

TO: MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
FROM: ERIC BELONGIA, COUNCIL RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES CHAIR
SUBJECT: STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
DATE: February 15, 2025

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

These SOPs were created by the Range and Target Activities Committee to supplement the Scouting America Range and Target Activities Manual 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 Scouting America, but Mecklenburg County Council may not remove a certification requirement as stated in any of those governing documents.

The Range and Target Activities Committee created these SOPs to give our volunteer Range Officers/Rangemasters 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 Range and Target Activities Committee's attention, particularly if the SOP would prevent your program from taking place. The Range and Target Activities 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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RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

for the

Cowboy Action Range

at

Camp Grimes

on the

Mecklenburg Scout Reservation

383 Vein Mountain Road
Nebo, North Carolina 28761

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PREAMBLE

The Mecklenburg County Council (#415) of Scouting 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 committee was renamed to the Range and Target Activities Committee (MCC-RATAC) in 2024 at the direction of National.

The purpose of the Range and Target Activities 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 Range and Target Activities 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

Range and Target Activities Ranges in place:

- 1) Rifle Range (Rimfire; BB Gun/Air Rifle; Chalk Ball; Pistol)
- 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

Range and Target Activities Ranges in place:

- 1) BB Range 1 (BB/Air Rifle/Slingshot/Catapult/Tomahawk/Knife)
- 2) BB Range 2 (BB/Air Rifle/Slingshot/Catapult/Tomahawk/Knife)
- 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 Scouting 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 Range and Target Activities Committee reports to the Vice President of Programs, as a working part of the Camping Committee. The Committee oversees the Council's Range and Target Activities Program. The Committee is also responsible for the Council's Range and Target Activities 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, Scouting 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 range and target 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.

An **NRA Range Safety Officer** (Rifle, Cowboy Action, Air Rifle, Catapult, Chalk Ball, Shotgun) or a **Scouting America BB Gun Rangemaster** (Slingshot, BB) or a **Scouting America Archery Rangemaster** (Cub Scout Archery) or a **USA Archery Instructor** (all other Archery) is responsible for the operation of the specific range in use. While there may be multiple range officers or rangemasters present on an active range, one person will be the **Primary Range Officer** for the event. 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, the Primary Range Officer cannot be involved in ANY instruction during live fire on the range. The range safety briefing will be presented by the Primary Range Officer (PRO) or a secondary range officer or rangemaster on the range, prior to any live fire. Additionally, the PRO 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 PRO 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, Chalk Ball), Cowboy Action and Shotgun Ranges at Camp Grimes on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation. MCC Range Safety Officers will be trained by the MCC Range and Target Activities Committee and are required to have the following credentials:

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

MCC Air Rifle Rangemaster – required to run Air Rifles (CO₂) on a BB Gun Range at Belk Scout Camp. Mecklenburg County Council Air Rifle Rangemasters will be trained by the MCC Range and Target Activities Committee and are required to have the following credentials:

- 1) Registered adult leader with Mecklenburg County Council of Scouting America.
 - a) Current youth protection trained.
 - b) Current hazardous weather trained strongly recommended.
- 2) Current NRA Rifle Instructor.
- 3) Agree to comply with MCC SOPs.

USA Archery Instructor – required to run the Archery Range at Camp Grimes on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation or at Belk Scout Camp for all Scouts older than Cub Scouts. USA Archery Instructors who wish to operate a range are required to have the following credentials:

- 1) Registered adult leader with Mecklenburg County Council of Scouting America.
 - a. Current youth protection trained.
 - b. Current hazardous weather trained strongly recommended.
 - c. Current CPR trained strongly recommended.
- 2) Current USA Archery Level 1 Instructor or higher certification.
- 3) Agree to comply with MCC SOPs

MCC BB Gun Rangemaster – required to run the BB Gun/Slingshot/Catapult Ranges at Camp Grimes on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation or at Belk Scout Camp. Mecklenburg County Council BB Gun Rangemasters will be trained by a Range Activities Director or a designated NRA Rifle Instructor and are required to have the following credentials:

- 1) Registered adult leader with Mecklenburg County Council of Scouting America.
 - a. Current youth protection trained.
 - b. Current hazardous weather trained strongly recommended.
 - c. Current CPR trained strongly recommended.
- 2) For Catapult ranges only-Current National Rifle Association (NRA) trained Range Safety Officer (RSO) or Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO)
- 3) Current Scouting America BB Rangemaster trained – required to be renewed every 2 years.
 - a. Current Cub Scout BB/Archery Range Master credentials satisfy this requirement.

MCC Archery Rangemaster – required to run the Archery Range at Camp Grimes on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation or at Belk Scout Camp. Mecklenburg County Council Range Masters will be trained by a Range Activities Director or a designated USA Archery Instructor and are required to have the following credentials:

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

Cowboy Action Range Operations

A General Information

- 1) The Cowboy Action Shooting Range at Camp Grimes is designed to provide youth and adults the opportunity to participate in a fun and safe introduction to cowboy action shooting with pistols, rifles and shotguns under the direct supervision of NRA Instructors and NRA Range Safety Officers.
- 2) The Cowboy Action Range is set-up for standing position shooting with metal static ground targets and metal active targets (dueling trees and plates) at varying distances from the firing line – two (2) shooters maximum.
- 3) Eye and ear protection is REQUIRED for all participants and range staff while the range is in operation.

B Authorized Use of Range Facilities

- 1) The Cowboy Action Range at Camp Grimes on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation (from here forward referred to as the Cowboy Action Range or Cowboy Range) may be in operation only as part of the Camp Grimes Summer Camp program.
- 2) The Cowboy Action Range will be under the direct supervision of a Mecklenburg County Council Range Safety Officer – approved by and in good-standing with the Council's Range and Target Activities Committee. The Ranger will have a list of MCC RSOs updated by the Committee.
 - a) The RSO will open the Cowboy Action Range.
 - b) The RSO is to run the range, maintain safety and ensure that all of the range rules are followed. In order to fulfill these duties, the RSO cannot be involved in any instruction during live fire on the range.
 - c) A maximum of two (2) shooters to one (1) RSO for all Cowboy Action Range Shooting events.
 - d) The RSO must ensure that the Cowboy Action range safety briefing (refer to Appendix F) is properly conducted. This must occur at the Cowboy Action Range and prior to any live fire.
 - e) The RSO is in charge of any emergency situation while the range is open.
 - f) The RSO will close the Cowboy Action Range.
- 3) In addition to the MCC approved RSO, each cowboy action shooting participant will be accompanied by an NRA Certified Pistol, Rifle or Shotgun Instructor (depending on the firearm being used) who is actively involved in every shot and all of the gun handling. The ratio is a maximum of one (1) shooter to one (1) Instructor (1:1) for each firearm on the firing line of the Cowboy Action Range.

- 4) The RSO and Instructor(s) must have a copy of their current certifications on file with the Range and Target Activities Committee and the Camp Ranger. They must also have a copy of them on their person while operating the Cowboy Action Range.
- 5) Only the range and target activities equipment provided by the Council is permitted in camp. No personal firearms of any kind are allowed in camp or on the range. This includes ammunition and targets. All range equipment will be checked out by the Camp Ranger to the RSO, who will transport it to shooting event as necessary.
- 6) Only the authorized firearms and ammunition are allowed on the Cowboy Action Range during any event. Currently the Council owns and provides:
 - a) .22 caliber long-rifle (.22lr), rimfire single-action revolvers.
 - b) .22 caliber long-rifle (.22lr), rimfire lever-action rifles with a tube magazine.
 - c) 20 gauge stagecoach (side-by-side) shotguns.
- 7) The Camp Grimes Cowboy Action Range operation will conform to this SOP and the following:
 - a) The current version of the Scouting America Range and Target Activities Manual.
 - b) The current version of the Scouting America Guide to Safe Scouting.
 - c) The current version of the Scouting America National Camp Standards.
 - d) Participants must be over the age of 14, or are 13 and have completed the eighth grade.
 - e) Participants under the age of 18 are required to have written permission from their parent or guardian before they can take part in the program.
- 8) The log for the Cowboy Action Range must be signed and dated by the RSO and all NRA Instructors involved with the event whenever it is not part of the Camp Grimes Summer Camp program. The Cowboy Action Range Opening/Closing Checklist & Report (Appendix E) must also be completed by the RSO prior to and after each event. (Use one of the pre-printed forms located in this Log Book).

C Opening the Cowboy Action Range:

- 1) Prior to arriving at the Cowboy Action Range, the RSO is to communicate with the Camp Ranger about the proposed event. The RSO should:
 - a) Identify the Unit, the Unit Leader and the number of participants.
 - b) Identify the Instructors and provide the Ranger with a copy of the Instructors' credentials if he does not have them currently on file.
- 2) Upon arriving at the Camp Grimes, the RSO is to meet with the Ranger (or his designee, i.e. Camp Master) at the camp compound to check out the equipment:
 - a) Cowboy Action pistols (3 #a-b), rifles (3 #c-d), shotguns (3 #e-f)
 - b) Keys to the Cowboy Range Storage Lockers
 - c) Program container
 - (1) Replica guns (2 revolvers, 2 rifles, 2 shotguns)
 - (2) Range flag

- (3) Cleaning Kit [verify separate kit]
 - (4) First Aid Kit [confirm in compound]
 - d) Ammunition for the event
 - e) Clay targets for the event
 - f) Battery pack if shooting at night
 - g) MCC/RSO Vest [Given the “Old West” feel, consider an alternate style vest here]
- 3) The following items are kept at the Cowboy Action Range, with additional supplies stored at the camp compound:
 - a) Metal targets
 - 4) The RSO is to transport the equipment to the Cowboy Action Range.
 - 5) Upon arriving at the Cowboy Action Range, the RSO is to put on the RSO Vest, then attach range flag to the flag pole and run it to the top.
 - 6) Follow the Cowboy Action Range Opening/Closing Checklist & Report (Appendix E) for opening of the Range.

D Operating the Cowboy Action Range:

- 1) The RSO is to ensure that the range safety briefing has been conducted prior to any live fire at the Cowboy Action Range.
- 2) The RSO is to explain the “Prescribed Course of Fire” of 14 rounds, which is six from the pistol, six from the rifle, and two from the shotgun. Show sample targets. Explain how the plate and flipper targets function.
- 3) The RSO takes his position at the center of the firing line prior to any shooter being in position or on the firing line. Refer to Cowboy Action Range Set-up Diagram (Appendix H).
- 4) The RSO is to go over the Cowboy Action Range Commands (Appendix G) with the shooters in their positions and during a dry-fire. If dummy ammunition is used, do not allow shooters to “fire” as this action will damage the dummy rounds.
 - a) All personnel at the Cowboy Action Range must have vision (eye) protection on to enter the ready area.
 - b) Prior to any firing at the range, including a dry-fire, ALL personnel on the Cowboy Action Range must have hearing (ear) protection on.
 - c) The RSO is to explain the course of action during a misfire.
 - (1) What is a Misfire? When you pull the trigger and nothing happens.
 - (2) What is the procedure?
 - (a) Keep the firearm pointed down range at the target.
 - (b) Shooter is to let the Instructor know that he or she has a misfire.
 - (c) After thirty (30) seconds, the shooter is to unload that round.

- (d) The shooter can continue shooting only after the Instructor has reviewed his/her station.
 - (3) What is a hang fire? What to do?
 - (4) What is a squib load? What to do?
 - (5) What about a failure to eject? What to do?
 - (6) What about dropped ammunition? What to do?
 - d) The RSO is to review the command “Cease Fire”.
 - (1) Who can call for a “Cease Fire”?
 - (2) Why would someone call for a “Cease Fire”?
 - e) The RSO is to review the emergency procedures for the shooters and any spectators.
 - f) The RSO is to call for any final questions.
- 5) The RSO should begin calling the range commands (Appendix G).

E Closing the Cowboy Action Range:

- 1) The RSO is to clear the Cowboy Action Range of all nonessential personnel.
- 2) The RSO is to ensure that all firearms have been properly cleaned – refer to Appendix J.
 - a) Put firearms back in the gun socks or cases.
- 3) The RSO is to put all of the Range Equipment away properly – refer to Appendix E.
- 4) The RSO is to load all checked equipment.
- 5) The RSO is to return the range flag to the program container.
- 6) The RSO is to lock the following:
 - a) The Cowboy Action Range storage lockers.
- 7) The RSO is to finish filling out the checklist/report (Appendix E), sign and date it. The RSO 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.
- 8) The RSO is to return all equipment, including this log book and any payments received for camp shooting fees to the Compound and check all back in with the Ranger or his designee.

F Emergency Procedures:

- 1) Prior to any event, the Rangemaster 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 Rangemaster 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 Rangemaster is to calmly take charge of the situation.
 - a) Call for a Cease Fire and determine the nature of the situation.
 - b) Direct others, as appropriate.
 - c) Secure Air Rifles before leaving the range to prevent a secondary emergency.
- 3) The Rangemaster is to render aid to the best of his/her training and abilities.
 - a) Notify the Camp Ranger/Camp Master and call 911, if necessary.
 - b) Send an adult to the main camp gate to direct help to the Range.
- 4) After first aid is rendered or once it is handled by delegates, the Rangemaster is to make notes and speak to any witnesses.
- 5) The Rangemaster 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 Scouting America Near Miss Report is needed.
 - b) Major Injury – fill out Appendix B: Scouting America Incident Report Form.
 - (1) Contact Camp Ranger
 - (2) and/or Scout Executive

Appendix A

Year-Round Program Camp Grimes/MSR 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.
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. Shelter in range buildings.
3. Afterward, attend to any injured, notify Camp Ranger or Camp Master and call 911 if necessary.

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.

Missing Person

1. Notify Camp Ranger or Camp Master.

Closest Medical Facilities

McDowell Hospital 828-659-5000
430 Rankin Drive
Marion, NC 28752

McDowell Primary Care & Walk-in Clinic
828-659-2900
6 East Medical Court
Marion, NC 28752

Phone numbers for fast reference

McDowell EMS:	911
Dysartsville Fire Department	911
Health Plus Afterhours Clinic	828-652-1400
McDowell Hospital Emergency Room	828-659-5175
McDowell County Sheriff	828-652-2235

Landline Phone Locations for fast reference

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

- Camp Office 828-652-3923
- Ranger's Home 828-652-8592

Appendix B

BSA Incident Report Form

Incident Information Report

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

Incident date: _____ Time: _____

Reporting date: _____ Time: _____

Council / BSA location: _____ / _____ ☐Leader ☐Parent ☐Other: _____

Reporting person: _____

Location of incident _____

Specific area where incident occurred:

Cause of incident:

Program/event/adventure code: _____

Did the incident occur while transporting to/from an activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

Individuals Involved (Duplicate If Needed)

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Work phone: _____

DOB: _____ Age: _____ Unit No.: _____ Council: _____

Scouting role: _____

Type of injury or property damage: _____ Injured body part: _____

Was medical treatment given at scene? ☐Yes ☐No Type: _____

Medical disposition (transported to hospital, etc.): _____

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:

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

Cowboy Action Range Opening/Closing Checklist & Report:

RSO: _____ Event/Date: _____

Unit: _____ Unit Contact: _____

Contact Email: _____ Phone: _____

<u>Compound Items</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>Issue/Comments</u>
Keys	_____	_____	_____
Revolvers [Numbers]	_____	_____	_____
Rifles [Numbers]	_____	_____	_____
Shotguns [Numbers]	_____	_____	_____
Program Container:	_____	_____	_____
Replica Guns	_____	_____	_____
Cleaning Kit	_____	_____	_____
First Aid Kit	_____	_____	_____
Range Flag	_____	_____	_____
.22 Ammo [Count]	_____	_____	_____
20g Ammo [Count]	_____	_____	_____
Clays [Count]	_____	_____	_____
Range Staff Vests [3]	_____	_____	_____

<u>Range Items</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>Issue/Comments</u>
Metal Targets			
Card Suits [4]	_____	_____	_____
Dueling Tree	_____	_____	_____
Hanging Paddles [2 sets]	_____	_____	_____
Coffin/Tombstone	_____	_____	_____
Shotgun Targets [4]	_____	_____	_____
Range Flag	_____	_____	_____
Inspect Range Boundary–Ropes	_____	_____	_____
Inspect Range Gate	_____	_____	_____
Inspect Backstop	_____	_____	_____
Close/Open Side Trail	_____	_____	_____
Setup Shooting Tables	_____	_____	_____
Setup Ammo Station	_____	_____	_____
Inspect Cylinder Unloaders	_____	_____	_____
Setup RSO Area	_____	_____	_____
Setup/check Targets	_____	_____	_____
Setup Eye Protection [#]	_____	_____	_____
Setup Ear Protection [#]	_____	_____	_____
Police Firing Line for Casings	_____	_____	_____
Take Trash to Dumpster	_____	_____	_____
Return Equipment to Ranger	_____	_____	_____
Give Permission Forms to Event Coordinator	_____	_____	_____

<i>Youth</i>	<i>Adults</i>	<i>Rounds</i>

Rounds

This image shows a full page of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page, providing a template for handwriting practice or general writing. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the page.

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

Appendix F

Cowboy Action Shooting Range Safety Briefing

A Instructions to RSO:

- 1) A Safety Briefing is required for all Mecklenburg County Council Ranges prior to any live fire, regardless of shooter experience or RSO/Instructor familiarity with the shooters.
- 2) Information needs to be Consistent – The RSO 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 an NRA Certified Instructor working with the RSO.
- 4) All shooters will be required to demonstrate their ability to safely handle and operate the firearm in a dry-fire situation for the RSO, before they can participate in a live fire exercise.

B Cowboy Action Shooting Range Safety Briefing:

1) Purpose of the Event-While gathered in the spectator area of the Cowboy Range explain your role for the event. a) Introduce any other assistants for the event. b) Explain the course of fire. c) Supervision 2) Range Layout and Limits-Explain the range setup and point out where the spectator area is located. Show participants which targets will be used.	<i>Welcome to the Cowboy Action Shooting Range. My name is [name] and I will be the RSO for your fun shoot. My assistants today are [names].</i> <i>Today we will be shooting 14 shots from a single-action revolver, a lever-action rifle and a double-barrel shotgun!</i> <i>A trained NRA Instructor will be at each shooting position to provide guidance and instruction.</i> <i>As an NRA Range Safety Officer, my role is to ensure this is a safe environment.</i> <i>Our range has a left and right side with two shooting windows each. The window closest to the middle door on each side will have the revolver and rifle. The window furthest from the middle door will have the shotgun.</i>
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3) Safety Rules-Explain to participants: The most important safety element is attitude. All the safety knowledge and skills are of little value unless they are used. <u>ALWAYS</u> keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. <u>ALWAYS</u> keep your finger off of the trigger until ready to shoot. <u>ALWAYS</u> keep the gun unloaded until ready to use. 4) Additional Safety Rules-Explain to participants: - Know your target and what is beyond. - Be sure the gun is safe to operate. - Know how to use the gun safely. - Use only the correct ammunition for your gun. - Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate. - Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.	<i>The ready line is behind the chain/rope. When you enter the range, you will move to the firing line (black line on ground) and await instructions.</i> <i>Leave backpacks and bags outside of the firing line area.</i> <i>Let's talk about safety.</i> <i>The most important safety element is "attitude." All the safety knowledge and skills are of little value unless they are used.</i> <i>Now let's cover three critical safety rules. I will say each rule, then we will repeat them together.</i> <u>ALWAYS</u> keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. [everyone says it together] <u>ALWAYS</u> keep your finger off of the trigger until ready to shoot. [everyone says it together] <u>ALWAYS</u> keep the gun unloaded until ready to use. [everyone says it together] <i>Let's review a few more safety rules.</i> <i>Know your target and what is beyond.</i> <i>Be sure the gun is safe to operate.</i> <i>Know how to use the gun safely.</i> <i>Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.</i> <i>Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.</i> <i>Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.</i>
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g) Know and obey all range commands. h) Know where others are at all times. i) Shoot only at authorized targets. Also, note that shooting at different targets at different distances or angles can result in hazardous conditions. j) Do not handle a firearm or stand at the firing line where firearms are present while others are downrange. k) Stop shooting immediately upon the command “cease fire,” and await further instructions from the NRA RSO. 5) Hygiene Guidelines 6) Firing Line Commands-Explain the standard range commands for Cowboy action shooting. a) “Is the line ready?” allows any shooter who is having problems to raise an arm and call, “Not ready on target (number)!” b) “Commence firing!” signals shooters to begin shooting. c) “Cease firing!” tells shooters to immediately stop firing and await further instructions. This command can also be given by shooters if they observe an unsafe condition. d) “Range is clear” means all guns	• <i>Know and obey all range commands.</i> • <i>Know where others are at all times.</i> • <i>Shoot only at authorized targets.</i> • <i>Do not handle a firearm or stand at the firing line where firearms are present while others are downrange.</i> • <i>Stop shooting immediately upon the command “cease fire,” and await further instructions from the NRA RSO</i> <i>A quick note about hygiene. We are using firearms that will expose you to airborne lead particles. After you leave the range, be sure to wash your hands and face with cold water before eating or drinking.</i> <i>Let’s review the range commands you will here on the range.</i> <i>Ready on left and right?</i> is a question for the shooters and instructors. If you are ready, give the RSO a thumbs up. <i>When everyone is ready I will say Acquire, breathe, fire! You may then pickup the revolver, take a good breathe and commence firing.</i> <i>Cease Fire!</i> means to stop the shooting process immediately. Lower the firearm, remove your finger from the trigger guard and await further instructions.
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are benched. e) “Police your firing point” means to pick up empty cartridges.	<i>Range is Clear</i> means that all guns are on the tables and the shooting process has ended.
7) Emergency Procedures a) Take charge of the situation. b) Render aid. c) Call for help. d) Direct help to wherever it is needed.	<i>In the event of an emergency, I will take charge and ensure appropriate aid is rendered. I will call for help and direct it wherever it is needed.</i>

C Cowboy Action Shooting Range Equipment Handling and Operation:

- 1) Explain sight picture and how to sight in on the target.
 - a) For pistol and rifle
 - b) For shotgun
- 2) Review the Main Parts of the Pistol.
 - a) Grip, Hammer, Cylinder, Trigger, Safety.
- 3) Demonstrate the Standing Position for Pistol.
 - a) Explain and demonstrate how to hold the gun in this position.
 - b) Explain and demonstrate how to operate the gun.
 - c) Explain the targets for this gun.
 - d) Explain how to place the gun back down on the table safely.
- 4) Review the Main Parts of the Rifle.
 - a) Stock, Action, Barrel, Trigger, Safety and Lever.
- 5) Demonstrate the Standing Position for Rifle.
 - a) Explain and demonstrate how to hold the gun in this position.
 - b) Explain and demonstrate how to operate the gun.
 - c) Explain the targets for this gun.
 - d) Explain how to place the gun back down on the table safely.
- 6) Review the Main Parts of the Shotgun.
 - a) Stock, Action, Barrel, Triggers and Safety.
- 7) Demonstrate the Standing Position for Shotgun.
 - a) Explain and demonstrate how to hold the gun in this position.
 - b) Explain and demonstrate how to operate the gun.

- c) Explain the targets for this gun.
 - d) Explain how to place the gun back down on the table safely.
- 8) Remind shooters about Eye and Ear Protection:
- a) Explain that Eye Protection must be worn at all times on the Range.
 - b) Explain when Ear Protection will be worn and why.
 - c) Check for proper fit for both on all shooters.
- 9) Explain Misfire and what to do.
- a) Hand Raised by Shooter (and Assistant).
 - b) Hold the firearm downrange for 30 Seconds.
 - c) Wait for Instructor to assist.
 - d) Unload round and put in dud bucket or as directed by Instructor.
 - e) Explain Hang Fire and Squib load and what to do.
- 10) Explain “CEASE FIRE”
- a) Everyone is an “RSO” and anyone can call for a Cease Fire
 - b) Purpose is to stop shooting routinely, or,
 - c) In Case of Emergency – Immediately.
 - d) If “Cease Fire” is called:
 - (1) Stop Shooting,
 - (2) Remove finger from trigger – get finger out of the trigger guard.
 - (3) Keep muzzle pointed down range,
 - (4) Wait for further instruction from the RSO – regardless of who called the “Cease Fire”
 - e) If told to put guns down
 - (1) Put safety on
 - (2) Place gun on shooting table with barrel pointed downrange
 - (3) Wait for further instructions.

D Dry Fire Exercise:

- 1) After all information has been delivered, have each shooter demonstrate the ability to operate each firearm using a replica (non-functional) gun.
- 2) Each shooter is to pick up each replica gun and demonstrate the following:
 - a) The proper hold and support.
 - b) Location/use of safety.
 - c) The cycling of the action (cock/trigger, lever/trigger).
 - d) Place replica on table.

Appendix G

Cowboy Action Shooting Range Commands

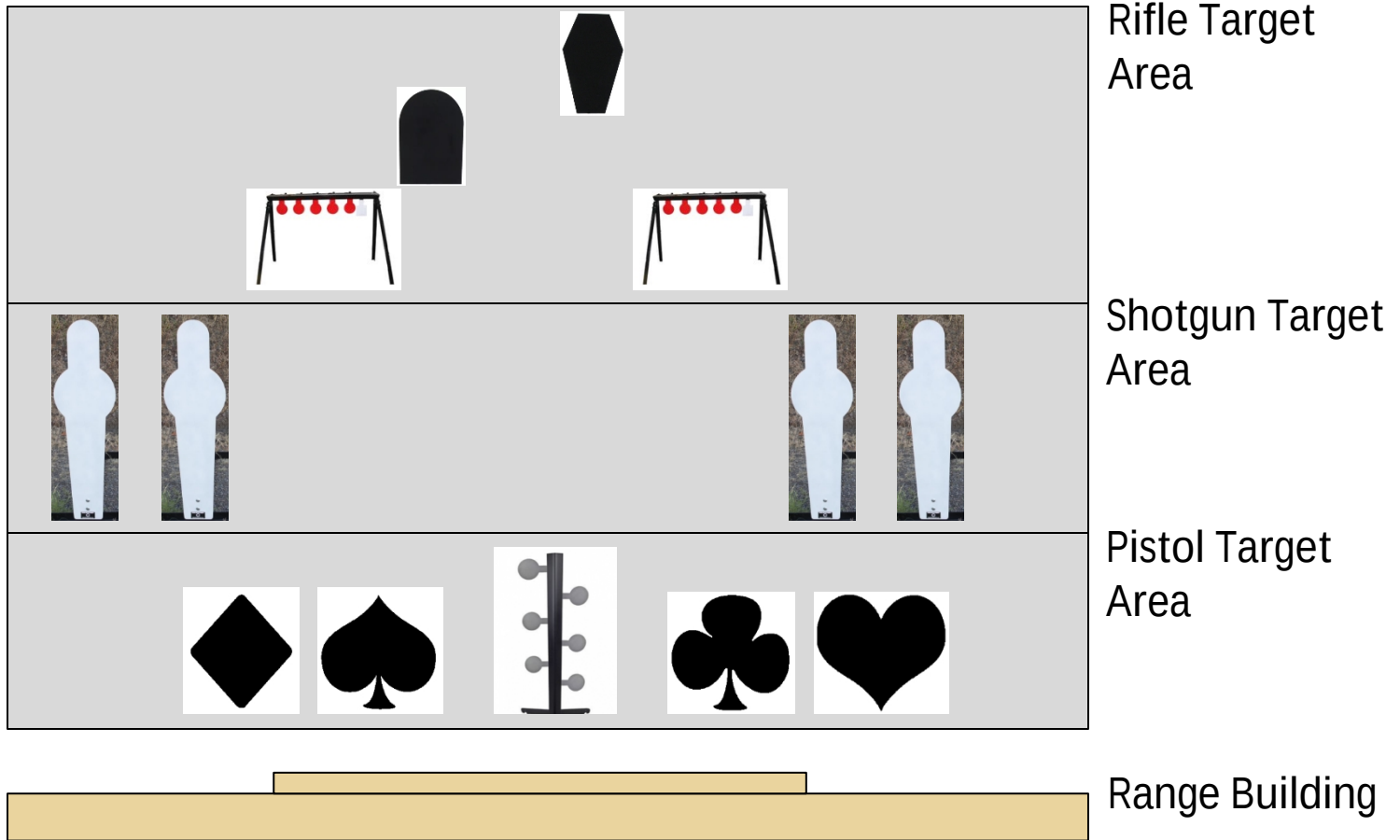
A COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING RANGE COMMANDS

- 1) ***“Ready on left and right?”***
- 2) ***“Acquire, breathe, fire!”***
- 3) ***“Cease Fire!”***
- 4) ***“Range is Clear”***



Range Safety Briefing

Cowboy Action Shooting Range Layout





Appendix J:

Camp Grimes Cowboy Cleaning Procedures

- These procedures are to be used after every shooting event.
- Firearms are to be cleaned prior to being put away in storage.
- It is the responsibility of the RSO to ensure that firearms are properly cleaned.





Cowboy Firearm Cleaning

Instructions follow for:

1. .22 Revolvers and Extra Cylinders
2. .22 Lever-action Rifles
3. 20 ga Stagecoach Shotguns

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.22 Revolver Cleaning

Before starting any cleaning:

1. Point gun in safe direction.
2. Remove the cylinder pin and cylinder.
3. Verify gun is not loaded.



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.22 Revolver Cleaning

Typical Supplies



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.22 Revolver Cleaning

Minimum Required

- Light cleaning oil (Rem Oil)
- .22 cleaning rod
- .22 patches (Hoppe's preferred)
- .22 jag or patch holder
- .22 nylon brush
- Gun oil (FP-10 or G-96)
- Towel or cardboard work surface

Optional

- Gun Grease
- Q-tips





.22 Revolver Cleaning

Ensure again gun is safe and unloaded.

- Cylinder should already be removed.
- Place revolver and cylinder(s) on a clean and stable surface.

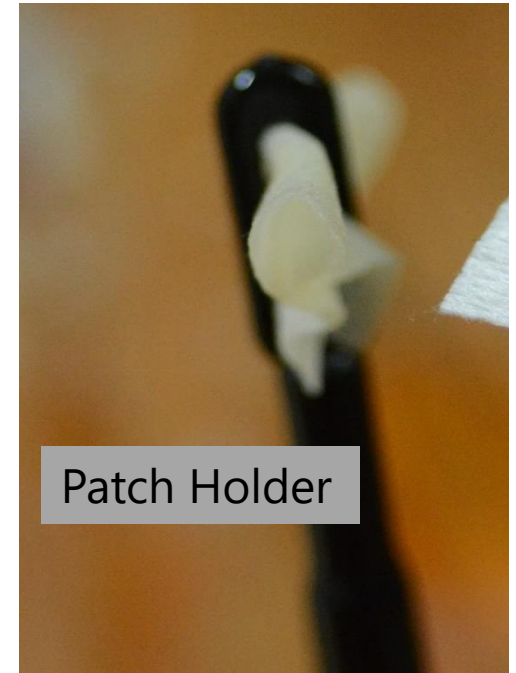
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.22 Revolver Cleaning

- Fit a patch holder on your cleaning rod.
- Insert from muzzle end through barrel.
- Wet a patch with a light gun oil like Rem Oil and insert into patch holder where cylinder normally rests.
- Pull wet patch through barrel out of the muzzle.
- Repeat with new patch.



Patch Holder





.22 Revolver Cleaning

Repeat until the patch looks like the one on the left.

.22's do not require much cleaning.
Over-cleaning will eventually ruin the barrel!



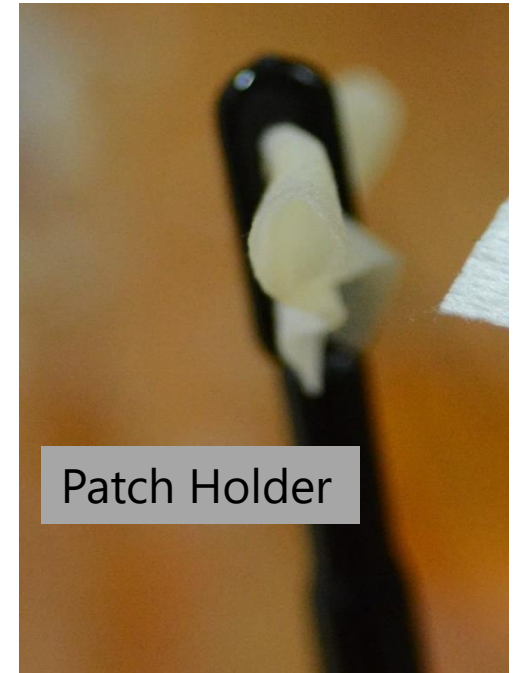
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.22 Revolver Cleaning

- Fit a patch holder on your cleaning rod.
- Wet a patch with a light gun oil like Rem Oil and insert into patch holder.
- Push patch through each cylinder opening from hammer end to barrel end.
- Repeat with new patch.





.22 Revolver Cleaning

Use Q-tip with light gun oil like Rem Oil to clean inside the frame (where the cylinder normally rests), the ends of the cylinder and around the hammer and trigger.

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.22 Revolver Cleaning

Spray trigger area with gun oil.



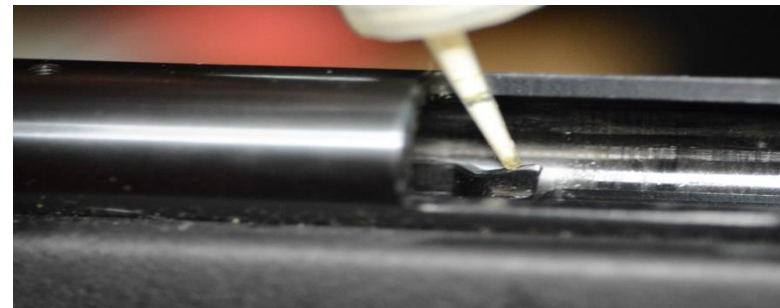
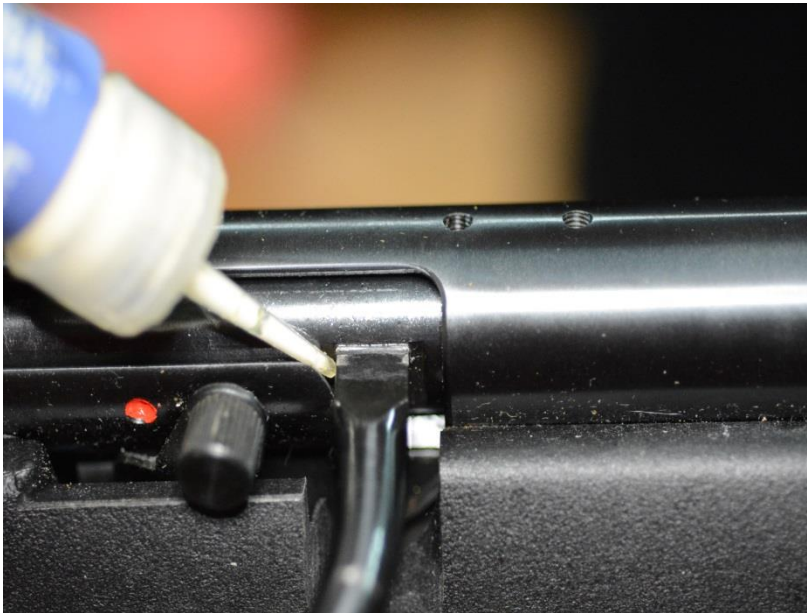
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.22 Revolver Cleaning

If you have gun grease available, coat high-wear areas with light coat of grease.



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.22 Revolver Cleaning

Clean Muzzle



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.22 Revolver Cleaning

Insert cylinder, cycle to test function.

Slide safety back to Safe.



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.22 Revolver Cleaning

Spray and wipe down all exposed metal parts, like the barrel, with gun oil (G-96 or FP-10).

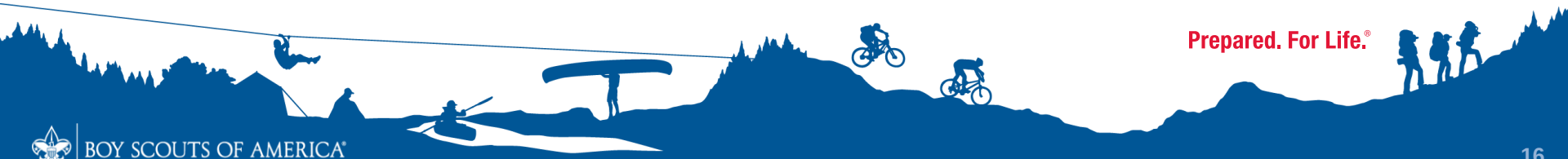
**Rem Oil is not a good rust
preventer on exposed metal.**

Install trigger lock.

Place revolver into pistol case.

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.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

Before starting any cleaning:

1. Point gun in safe direction.
2. Remove tube magazine rod.
3. Open lever/action.
4. Verify gun is not loaded.



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.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

Typical Supplies



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.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

Minimum Required

- Light cleaning oil (Rem Oil)
- .22 bore snake
- Gun oil (FP-10 or G-96)
- Towel or cardboard work surface

Optional

- Gun Grease
- Q-tips





.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

Ensure again gun is safe and unloaded.

Because this firearm has a tube magazine, it is nearly impossible to be certain there is no ammunition in the magazine.

ALWAYS keep your gun pointed in a safe direction!

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.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

Ready for cleaning.



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.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

Dampen a section of the bore snake with a light gun oil like Rem Oil, then run it through the barrel from the action to the muzzle 3-4 times.



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.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

Use Q-tip with light gun oil like Rem Oil to clean breech and the action.



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.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

**Drip gun oil into all the bolt sliding recesses,
then wipe down entire bolt with gun oil.**

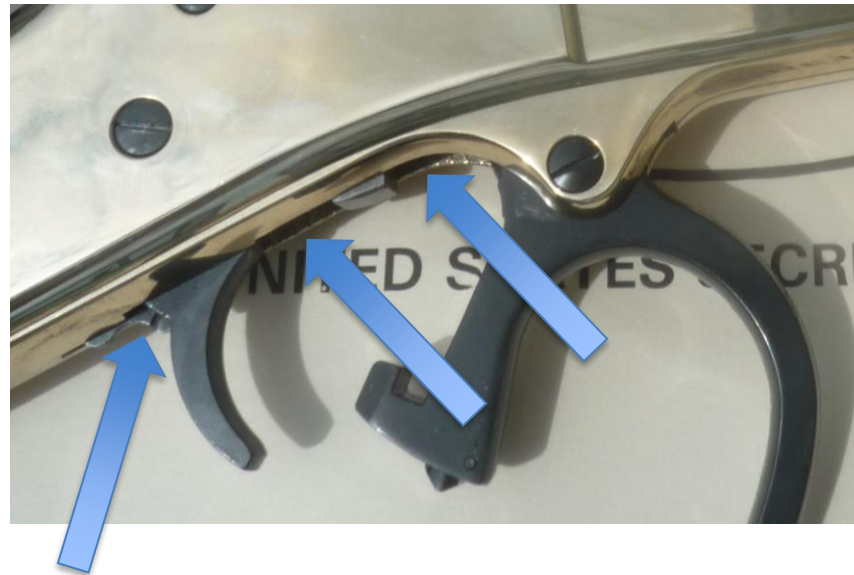
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.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

Spray trigger area with gun oil.





.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

If you have gun grease available, coat high-wear areas with light coat of grease.

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.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

Clean Muzzle





.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

Close lever/action. Install tube magazine rod. Slide safety back to Safe.

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.22 Lever-action Rifle Cleaning

Spray and wipe down all exposed metal parts, like the barrel, with gun oil (G-96 or FP-10).

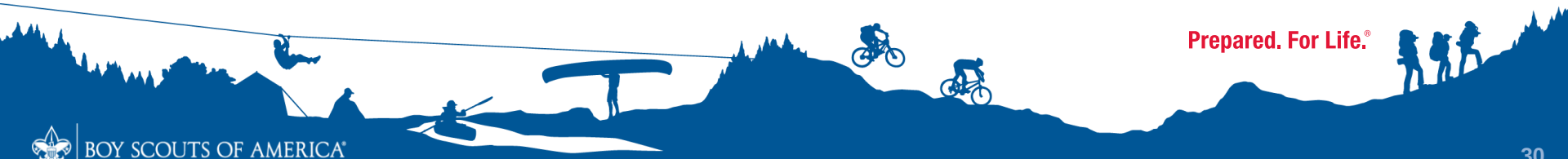
Rem Oil is not a good rust preventer on exposed metal.

Insert lock.

Place rifle into gun sock.

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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Safety First

Before starting any cleaning:

1. Point gun in safe direction.
2. Open the action.
3. Verify gun is not loaded.



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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Typical Supplies





20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Typical Supplies

Minimum Required

- 20 Ga. cleaning rod or 20 Ga. snake
- 20 Ga. patches (Hoppe's #9 preferred)
- 20 Ga. jag or patch holder
- 20 Ga. brass brush
- Bore cleaner (Powder Blast)
- Gun oil (FP-10 or G-96)
- Towel or cardboard work surface
- Light cleaning oil (Rem Oil)

Optional

- Gun Grease
- Q-tips



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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Ensure again gun is safe and unloaded.
With the action open....

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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Ready for cleaning.



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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Using a patch holder or jag, wet patch with
bore cleaner.



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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Push wet patch or snake from chamber through barrel to push grunge out.



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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Wrap patch around brush and wet with bore cleaner.



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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Repeat with snake or another patch on brush.



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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Repeat until the patch looks like the one on the right.





20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Take 20 Ga. brush and wrap with wet patch of gun oil.



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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Alternate method is soak a mop with gun oil.



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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

You may have to use a wet patch and brush several times. Stop when patch looks like the one on the left.

20 Ga. does not require much cleaning. Over-cleaning will eventually ruin the barrel!





20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Use Q-tip with Rem Oil to clean breech.



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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Spray trigger area with gun oil (FP-10 or G-96).



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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Spray Rem Oil in breech.





20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Clean muzzle and choke with patch soaked
in gun preservative.



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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Assemble the shotgun in the reverse order as disassembly.

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20 ga Stagecoach Shotgun Cleaning

Spray and wipe down all exposed metal parts, like the barrel, with gun oil (G-96 or FP-10).

**Rem Oil is not a good rust
preventer on exposed metal.**

**Insert plug and lock.
Place shotgun into gun sock.**



Appendix K

The Cowboy Action Shooting Briefing consists of material from the Scouting America 30 Minute Briefing for Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun and is intended for use only for events held at the Camp Grimes Cowboy Action Shooting Range.



Scouting America **20 Minute** **Cowboy Action Briefing**

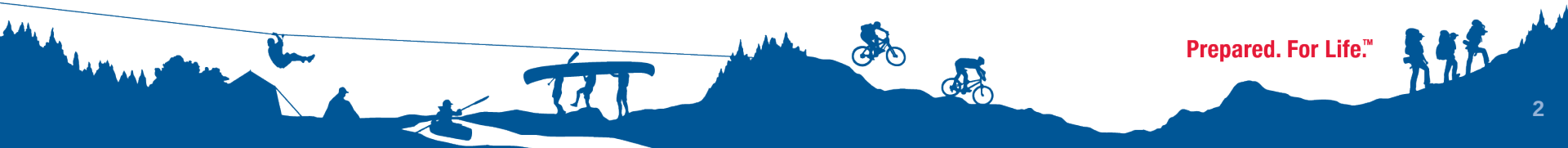
NO AMMUNITION
in the classroom
NO EXCEPTIONS!

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Orientation Goal

To provide beginning shooters with the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to shoot safely under the direct supervision of NRA Certified Instructors.



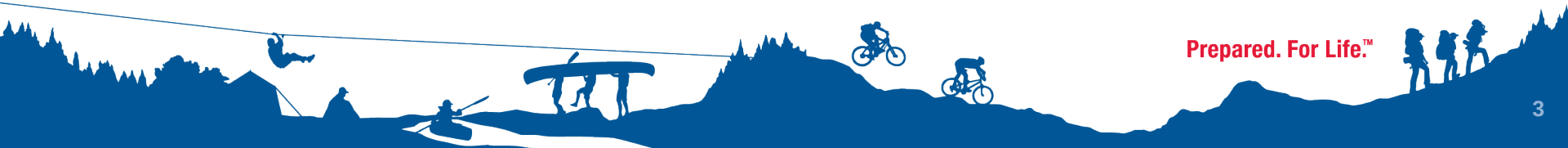
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Range Safety Briefing

NRA Gun Safety Rules

- **ALWAYS keep your gun pointed in a safe direction**
- **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot**
- **ALWAYS keep your gun unloaded until ready to use**



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Range Safety Briefing

Cowboy Action Firearm Demonstration

**(Instructor demonstration
with each replica)**

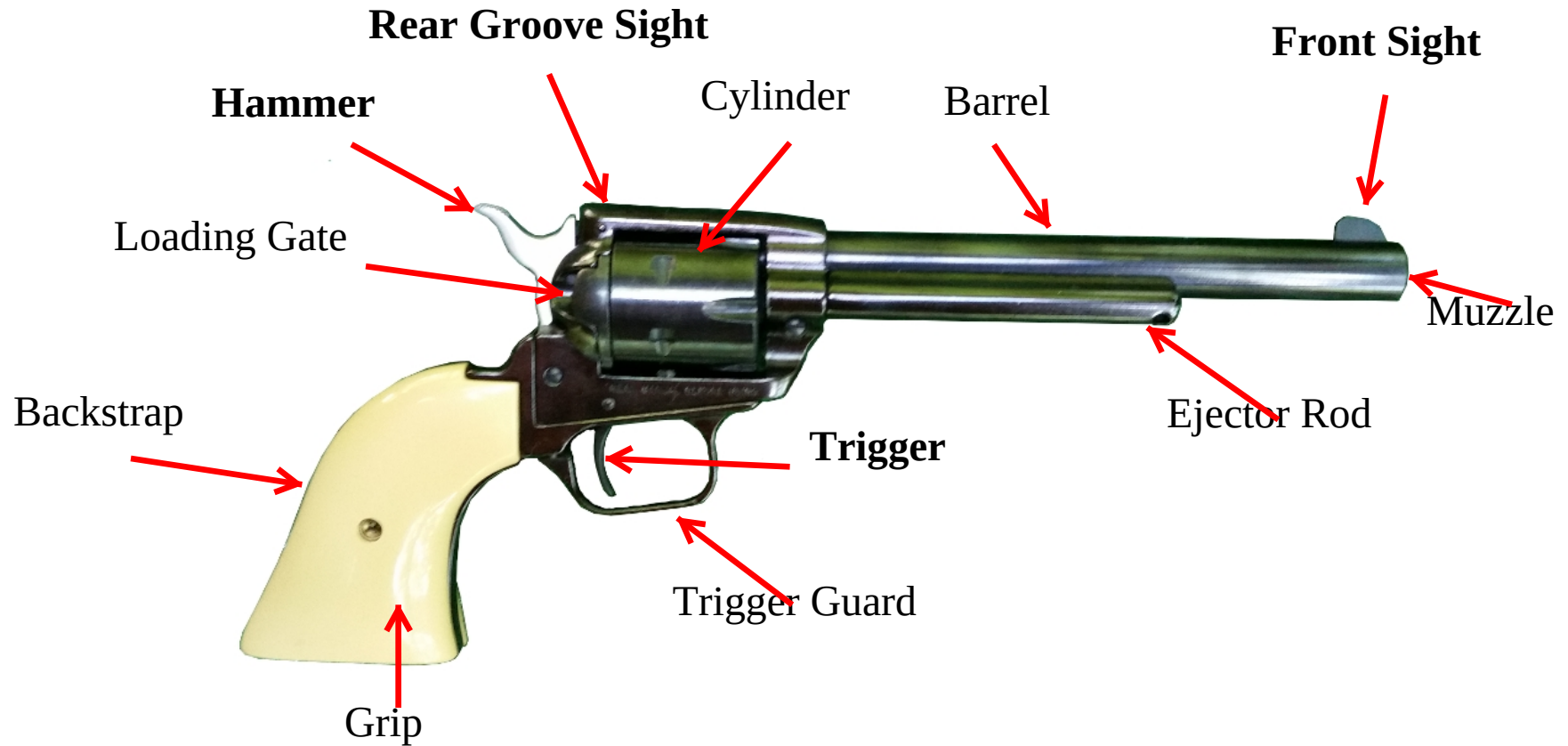
- **Disengage safety**
- **Cocking**
- **Firing**
- **De-cocking**
- **Engage safety and set down**

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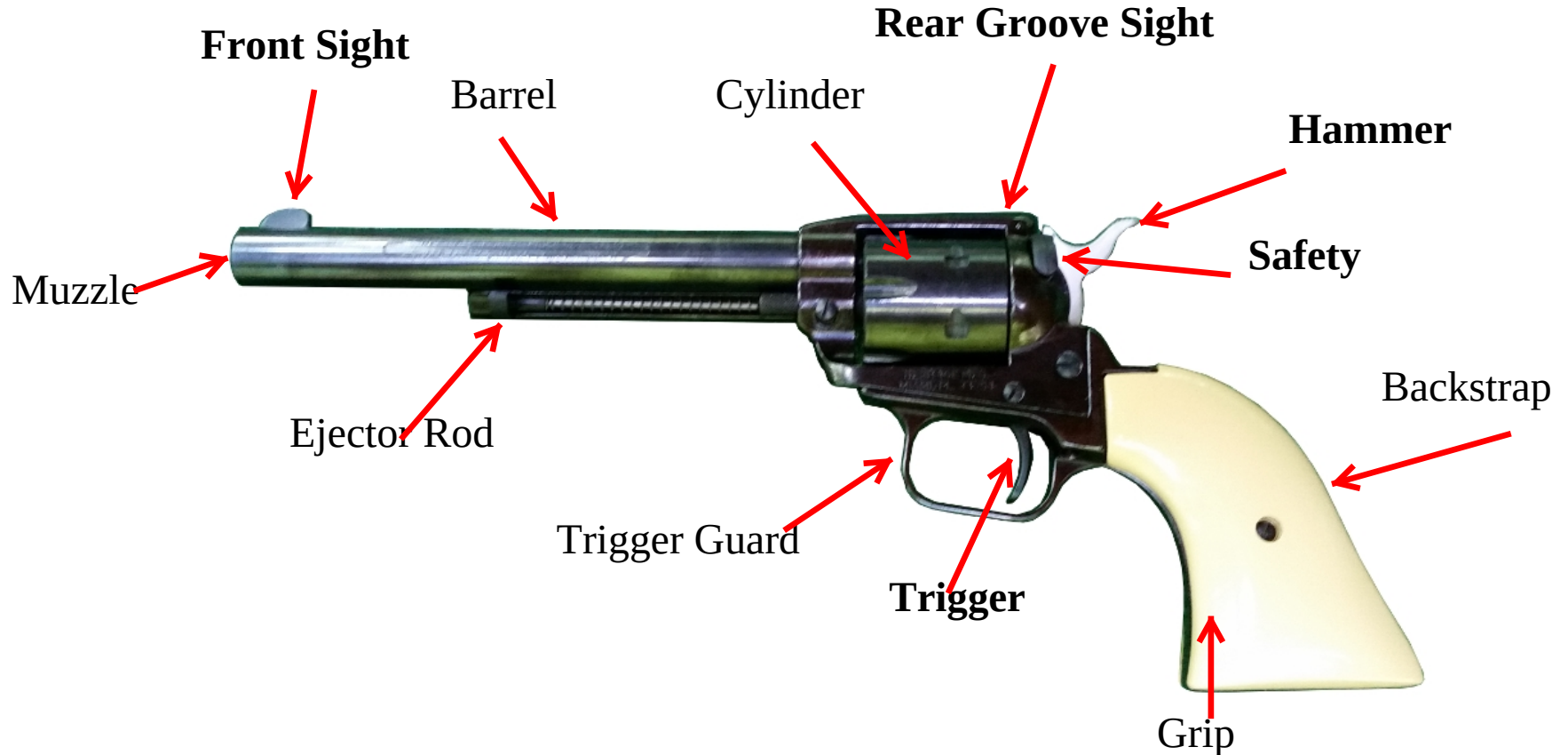
Pistol Parts...Single Action Revolver





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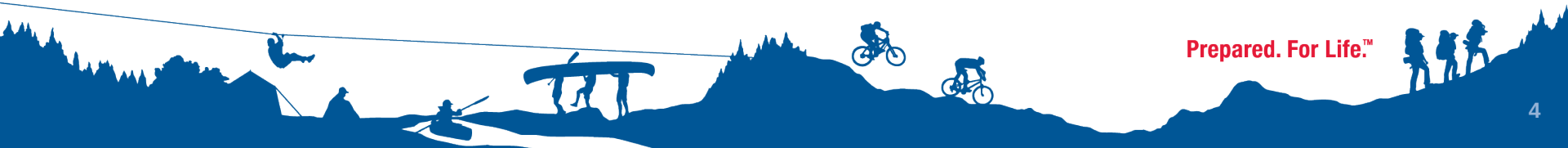
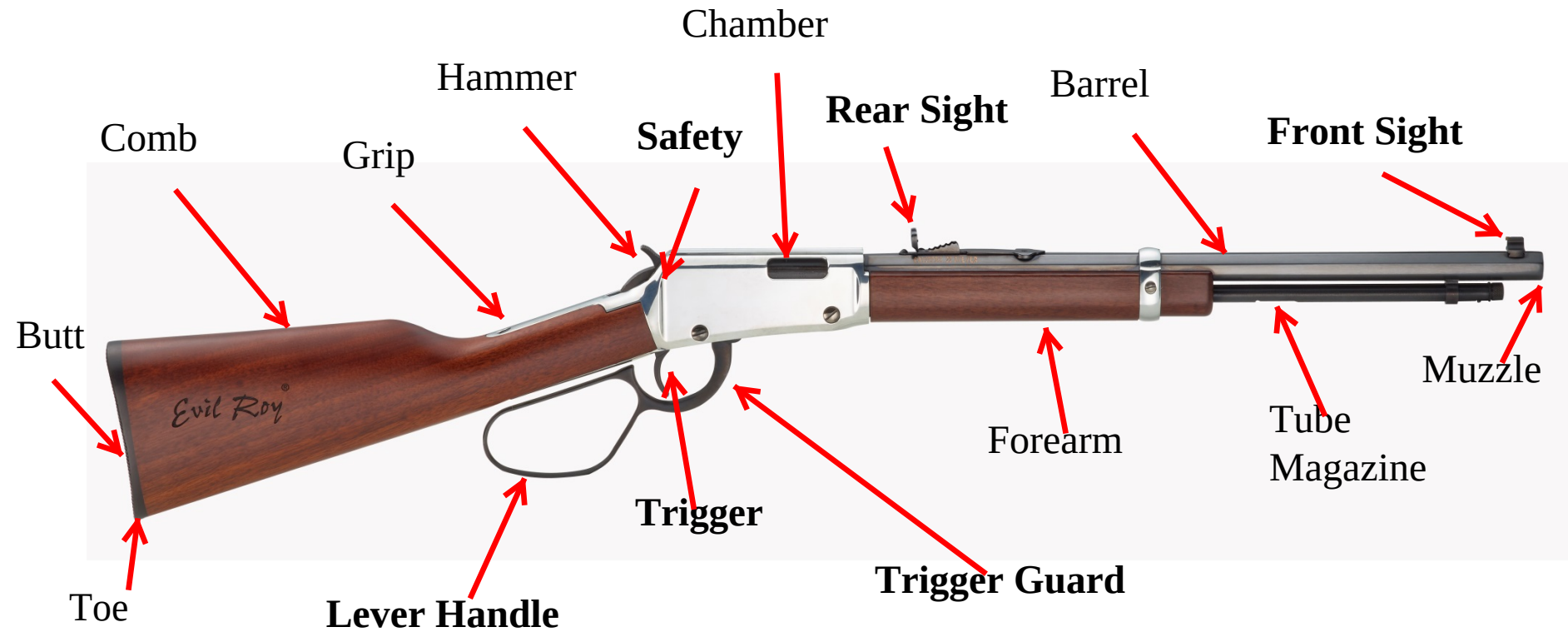
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Range Safety Briefing

Rifle Parts...Lever Action

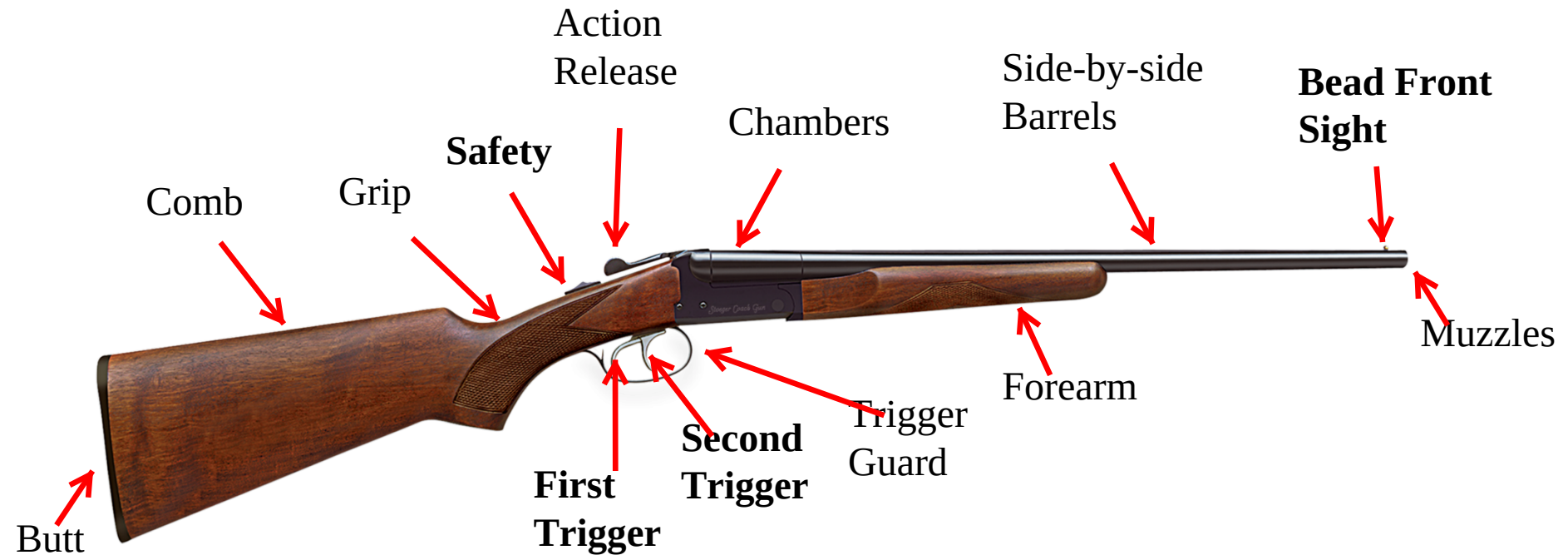


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Shotgun Parts...Break Action



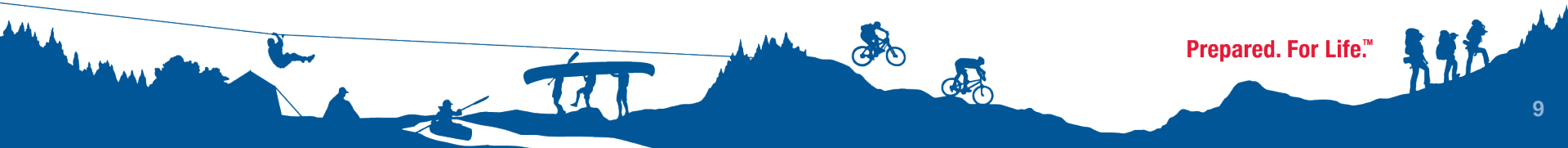


Range Safety Briefing

Shooting Fundamentals-Determining the Dominant Eye



- **Extend arms forward and form opening between the hands**
- **With both eyes open, look at a distant object through opening**
- **Bring hands to face while looking at object – Opening will be aligned with the dominant eye**





Range Safety Briefing

Shooting Fundamentals-Two-Handed Standing Position

- Head erect.
- Pistol brought to eye level.
- Pistol held with proper grip.
- Weight slightly forward.
- Arms fully extended.
- Back straight or leaning slightly forward.
- Knees slightly bent.
- Feet shoulder width apart.
- Align position to target.



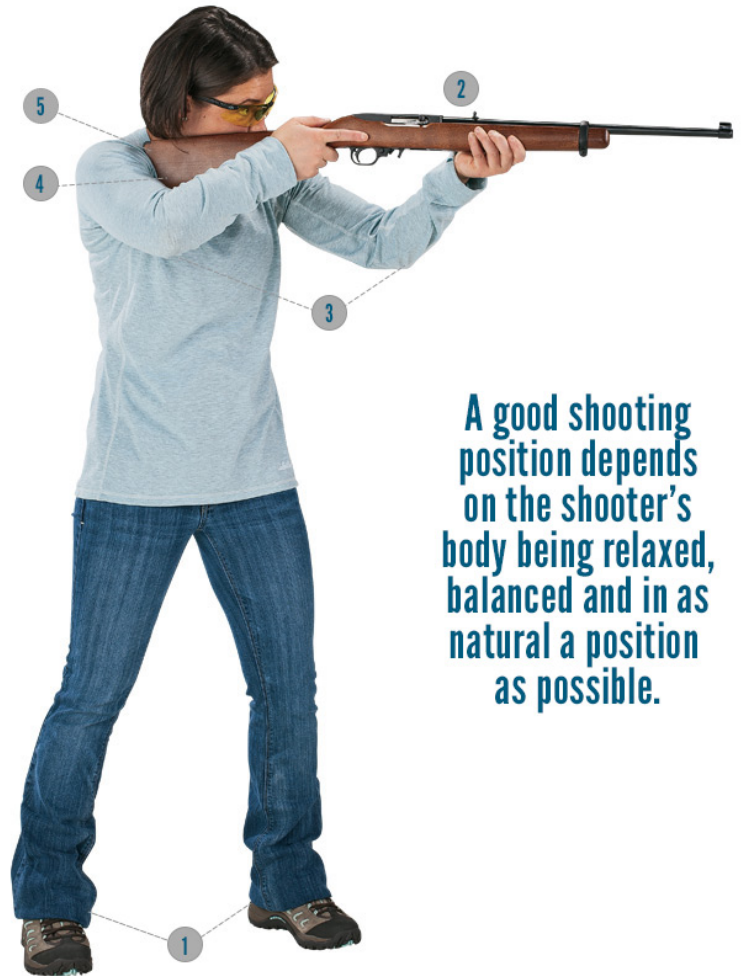
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Range Safety Briefing

Shooting Fundamentals-Standing Position-Rifle

- Feet flat on the ground about shoulder-width apart.
- Support hand gripping the Forearm, pulling rifle into shoulder, not lifting.
- Elbows bent at comfortable angle.
- Butt of the rifle tightly in the shoulder close to neck.
- Face firmly against the stock with eye looking straight down the sights.
- Align position to target.



A good shooting position depends on the shooter's body being relaxed, balanced and in as natural a position as possible.



Range Safety Briefing

Shooting Fundamentals-Standing Position-Shotgun

- Feet flat on the ground about shoulder-width apart with toes on lead foot turned slightly outward.
- Lead knee bent slightly. Approximately 60% of body weight on lead leg.
- Support hand gripping the Forearm, pulling shotgun into shoulder, not lifting.
- Butt of the shotgun firmly in the shoulder close to neck.
- Cheek firmly against the stock with eye looking straight down the barrels.
- Align the position to target.



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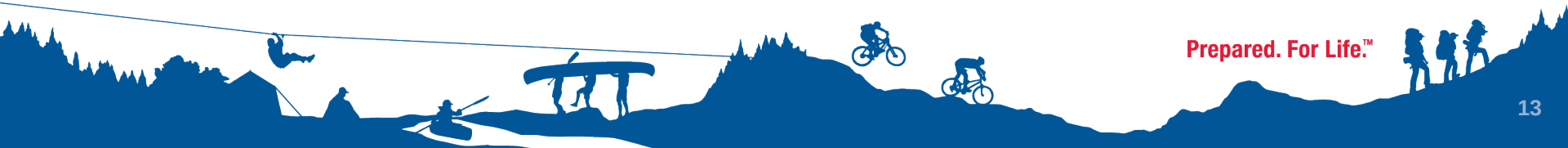




Range Safety Briefing

Shooting Fundamentals-The Essentials

- 1. AIMING (acquire target)***
- 2. BREATH CONTROL (breathe)***
- 3. TRIGGER CONTROL (fire)***



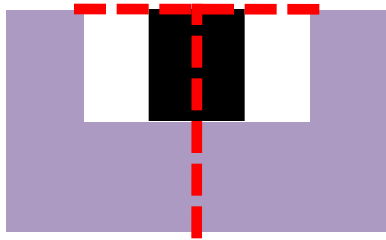
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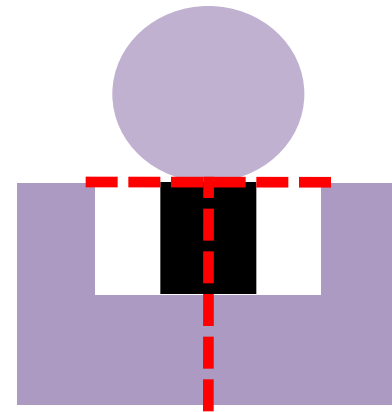
Range Safety Briefing

Shooting Fundamentals-Aiming with Notch Rear and Post Front Sight

FRONT SIGHT IS IN SHARP FOCUS



Sight Alignment



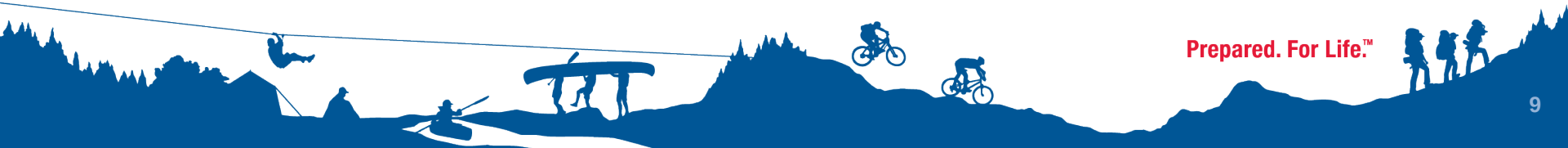
Sight Picture

Six O'clock Hold on the Bullseye

With Post-and-Notch sights:

The tops of the front and rear sights are even.

The front post is centered in the rear notch.



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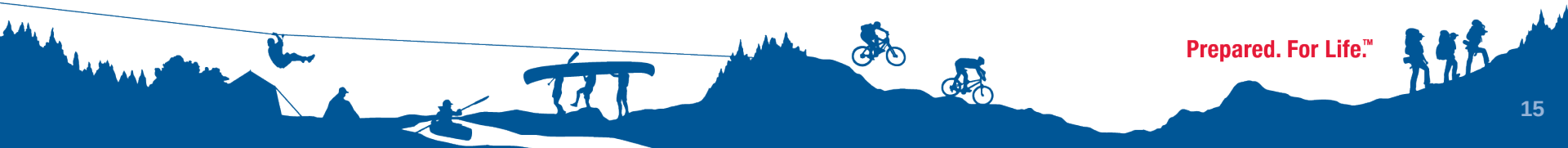


Range Safety Briefing

Shooting Fundamentals-Breath Control

Body movement while breathing can produce gun movement that impairs shooting.

- **Stop breathing momentarily while firing the shot! (Respiratory pause)**





Range Safety Briefing

Shooting Fundamentals-Trigger Control

- Trigger is pulled straight to the rear in a smooth, continuous manner without disturbing the sight alignment.
- Gradually and evenly increasing pressure until the mechanism releases.

SURPRISE yourself when the gun shoots.



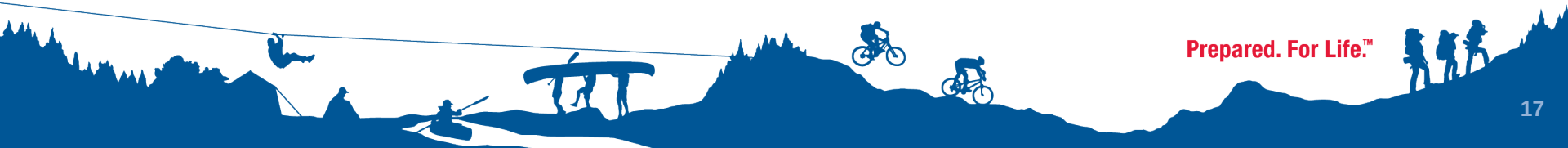
Range Safety Briefing

Shooting Fundamentals-Most Important Steps

The TWO most IMPORTANT

Shooting Fundamentals are.....

- “Maintaining sight alignment” – **AIMING**
- “Moving only the trigger finger” –
TRIGGER CONTROL



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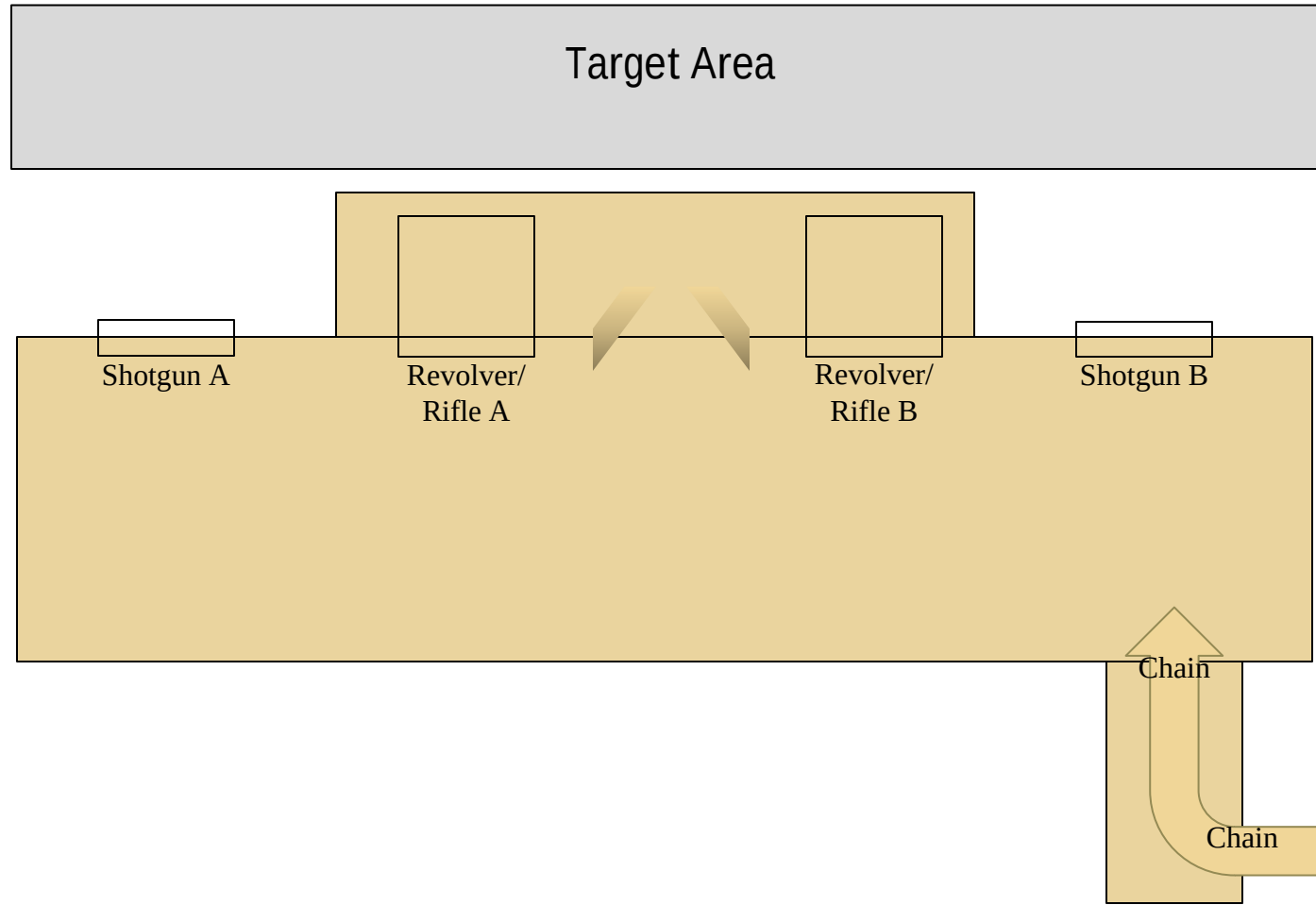
Range Layout

- ✓ Ready Area
- ✓ Firing Line Area
- ✓ Shooting Locations/Safety Line
- ✓ Target Area
- ✓ Back Stop



Range Safety Briefing

Range Layout

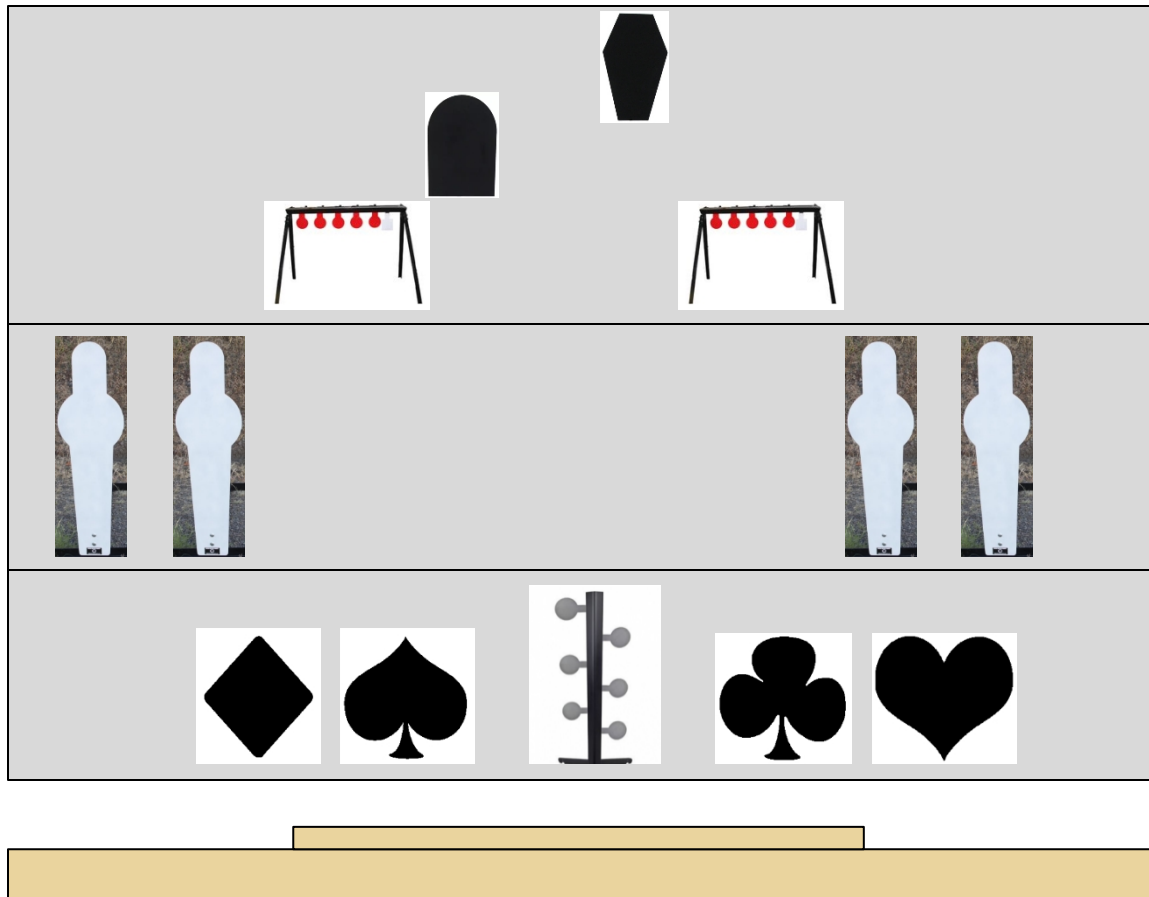


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Range Safety Briefing

Range Layout



Rifle Target Area

Shotgun Target Area

Pistol Target Area

Range Building

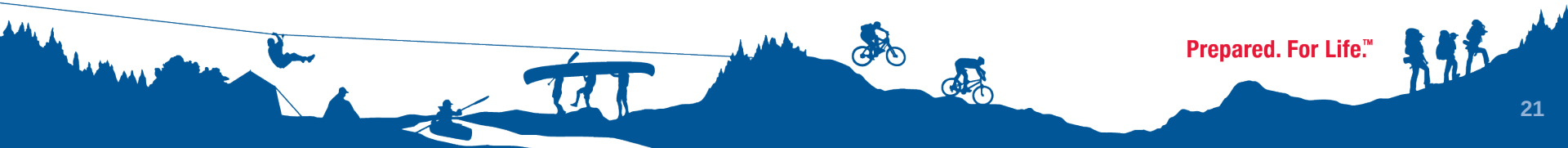
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Range Safety Briefing

Cowboy Action Shooting Sequence Demonstration

- Instructors demonstrate the course of fire using a replica (non-firing) gun.
- Explain how shooters will move through the course and handle shooting at each station.
 - Move to station, pick up loaded firearm, fire all rounds, engage safety, gently put down firearm, move to next station.
 - After all shots have been fired, each shooter should step back from the last station to indicate he/she is finished.
- Participants will demonstrate safe use of replica guns, one at a time, until all have completed it successfully.

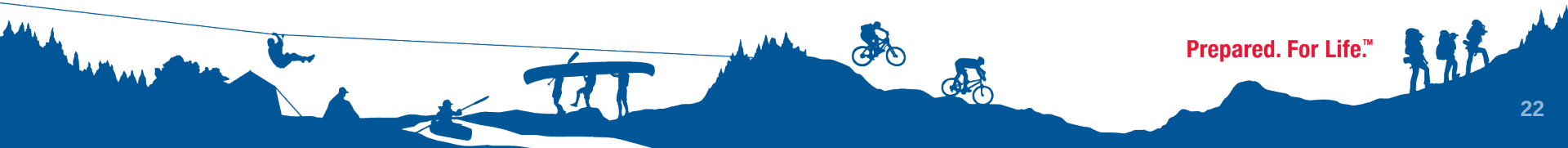




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NRA Gun Safety Rules

- **ALWAYS keep your gun pointed in a safe direction**
- **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot**
- **ALWAYS keep your gun unloaded until ready to use**



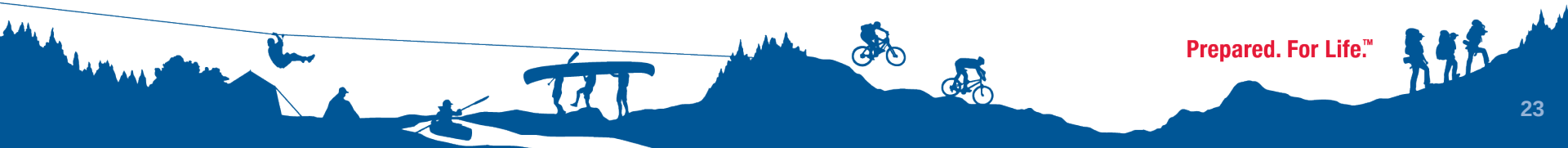
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Range Rules

- Know and obey all Range Commands.
- No Running or Horseplay.
- Listen to and Obey the RSO & Instructors at all times.
- Shoot Only at Authorized Targets.
- Raise your hand to ask Questions or to indicate a misfire.
- Wear Eye and Ear Protection.
- Spectators are not to communicate with Shooters.
- All must ask permission to Enter or Exit the Range.



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Other Range Rules

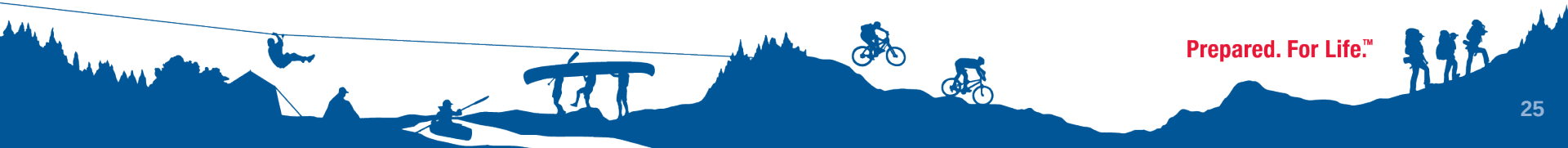
- Know your target and what is beyond.
- Know where others are at all times.
- Never handle a gun or be at the firing line while others are downrange.
- Know how to use the gun safely.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.
- The Instructor may need to touch you to prevent a dangerous situation.



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Range Commands

- Ready on left and right?
- Acquire, breathe, fire!
- Cease firing!
- Range is clear.



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Cowboy Name

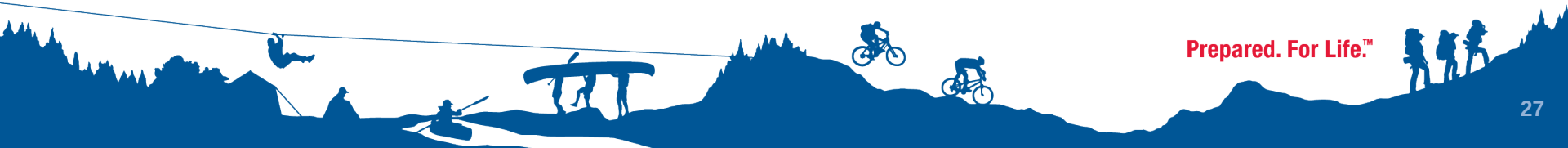
- **Every participant needs a “cowboy” name.**
 - Profession or attribute: Doc Stevens, Sawbones, Stretch McGuire, Tubby Jansen, Squint, Three-fingered Jake, Smiley, Flashy, Happy, Dopey, Sneezy, One-eared Morris, Stinky Pete
 - Double-first name: John Wesley Hardin
 - City/State & Last name: Texas Jack Elliott, Nevada Red McGee
 - Anything that strikes your fancy.
 - Tell the RSO when you arrive at the range.

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Questions

**Do you have any questions before
you move to the Ready Area?**



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COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING PROGRAM
PARTICIPATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Camp Grimes (Mecklenburg County Council) will be conducting a Scout cowboy action shooting program. In this program, Scouts will shoot a rifle, pistol, and shotgun under the supervision of an NRA Range Safety Officer and NRA certified instructors. Scouts will be required to wear eye protection and hearing protection at all times while on the range. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and rifle, pistol, and shotgun instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give my child, _____, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release Scouting America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program. I understand that any fees associated with participation in this program will not be refunded if my child is removed for not following the rules below.

1. Complete a range safety briefing.
2. Wear all safety gear at all times while on the range.
3. Follow all the safety rules provided in the briefing.
4. Follow the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and rifle, pistol, and shotgun instructor(s).
5. Do not handle the firearms until instructed to do so by the instructor(s).
6. Is 14 years of age, or 13 and has completed the eighth grade, as of the start of the event and will adhere to any applicable guidelines, including but limited to those established by the Council or by any program instructor, in its sole discretion, for the safety of the participants.

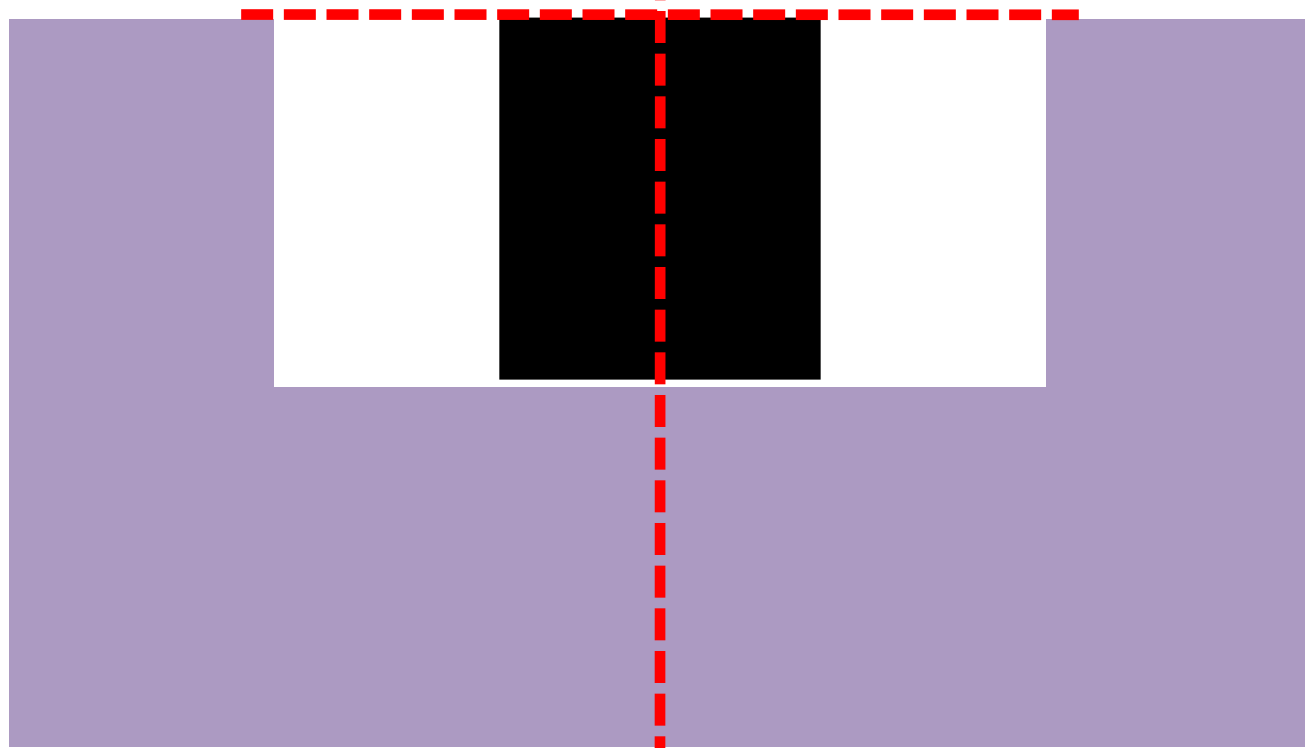
Participant signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian printed name _____ Date: _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

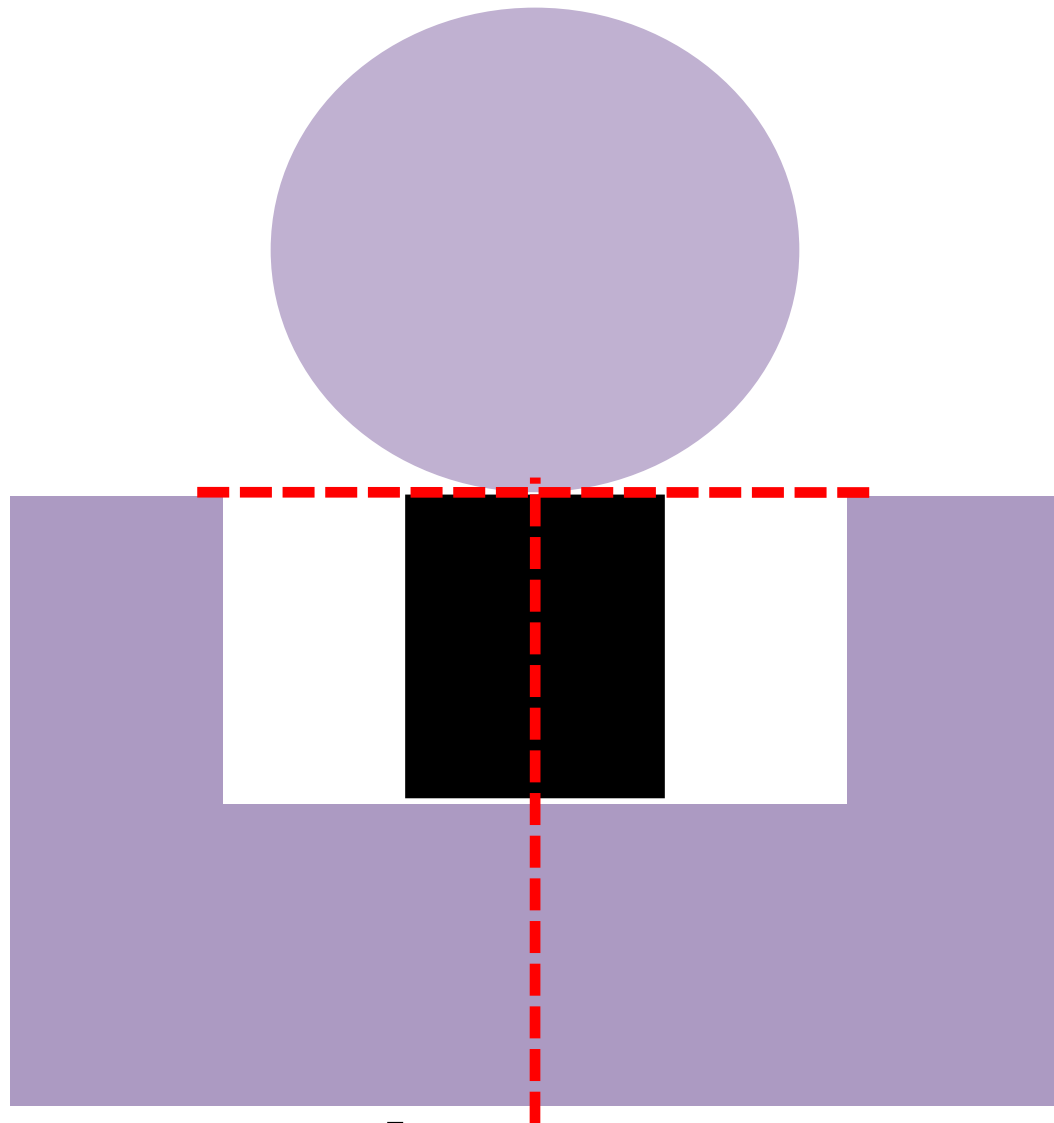
Email address _____



Sight Alignment

With Post-and-Notch sights:

The tops of the front and rear sights are even.
The front post is centered in the rear notch.



Sight Picture

Six O'clock Hold on the Bullseye

