plans" that are designed to facilitate better performance.

Applications or Additional Information

For more information about the NRA Junior Pistol Camp, contact John Howard, (703) 267-1411, NRA Training Department. Applications will be accepted up to range space availability and open to the first 25 applicants on a first-come-first-served basis.

Application information for both the Smallbore and Pistol Camps may be found on the NRA Web site at: www.nrahq.org/education/training/junior_olympic_camps.asp

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2007 National Matches at Camp Perry, OH need you!

Help run the range, sales, or score targets. No experience, no problem, we train you!

Volunteers are provided housing and daily meal expenses.

Choose a phase or portion of a phase:

Pistol: July 9-15

Smallbore Rifle: July 18-26

CMP Trophy: July 27-Aug 4

High Power Rifle: Aug 5-9

Long Range: Aug 10-14

www.nra.org

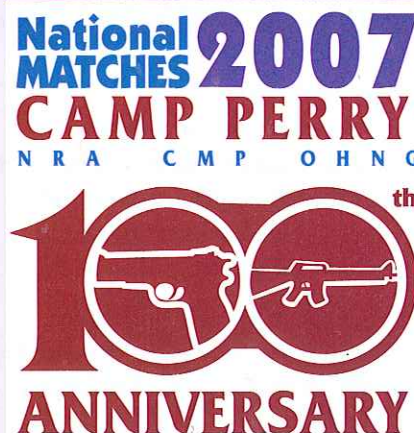
For more information:
703-267-1485
volunteer@nrahq.org

The Camp Perry Experience

The outdoor competitive shooting season is upon us. For many, the ultimate event is to compete in the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, in pistol, small-bore rifle, or highpower rifle. Many current competitors first went to Camp Perry as participants in the National Junior Smallbore or Junior Pistol Camps. Several of those have earned college scholarships, become college All-Americans, and gone on to become Olympians and World Champions. Both camps are staffed by outstanding coaches and offer participants an excellent opportunity to improve their shooting skills.

This summer, the Junior Pistol Camp will be held from July 9-13, and the Junior Smallbore Rifle Camp will take place July 21-26.

Encourage the youth you work with or those who are members of your club to strongly consider attending one of these camps. The Pistol Camp is growing with several openings still available. Each year the Smallbore Camp has filled to capacity (72, limited by number of firing points), **so register early!**



Is It the Flu or Is It Lyme Disease? Get the Facts Before Summer!

You are sitting in your doctor's office for the third time in three weeks. You can't seem to shake what feels like the flu and you are beginning to feel worse. You have had a fever, sore joints and muscles, and now for the last week, you have started getting headaches and simply have no energy. Knowing you spend a lot of time out-of-doors fishing, hunting, and hiking, your doctor requests a Lyme disease test along with regular blood work. Your doctor's decision to check for Lyme is a good one as the test came back positive. Immediately, you are started on oral antibiotics, which will treat the disease in its early stages.

What Is Lyme Disease And How Is It Transmitted?

Lyme Disease results from the bite of a deer tick that has come in contact with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* from another host. Deer ticks are very small (about the size of a pin head) and may be found on deer, birds, mice, and other mammals in wooded areas. When brushed up against, the tick can attach to people or animals. While on their host, ticks find a place to embed their mouthparts through the skin into the host's bloodstream to feed. If the tick is infected with *Borrelia burgdorferi*, it will pass the bacterium on to the host through the bloodstream.

Removing the Tick

Pointed, precision tweezers are the best tool for extracting a tick. Get close to the tick's mouthparts, and with steady and gentle pressure, pull the tick straight back.

- ◆ Do not use your fingers to remove the tick or crush it after being removed, as this may lead to infection.

- ◆ Do not twist, squash or burn the tick (these actions may cause the

tick to break and remain lodged or regurgitate the infected fluids into your bloodstream).

- ◆ Smothering a tick with petroleum jelly or alcohol will not kill it. A tick will generally store enough oxygen to continue to feed.

After you have removed the tick, immediately disinfect the bite area and place the tick in a jar for identification and testing should you develop symptoms. If you or a family member have been bitten by a tick and start to show any of the following symptoms of Lyme disease, you should contact your family physician or health care provider to determine necessary treatment.

Symptoms of Lyme Disease

Lyme disease can be difficult to detect since the symptoms can be mistaken for other illnesses. Headaches, fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, fever, muscle or joint pain, and rapid or slowed heartbeat are classic symptoms of Lyme disease. These symptoms are normally mistaken for flu, arthritis and stress. If you become itchy or have any skin irritation, try to determine what is causing the problem. Look for a rash or a tick bite. Be particularly careful with young children and teach them early what to look for. In about 80-90% of diagnosed Lyme disease cases, a ring-like rash appears at the site of the tick bite. Some infected patients may not have symptoms for weeks or even years. This hidden infection can progress to late stage disease and lead to severe long-term medical problems. Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne illness in the U.S. today. Over 150,000 cases in the United States were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 1993-2002, with 23,305 cases reported in 2005.

Who Is At Risk?

Anyone who is active in the outdoors is at risk. Spring turkey hunters, hunters that scout and hunt in early fall, and bank fishermen are very susceptible to exposure to Lyme disease. During warm spells in the late fall and winter, ticks will become active and begin to move about. Due to the cold, winter is a particular time of year when the majority of outdoorsmen and women are not concerned with ticks and may not take any preventive measures against them. Whether you camp, fish, hunt, hike or work outdoors, you run a risk of contracting Lyme disease year-round.

Prevention

Wear light colored, long-sleeved shirts and pants and enclosed shoes to make ticks easier to spot. Tuck shirts into pants and pants legs in boots or socks to keep ticks from crawling under clothing. Spot check clothes frequently. Wear a hat and pull back long hair. To decrease your chances of being bitten, following the manufacturer's directions, apply insect repellents containing DEET to your clothing and skin. Check yourself and your pets whenever you come in from outdoor activities. Because the deer tick is very small, you may need assistance in checking hard-to-see areas such as your head, armpits, groin area and waist (mid-section of the body).

Treatment of Lyme Disease

In early or late states of Lyme disease, a blood test that specifically checks for Lyme may be required. Positive test results may lead to additional testing to determine how long you have been infected. Lyme disease is treatable with antibiotics because it is a bacterial disease. Oral antibiotics are effective about 95% of

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Women On Target® Hunts

Amazing Hunts for Women!

Whether you are a seasoned huntress who has hunted most of the North American game, or a new huntress who wants to learn how to hunt, we have the opportunity for you.

Since 1999, Women on Target® (WOT) has brought together women who share a love of the outdoors. Huntresses will have the chance to hunt a wide variety of game through our diverse hunts. We offer elk, bison, turkey, whitetail, varmint, pheasants, and other North American game.



We offer a safe and welcoming environment to help you learn the skills necessary for you to be successful during and after the hunt. We carefully screen all of our outfitters, so the atmosphere is supportive, friendly, safe and with as little pressure on you as possible. We want you to take the skills you learn on your hunts and pass them on!

Pre-registration is required for all hunts, so we encourage you to sign up quickly since the hunts have a tendency to sell-out quickly.

For more information contact the Women's Programs Department at (703) 267-1413 or dconni@nrahq.org

Take a look at the hunts and see what adventure is waiting for you!

Here's a list of upcoming and available hunts.

Trophy Elk Hunt

\$4,370 + gratuities
Dismal River Outfitters,
North Platte, NE
September 11-14, 2007

Antelope

\$2,012.50 + license, and gratuities
WY Professional Hunters, LTD,
Glenrock, WY
September 23-27, 2007

Pheasant

\$1,840 + license, and gratuities
Granite Springs, Alexandria, SD
October 4-8, 2007

Pheasant and Chukar

\$333.50 + accommodations and
gratuities
Oak Creek Sporting Club, Brainard, NE
October 26-28, 2007

Trophy Bison

\$3,392.50 + gratuities
Dismal River Outfitters,
North Platte, NE
November 2-5, 2007

Whitetail Deer

\$1,495 + license and gratuities
Leavellwood Lodge, West Greene, AL
November 16-19, 2007

Whitetail Deer, Hog, Coyote, Bobcat, and Fox

\$1,489.25 + license and gratuities
Master Rack Lodge, Union Springs, AL
November 29-December 2, 2007

Waterfowl and Hog

\$914.25 + license, Waterfowl stamp
fees and gratuities
Adventure Experiences, Inc,
Carthage, TX
December 7-9, 2007

Whitetail Deer

\$575 + license and gratuities
Texas Trophy Club Ranch, Batesville, TX
January 11-13, 2008

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the time in the treatment of the disease when administered in its early stages. Late stage disease responds best to several courses of intravenous antibiotics. In severe cases, the only course is to continue treating symptoms as they arise. The length of treatment will determine the treatment required.

A tiny deer tick should never keep us from enjoying the outdoors. With a better understanding of Lyme disease,

its symptoms and prevention, we all can enjoy our time in the outdoors with less concern for this disease and more concern on where to spend the next day in the field.

For more information on Lyme disease, contact the American Lyme Disease Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 466, Lyme, CT 06371 or online at www.aldf.com.

NOTE: Lyme Disease is part of the Hunter's Educational Brochure Series, produced by the National Rifle Association of America's Hunter Services Department. For more information on this or other hunting-related topics in the series, contact the Hunter Services Department at (703) 267-1516.

Answers to the Trainer's Quiz

Take the NRA Trainer's Quiz on Page 2

1. What two courses make up the Personal Protection discipline group?

ANSWER: Effective January 2007 the NRA Personal Protection courses (Personal Protection In The Home and Personal Protection Outside The Home) became a stand alone discipline group. The Pistol Discipline Group is now comprised of pistol and muzzleloading pistol.

2. The prerequisites for attending Personal Protection Outside The Home instructor training are certification as both _____ instructors and completion of the 14-hour Basic Personal Protection Outside The Home course.

ANSWER: NRA Pistol and Personal Protection In The Home. (See pages 1-2 for more information.)

3. Personal Protection Outside The Home Student Packets can only be ordered by a _____ instructor, because of the completion certificates that are contained in the packet.

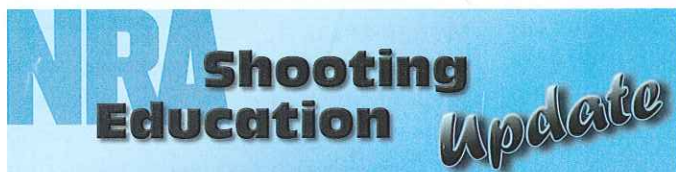
ANSWER: Personal Protection Outside The Home.

4. What is the Item Number for the NEW Chief Range Safety Officer training section for the NRA Training Counselor Guide, which Training Counselors use to train Chief Range Safety Officers?

ANSWER: ES 30060.

5. The 2007 Reloading Instructor Validation Program where NRA certified firearm instructors order the Reloading Student Packet, complete the student exam, and application form and submit both to the Training Department is funded by the NRA _____ Education Endowment, which pays the processing and initial certification fees.

ANSWER: Reloading. (See page 12 for more Reloading information.)



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