

## **BSA Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Training Program Information**

### **Requirements for a Council to run the program:**

- 1) A Council must first apply to the BSA National Council Outdoor Program Department using the BSA Shooting Sports application located [Here](#). The council must also be aware of the guidelines to be used to execute the program. These requirements are located on page 3 and 4 in the “BSA Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship overview” handbook downloadable at this link on the BSA National Shooting Sports Webpage.  
[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/430-607\(16\)\\_WEB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/430-607(16)_WEB.pdf)
- 2) Once a council has been approved by the BSA National Council Outdoor Program Department to run the program, the council must send at least two people who are **NRA Pistol Instructor and NRA Range Safety Officer** trained to a special BSA Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Instructor training.
- 3) Each training course location will be able to handle a maximum of 16 students for the entire course. Therefore, a total of 8 councils with two people from each council will be guaranteed spots in the training and additional candidates will be accepted on a space available basis.
- 4) The Instructor candidates must agree to the terms of the training listed below.
  - A BSA Scouting Safety and Marksmanship Instructor candidate must have taught at least two NRA Basic Pistol classes in the last two years
  - Be approved by the local council professional and the local council shooting sports chairman to participate in this training.
  - Agree to help the local council in their year-round and summer camp BSA Scouting Pistol Safety & Marksmanship Program.
  - Both candidates must be a certified NRA Pistol Instructor. (At least one of the candidates must also be a NRA Range Safety Officer.)
  - The candidates must have read and reviewed the NRA Basic Pistol Instructor Syllabus, the BSA Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Handbook ( you can purchase this books at your local scout shop), and the BSA Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Instructor addendum, (sent to you once you register for a course).
  - The candidates must have practiced and rehearsed delivering the Basic Pistol Instructor Training as they will be asked to deliver several sessions to the course instructors. The course instructors will be making recommendations for improvement and then the instructor candidate will have a chance to rehearse again after lunch on Friday. On Saturday all instructor candidates will be evaluated again when they deliver lessons to Boy Scouts who will be present for the entire BSA Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship class.
  - If instructor candidates pass the evaluations, then they will be awarded the privilege of being the chief personnel on the range to operate a BSA Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship program within the council.
  - This is a pass/fail course and everyone will do the best to help instructor candidates to succeed **but there is no guarantee of passing.**

For more information regarding this notice or questions regarding the program please contact outdoor programs at [Shooting.sports@scouting.org](mailto:Shooting.sports@scouting.org).