

Gun Safety Class Information

Hello!

My name is Bill Greenfield. I am the Shooting Sports Program Director, here at Firestone Scout Reservation. Congratulations on signing up for our Gun Safety Class and Fun Shoot. The lead Instructors for your upcoming Gun Safety Class are Bryan Thompson, and Brian Ouellette. Bryan and Brian are both experienced NRA Rifle and Shotgun Instructors. Further, they are experienced leaders in Scouting, as well as Venturing. The “Bryans”, and their team will provide you with best-in-class gun safety training, as well as an opportunity to build your marksmanship by shooting at fun steel and interactive targets. Here is the key information you will need for your upcoming event:

1) The Class: This is an introductory gun safety class designed to teach you gun safety skills, and provide you with a fun opportunity to work on your marksmanship. You will be taking both the gun safety and live fire sections of this class at the Firestone Scout Reservation Range. To participate in the fun themed live fire marksmanship section of the class, you must first successfully complete the firearms safety, and safe handling section. You will be given the knowledge and taught the skills to handle guns safely. It will be up to you to have the positive attitude to put everything together when you proceed to the marksmanship section of the class.

2) Time/Location: Please arrive to check-in at the Firestone Trading Post with your completed Scout Health A&B, and Shooting Sports Permission Slip at the Firestone Trading Post no later than 8:30 AM. After checking in, you will drive up to the Range, which is approximately 3 ½ miles from the Firestone Trading Post.

Our Address:

Firestone Scout Reservation
19001 Tonner Canyon Rd.
Brea, CA 92821

3) Cost: The cost of this class is \$40, paid when you enrolled online. This includes the instruction by our NRA Instructors, use of our rifles, and your allotted ammunition. Many Scouts have so much fun that they want to buy extra ammunition. If you would like to purchase extra ammunition, it is available for \$15 (cash only) for 25 rounds.

*Please bring additional cash to use in the event that your need to purchase extra ammunition.

4) **Pre-requisite Work:** Please memorize the 3 NRA Safety Rules and make sure that you know them in order (i.e.: “What is rule #2? Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.”). They are attached as a .PDF download on the GLAAC registration site.

5) **Weather:** Begin looking at the weather forecast for Brea, California. The weather at Firestone Scout Reservation changes quickly and can be unpredictable. You will be working outdoors on our ranges, so plan to dress accordingly.

6) **Dress:** Although this is a Scouts BSA activity, Boy Scout “Class A” uniforms are not required. Please just wear properly fitted Class B/Troop Shirts/etc. You will be in a wilderness outdoor setting, so dress for the weather, and closed toe shoes are a must.

7) **Punctuality: Do not be late!** This is non-negotiable. A good rule of thumb to live by: 10 minutes early is on-time... on-time is late. If you arrive late, you run the risk of missing out on the class.

8) **Required Course materials:**

A) Bring completed copies of your BSA Health A/B, the Shooting Sports Permission Slip, and all other required forms (they are attached on the GLAAC registration site). Do **NOT** show up to the course if have not completed, all of your forms. You cannot participate without having all of the forms completed. Failing to plan is planning to fail.

B) Bring a portable camp chair, to avoid having to stand for the entire course.

C) Make sure that you have a refillable water bottle (filled), healthy snacks, a hat, and sunscreen (applied before your arrival).

9) **Safety Gear:** If you own them, please bring hearing protection and safety glasses aka “Eyes & Ears” to the course. If not, you can use ours. Both items are reasonably priced and are available at most sporting goods stores, Walmart, Bass Pro Shops, Cabelas, as well as online at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

10) Age: Per BSA guidelines, you must be at least 10 1/2 years of age or older and be in 4th grade or higher to take this class. You must also be registered with a Scout Troop, Venture Crew, Sea Scout Ship, or Explorer Post.

11) Parent/Guardian Participation: Your parent/guardian is expected to transport you to/from the Merit Badge Course. Parents/Guardians are welcome to observe the class too.

12) Mindset: Bring an open mind, a cooperative attitude, and a willing smile. We are going to have a great class!

Please call, text, or email me with any questions. I can be reached at (949) 633-4777 or billgreenfield@gmail.com. If you are contacting me as a Scout, make sure that a parent/guardian/scoutmaster is cc'ed on the email, or included on the call/text.

Yours in Scouting,

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