

TO: MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
FROM: ERIC BELONGIA, CHAIR, SHOOTING SPORTS COMMITTEE  
SUBJECT: STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES  
DATE: JUNE 3, 2019

The Mecklenburg County Council Shooting Sports Committee maintains Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the shooting sports most commonly offered at Belk Scout Camp.

These SOPs were created by the Shooting Sports Committee to supplement the BSA Shooting Sports Manual, Cub Scout Shooting Sports Guide, and the National Camp Accreditation Program rules and guidelines. In the event of a contradiction between our SOPs and any of these governing documents, the most restrictive option will be effective. For example, Mecklenburg County Council may require an additional certification than is required by Scouts BSA, but Mecklenburg County Council may not remove a certification requirement as stated in any of those governing documents.

The Shooting Sports Committee created these SOPs to give our volunteer Range Officers/Range Masters the support and structure they need to offer a safe and quality experience to all young people who participate at our ranges and events. The SOPs and the appendices provide the process to open and close a range, the safety briefing and range commands, and a mechanism to report and track the condition of our ranges and equipment. All of this, together, will help our volunteers provide a consistent experience to participants and help ensure safe habits on and off the range.

These Standard Operating Procedures are in effect. I ask that any challenges presented by these SOPs be brought to the Shooting Sports Committee's attention, particularly if the SOP would prevent your program from taking place. The Shooting Sports Committee welcomes feedback on the Standard Operating Procedures. Please feel free to share your feedback with me directly by phone or email (preferred).

Yours in Scouting,

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***STANDARD OPERATING  
PROCEDURES***

for the

***Slingshot Ranges***

at

**Belk Scout Camp**  
9408 Belt Road  
Midland, North Carolina 28107

**JUNE 2019**

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**PREAMBLE**

The Mecklenburg County Council (#415) of the Boys Scouts of America was officially chartered in 1940. Prior to that it was a part of a much larger Council, the Central North Carolina Council, which officially was formed in 1915 in Charlotte. The current Scout Executive is Mark Turner.

The Mecklenburg County Council Shooting Sports Committee (MCC-SSC) was formed in 2014 after long-time Council Shooting Sports Coordinator Mark Thompson passed away.

The purpose of the Shooting Sports Committee is to manage and provide resources to the Council, the Camping Committee and the Council camps for all activities involving shooting sports whether during summer camps or during year-round shooting opportunities. All shooting sports activities should be coordinated through the Shooting Sports Committee to verify that a safe and responsible program is planned and conducted by properly trained and currently certified personnel.

Mecklenburg County Council owns the following Camp properties:

Mecklenburg Scout Reservation (MSR)  
(Currently only Camp Grimes is on that Property)  
383 Vein Mountain Road  
Nebo, North Carolina 28761  
828-652-8592  
Ranger: Troy Williams

Shooting Sports Ranges in place:

- 1) Rifle Range (Rimfire; BB Gun/Air Rifle; Chalk Ball)
- 2) Shotgun Range
- 3) Cowboy Action Range
- 4) Archery Range – both short and long distance
- 5) Tomahawk/Knife Throwing Range

Belk Scout Camp (formerly Clear Creek Scout Camp)  
9108 Belt Road  
Midland, North Carolina 28107  
704-545-0958  
Ranger: Mike Cook

Shooting Sports Ranges in place:

- 1) BB Range 1 (BB/Air Rifle/Slingshot/Catapult)
- 2) BB Range 2 (BB/Air Rifle/Slingshot/Catapult)
- 3) BB Range 3 (BB/Air Rifle/Slingshot/Catapult)
- 4) Archery 1
- 5) Archery 2

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### ***CONSTITUTION***

The Council's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are on file at the Council's office. Additionally, Mecklenburg County Council is Chartered annually by the Boy Scouts of America. Please contact Mr. Turner, Scout Executive/CEO at (704) 342-9330 during regular business hours with any question concerning the Organization.

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### ***ORGANIZATION***

The Shooting Sports Committee reports to the Vice President of Programs, as a working part of the Camping Committee. The Committee oversees the Council's Shooting Sports Program. The Committee is also responsible for the Council's Shooting Sports Policies and Procedures. The Committee Chairperson is appointed by the Council President or his/her designee. The Committee members are recruited and nominated by the Committee Chair and approved by the Council Executive or his/her designee. The Committee members generally serve for two-year terms and can be renewed twice. Staggered terms will allow for consistency from year to year. The number of members of the Committee is up to the judgment of the Chair, with a minimum of five members, including the Chair. Minimum positions are Committee Chair, Vice-Chair of Administration, Vice-Chair of Program, Vice-Chair of Properties and Vice-Chair of Training.

While not required, it is recommended that the Chair of the Committee have a working understanding of summer camp and off-season shooting programs, and possess the knowledge, skills, and attitude to organize and run safe ranges and shooting sports programs. While shooting sports training certification (either NRA, USA Archery, or National Camp School programs) is not required to serve on the Committee, such training is strongly recommended. The Chair and members must have the knowledge, skills, and attitude to oversee shooting sports in the Council.

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### ***NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION***

Mecklenburg County Council #415, Boy Scouts of America is a North Carolina non-profit organization. Please contact Mr. Turner, Scout Executive/CEO at (704) 342-9330 during regular business hours with any question concerning the Organization.

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### ***YEAR ROUND SAFETY PLAN***

Any use of the Mecklenburg County Council Ranges must be approved by the Ranger assigned to that Council property. This requires a proper reservation application by a unit, district or council entity and an approval by the Ranger. All shooting sports activities require a certified and trained individual for the specific range to be identified and presented to the Ranger prior to his approval.

Each approved reservation receives a written confirmation from the Ranger with the Mecklenburg County Council Camp Policies attached. Each camp also has a specific set of emergency procedures that are to be followed. In addition, the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for each range has a section in the appendix detailing the Emergency Procedures for that Range.

A Range Safety Officer (Rifle, Cowboy Action, Air Rifle, Chalk Ball or Shotgun) or a Range Master (Tomahawk, Knife, Slingshot, Catapult, BB or Archery) is responsible for the operation of the specific range in use. He or she is to run the range, maintain safety and ensure that all of the range rules are followed. In order to fulfill these duties, he or she cannot be involved in any instruction during live fire on the range. The range safety briefing will be presented by the Range Safety Officer (RSO) or the Range Master (RM) on the range, prior to any live fire. Additionally, the RSO or the RM will take charge of any emergency situation that may occur while the range is open.

All camp policies and range rules are to be followed. The RSO or the RM has the authority to ask an unruly individual to be removed from the range, or in severe instances, close the range to maintain order and safety.

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# ***MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL TRAINED PERSONNEL FOR SHOOTING SPORTS***

**MCC Range Safety Officer** – required to run the Rifle (Rimfire, Air Rifle, Chalk Ball), Cowboy Action and Shotgun Ranges at Camp Grimes on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation. Mecklenburg County Council Range Safety Officers will be trained by the MCC Shooting Sports Committee and are required to have the following credentials:

- 1) Registered adult leader with Mecklenburg County Council of the BSA.
  - a. Current youth protection trained.
  - b. Current hazardous weather trained.
  - c. Current CPR trained.
- 2) Current National Rifle Association (NRA) trained Range Safety Officer (RSO) or Chief Ranger Safety Officer (CRSO).
- 3) Current Camp Grimes RSO/SOP trained in good standing.

**MCC Air Rifle Range Master** – required to run Air Rifles (CO<sub>2</sub>) on a BB Gun Range at Belk Scout Camp. Mecklenburg County Council Air Rifle Range Masters will be trained by the MCC Shooting Sports Committee and are required to have the following credentials:

- 1) Registered adult leader with Mecklenburg County Council of the BSA.
  - a) Current youth protection trained.
  - b) Current hazardous weather trained.
- 2) Current BSA Range Master trained – required to be renewed every 2 years.
- 3) Current NRA Rifle Instructor.
- 4) Current Belk Scout Camp SOP trained in good standing.

**MCC Archery Range Master** – required to run the Archery Range at Camp Grimes on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation or at Belk Scout Camp. Mecklenburg County Council Archery Range Masters will be trained by the MCC Shooting Sports Committee and are required to have the following credentials:

- 1) Registered adult leader with Mecklenburg County Council of the BSA.
  - a. Current youth protection trained.
  - b. Current hazardous weather trained.
  - c. Current CPR trained.
- 2) Current USA Archery Level I certification strongly recommended (future requirement) for Camp Grimes.
  - a. Current Camp Grimes SOP trained in good standing.
- 3) Current BSA Cub Scout Archery Range Master trained (required for Cub Scout archery) – required to be renewed every 2 years.
  - a. Current Belk Scout Camp SOP trained in good standing.

**MCC BB Gun Range Master** – required to run the BB Gun Range at Camp Grimes on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation or a BB Gun Range at Belk Scout Camp. Mecklenburg County Council BB Gun Range Masters will be trained by the Shooting Sports Director and are required to have the following credentials:

- 1) Registered adult leader with Mecklenburg County Council of the BSA.
  - a. Current youth protection trained.
  - b. Current hazardous weather trained.
- 2) Current BSA BB Range Master trained – required to be renewed every 2 years.
  - a. Current Belk Scout Camp SOP trained in good standing.

**MCC Range Master** – required to run the Catapult/Slingshot/Tomahawk/Knife Throwing Range at Camp Grimes on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation or at Belk Scout Camp. Mecklenburg County Council Range Masters will be trained by the Shooting Sports Director and are required to have the following credentials:

- 1) Registered adult leader with Mecklenburg County Council of the BSA.
  - a) Current youth protection trained.
  - b) Current hazardous weather trained.
  - c) Current CPR trained.
- 2) Current BSA Range Master trained – required to be renewed every 2 years.
  - a) Current BSA Cub Scout BB/Archery Range Master credentials satisfy this requirement.



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## *Slingshot Range Operations*

### **A General Information**

- 1) The use of Slingshots on the BB Gun Ranges at Belk Scout Camp are designed to provide youth the opportunity to participate in a fun and safe introduction to slingshots under the direct supervision of a trained and responsible Range Master.
- 2) It is strongly recommended that the Range Master possess USA Archery Level 1 or higher certification, but at this time it is not a requirement.
- 3) Eye protection is REQUIRED for all participants and range staff while the range is in operation.

### **B Authorized Use of Range Facilities**

- 1) The BB Gun Ranges at Belk Scout Camp (from here forward referred to as the Slingshot Range) may be in operation only when the Camp Ranger gives permission through the established reservation procedure and the event coordinator, such as a camp director, has provided the appropriately certified range personnel.
- 2) The Slingshot Range will be under the direct supervision of a Range Master – approved by and in good-standing with the Council’s Shooting Sports Committee.
  - a) The Range Master will open the Slingshot Range.
  - b) The Range Master is to run the range, maintain safety and ensure that all of the range rules are followed. In order to fulfill these duties, he or she cannot be involved in anything other than operating the Slingshot Range while participants are on inside the range.
  - c) A maximum of eight (8) participants to one (1) Range Master for all Slingshot Range events. Helpers (adults) are highly recommended for each participant, but do not affect the 8-to-1 ratio unless they are also Range Masters.
  - d) An adult helper must be present on the firing line for each participant (1:1).
  - e) The Range Master must ensure that the Slingshot Range Safety Briefing (refer to Appendix F) is properly conducted. This must occur at the Slingshot Range and prior to any live fire. Minimum items to be covered:
    - (1) Safety Guidelines
    - (2) Equipment
      - (a) Review slingshot components, ammunition, targets and backstops.
      - (b) Review how to maintain, store and care for equipment.
  - f) The Range Master is in charge of any emergency situation while the range is open.
  - g) The Range Master will close the Slingshot Range.

- 3) The Range Master must have a copy of their current certifications on file with the Shooting Sports Committee and the Camp Ranger. They must also have a copy of them on their person while operating the Slingshot Range. It is recommended that range staff wear their credentials on a lanyard so all participants and parents can see it.
- 4) Only the shooting sports equipment provided by the Council is permitted in camp. No personal equipment of any kind is allowed in camp or on the range. This includes slingshot and targets. Range staff are allowed to bring their own eye/ear protection. All range equipment will be checked out by the Camp Ranger to the Range Master, who will transport it to/from the range.
- 5) The Slingshot Range operation will conform to this SOP and the following:
  - a) The current version of the BSA National Shooting Sports Manual.
  - b) The current version of the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting.
  - c) The current version of the BSA National Camp Standards.
- 6) The log for the Slingshot Range must be signed and dated by the Range Master involved with the event. The Slingshot Range Opening/Closing Checklist & Report (Appendix E) must also be completed by the Range Master prior to and after each event. (Use one of the pre-printed forms located in this Log Book).

### ***C Opening the Slingshot Range:***

- 1) Prior to arriving at the Slingshot Range, the Range Master is to communicate with the Camp Ranger about the proposed event. The Range Master should:
  - a) Identify the event and the number of expected participants.
  - b) Identify who will be assisting as range staff and provide the Ranger with a copy of the Range Master's credentials if he does not have them currently on file.
  - c) Consider visiting the range(s) to be used during the week prior to the event to ensure all needed equipment/supplies are present.
- 2) Upon arriving at Belk Scout Camp, the Range Master is to meet with the Camp Ranger or Camp Master at the camp compound to check out the equipment:
  - a) Keys to the Range storage room
  - b) Slingshots and spare rubber bands/tubes
  - c) Targets/stands
  - d) Ammunition
- 3) The Range Master is to transport equipment to the Slingshot Range.
- 4) Upon arriving at the Slingshot Range, the Range Master is to attach range flag to the flag pole and run it to the top.
- 5) Follow the Slingshot Range Opening/Closing Checklist & Report (Appendix E) for opening of the Range.

***D Operating the Slingshot Range:***

- 1) The Range Master is to ensure that the range safety briefing has been conducted prior to any live fire at the Slingshot Range.
  - a) Safety Guidelines
  - b) Sun Safety on the Shooting Range
- 2) The Range Master is to go over the Slingshot Range Commands (Appendix G) with the participants in their positions.
- 3) The Range Master should begin calling the range commands (Appendix G).

***E Closing the Slingshot Range:***

- 1) The Range Master is to clear the Slingshot Range of all nonessential personnel.
- 2) The Range Master is to put all of the Range Equipment away properly – refer to Appendix E.
- 3) The Range Master is to lower the range flag and return to its original location.
- 4) The Range Master is to lock the range storage.
- 5) The Range Master is to finish filling out the checklist/report (Appendix E), sign and date it. The Range Master will need to make a copy of the checklist/report to send to the committee designee listed on the bottom of the report. The original must remain in the log book.
- 6) The Range Master is to return all equipment, including this log book to the Compound and check all back in with the Ranger or his designee.

## ***F Emergency Procedures:***

- 1) Prior to any event, the Range Master should have a clear understanding about the Emergency Procedures for Belk Scout Camp. Emergency procedures for the event will take precedence over these procedures. Before an emergency, the Range Master should:
  - a) Check for cell phone coverage while at the range. Cell phones should be on silence during the event, but on so contact can be made to and from the Range.
  - b) Be familiar with where land lines can be found and where any emergency personnel may be in camp.
  - c) The First Aid Kit should be reviewed for familiarization.
- 2) The Range Master is to calmly take charge of the situation.
  - a) Call for a Cease Fire (verbally or with whistle commands) and determine the nature of the situation.
  - b) Direct others, as appropriate.
  - c) Secure Slingshots before leaving the range to prevent a secondary emergency.
- 3) The Range Master is to render aid to the best of his/her training and abilities.
  - a) Notify the Ranger/Campmaster and call 911, if necessary.
  - b) Send an adult to the main camp gate to direct help to the Range.
- 4) Afterwards, the Range Master is to make notes and speak to any witnesses.
- 5) The Range Master is to fill out any reports.
  - a) Minor injuries – make notes on range Checklist/Report:
    - (1) Note items used from the First Aid Kit.
    - (2) Note type of injury and how it happened.
    - (3) Indicate who, what and which unit, etc.
    - (4) Consult with Camp Ranger or Camp Master about whether a BSA Near Miss Report is needed.
  - b) Major Injury – fill out Appendix B: BSA Incident Report Form.
    - (1) Contact Camp Ranger
    - (2) and/or Scout Executive

# **Appendix A**

## ***Belk Scout Camp Emergency Procedures***

The first thing to remember in an emergency situation or incident is to remain calm and use common sense. This helps to keep others calm and prevent future injury or illness. It is also important to only state facts concerning the incident to anyone that was not present at the time of the incident. Finally, confirm that you have cell service and transportation available at your activity location. Use these procedures only if the event/program did not provide any instruction for emergencies.

### **Serious Injury or Illness**

1. Provide first aid within the limits of your qualifications.
2. Notify Camp Ranger or Camp Master and call 911 if necessary (use a land line to ensure the right units respond).
3. Complete an incident report.

### **Severe Storm or Tornado**

In the event of an impending storm:

1. If there is time, secure equipment before seeking shelter. Otherwise, leave the equipment.
2. Afterward, attend to any injured, notify Camp Ranger or Camp Master and call 911 if necessary (use a land line to ensure the right units respond).

### **Earthquake, Flooding, other Extreme Weather**

1. Secure equipment and evacuate camp.

### **Fire in Camp**

1. Secure equipment and evacuate camp.
2. Notify Camp Ranger or Camp Master and call 911 if necessary (use a land line to ensure the right units respond).

### **Missing Person**

1. Notify Camp Ranger or Camp Master.

### **Closest Medical Facilities**

Novant Health Matthews Medical Center      704-384-6500  
1500 Matthews Township Pkwy  
Matthews, NC 28105

### **Phone Numbers for fast reference**

The following buildings have telephone lines for making outside calls. Confirm with Ranger or Camp Master which ones will be available to you during your stay/event:

- Ranger's Office
- Ranger's Home
- Camp Office
- Pool Area
- Dining Hall Kitchen



# Incident Information Report

(Events or allegations of injury, illness, or property damage, including employment and issues with directors and officers)

## Witnesses

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip  
Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Others

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip  
Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Property Damage (if applicable)

Property or vehicle make/model/year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Color: \_\_\_\_\_ License plate No.: \_\_\_\_\_

## Driver Contact Information (if applicable)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip  
Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passengers: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional information:

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Information gathered at scene

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this completed form to your council's designated user for entry into RiskConsole via MyBSA Incident Entry*

# Near Miss Reporting Tool

(A near miss does not result in injury, illness, or damage, by definition, but it had the potential to do so.  
This form is a tool to gather information. If an injury has occurred, use the incident reporting tool.)

## General Incident Details

### **\*Required Fields**

\*Incident Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Incident Time (in 24-hour format): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Report Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Reported to Council/BSA Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Reported by Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by City: \_\_\_\_\_ Reported by State: \_\_\_\_\_ Reported by Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Council/BSA Location: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Location of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific area where incident occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

Incident Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Incident City: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Incident State: \_\_\_\_\_ Incident Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Description of Incident (clear/concise/complete facts):

Was an Agency or Authority Notified?  Yes  No Whom: \_\_\_\_\_

## Near Miss Details

Adventure/Program/Event: \_\_\_\_\_

General Classification (Cub Scout/Registered Leader/etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Lessons Learned (what could be done to prevent future occurrences):

Severity Rating:  Catastrophic-I  Critical-II  Marginal-III  Negligible-IV  Unknown

## Witnesses

(Use back of form to record other details and witness contact information)





# Appendix E

## *Slingshot Range Opening/Closing Checklist & Report:*

Range Master: \_\_\_\_\_ Event/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Event Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Compound Items**

**Open                  Close                  Issue/Comments**

Keys			
Slingshots			
Ammo			
Targets			

### **Range Items**

**Open                  Close                  Issue/Comments**

Safety Glasses			
First Aid Kit			
Range Master Vest			
Range Flag			
Inspect Range Boundary – Ropes			
Inspect Range Fence/Gate			
Inspect Backstop			
Inspect Target Holders			
Setup Slingshot/Ammo Tables			
Setup Chairs			
Setup Range Master Area			
Setup Trash Can			
Lock all Locks			
Take Trash to Dumpster			
Return Equipment to Ranger			

**Final Report**

*Youth*

*Adults*

**Comments:**

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Range Master Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ranger/Camp Master

**Scan or take a picture of completed document and send to [programs@mccshootingsports.com](mailto:programs@mccshootingsports.com) immediately after event.** If you are unable scan or take a picture, leave log in range book.

Multi-day events may require multiple checklists, particularly when Range Masters change.

# Appendix F

## *Slingshot Range Safety Briefing*

### **A General:**

- 1) A Safety Briefing is required for all Mecklenburg County Council Shooting Sports Ranges prior to any live fire, regardless of shooter experience or Range Officer/Master familiarity with the participants.
- 2) Information needs to be consistent – the Range Master is responsible for ensuring that the information in this safety briefing is delivered prior to live fire.
- 3) Use this Safety Briefing as written. Some of the information may be delivered by the Range Assistants working with the Range Master.

### **B Slingshot Range Safety Briefing:**

1. **INTRODUCTIONS** – While gathered in the spectator area of the Slingshot Range, introduce yourself and explain your role for the event.
  - a. Introduce any assistants for the event.
  - b. Explain the goal of the event.
2. **RANGE LAYOUT** – Explain the parts of the Range:
  - a. Point out the limits and boundaries of the Range.
  - b. Explain how to enter the range and why you must wait if the flag is on the pole.
  - c. Point out the Ready Area.
    - i. Where to store the backpacks, food, water bottles, etc.
    - ii. What happens in the spectator area?
    - iii. Go over the rules for the Ready Area during live fire.
  - d. Point out the Firing Line Area.
  - e. Point out the Firing Line and the Safety Line.
  - f. Point out the Target Area.
  - g. Point out the Back Stop.
3. **EMERGENCIES** – Discuss what will happen during an Emergency while on the Range.
  - a. Remind everyone to stay calm.
  - b. Who will be in charge? Who is in charge if the Range Master is hurt?
  - c. What will need to happen in order to get help?
  - d. What will happen if we need to seek shelter?
4. **REVIEW SLINGSHOT SAFETY RULES**
  - a. ALWAYS keep the slingshot pointed in a safe direction.
  - b. ALWAYS keep the bands at rest until you are ready to shoot.
  - c. ALWAYS keep the pouch ammunition free until ready to use.
5. **REVIEW RANGE SAFETY RULES**
  - There must be one adult assistant for every slingshot participant (1-1 ratio).
  - All commands issued by the Range Master must be obeyed immediately.
  - Eye protection must be worn while on the range, including adult assistants.
  - Stay behind the firing line. Do not straddle the firing line.
  - Do not pick up a slingshot unless told to by the Range Master.
  - Never shoot at anything if you cannot see what is behind it.
  - Shoot only at authorized targets.

- Absolutely no running on the range.
- No horseplay or unnecessary talking on the range.
- Spectators are not to communicate with the shooters.

**6. STANCES (Described for right-handed shooters; reverse for left-handed.)**

- Point your left foot and shoulder directly at the target with the body turned to the right. Turn the head directly toward the target.
- Center the ammo in the middle of the leather pouch. Hold the handle firmly in the left hand and pinch the ends of the leather pouch together with the thumb and index finger of the right hand, encompassing the ammo.
- Hold the left arm out straight and firm. Draw the right hand back level with right cheek—NEVER TO THE EYE—while holding the leather pouch securely between the thumb and index finger of the right hand.
- Aim and release the leather ammo pouch to shoot.
- Always practice courtesy and good sportsmanship!

**C Slingshot Range Operation:**

- 1) To prepare the range for live fire, the following Range Commands are recommended for use by the Range Master. Range commands need to be consistent and clearly delivered.
- 2) These commands start with the shooters in the Firing Line Area, but not in shooting position.
- 3) During the briefing, explain each command – have an Assistant demonstrate the action for each command as you call it out and explain to the group. Allow for questions.

**D Slingshot Range Commands**

**1) “Load.”**

- a) No Food, No Drink, No Horseplay.
- b) Shooters should have their Eye Protection on and
- c) Load their slingshots (place ammo in the pouch, but do not draw slingshot).

**2) “Ready on the Firing Line.”**

- a) All shooters are ready (ammo in pouch, targets are in place).

**3) “Commence Firing.”**

- a) Shooters may fire their slingshots at the designated targets until their ammo is gone.

**4) “Cease Firing.”**

- a) Shooters stop firing immediately and lower slingshots.

# Appendix G

## *Slingshot Range Commands*

### ***A SLINGSHOT RANGE COMMANDS***

- 1) ***“Load”*** = *Load your slingshot.*
- 2) ***“Ready on the Firing Line”*** = *All shooters are ready.*
- 3) ***“Commence Firing”*** = *You may fire your slingshot.*
- 4) ***“Cease Firing”*** = *Stop shooting.*



# GENERAL SLINGSHOT RANGE COMMANDS

<b>LOAD.</b>	<b>LOAD YOUR SLINGSHOT.</b>
<b>READY ON THE FIRING LINE.</b>	<b>ALL SHOOTERS ARE READY.</b>
<b>COMMENCE FIRING.</b>	<b>YOU MAY FIRE YOUR SLINGSHOT.</b>
<b>CEASE FIRING.</b>	<b>STOP SHOOTING.</b>



# GENERAL SLINGSHOT RANGE RULES

1. Range may be opened only by a certified Cub Scouts shooting sports range master.
2. There must be one adult assistant for every slingshot participant (1-1 ratio).
3. All commands issued by the range master must be obeyed immediately.
4. Eye protection must be worn while on the range, including adult assistants.
5. Stay behind the firing line. Do not straddle the firing line.
6. Do not pick up a slingshot unless told to by the range master.
7. Never shoot at anything if you cannot see what is behind it.
8. Shoot only at authorized targets.
9. Absolutely no running on the range.
10. No horseplay or unnecessary talking on the range.
11. Spectators are not to communicate with the shooters.
12. If in doubt about the rules, ask your leader or range master for advice or help.



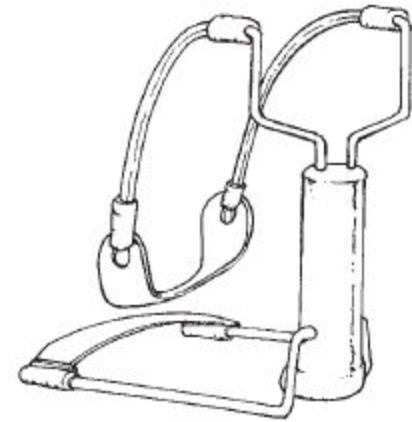


## SLINGSHOT SAFETY RULES

**ALWAYS** KEEP THE SLINGSHOT POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. YOUR RANGE MASTER WILL TELL YOU WHAT DIRECTION IS SAFE. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, ASK.

**ALWAYS** KEEP THE BANDS AT REST UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SHOOT.

**ALWAYS** KEEP THE POUCH AMMUNITION FREE UNTIL READY TO USE.





# PARTS OF A SLINGSHOT

