



NRA Basic Pistol & Pistol Instructor Training Weekend

September 18th – 20th, 2026

Baltimore Area Council
Camp Spencer, Admin & Learning Center
Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation
3773 Peach Orchard Road, Street, MD 21154

This weekend course will be divided into three parts: the NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting-ILO course, NRA Basic Instructor Training, and the NRA Pistol Instructor course. This discounted training is open to registered members of Scouting America (BSA) only.

NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting-Instructor Led Only: Teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for the safe use of a pistol, as well as the fundamentals of pistol shooting. The NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting – Instructor Led Training course is intended for all individuals regardless of previous shooting experience or NRA-affiliation. The course includes a hands-on practical portion conducted in a classroom and shooting at the range with an NRA Pistol Instructor. Course topics include gun safety rules, proper operation of revolvers and semi-automatic pistols, ammunition knowledge and selection, pistol selection and storage, shooting fundamentals, pistol inspection and maintenance, marksmanship, and shooting range safety. Additionally, students will complete live fire training and a nationally standardized shooting qualification while on the range with an NRA Certified Pistol Instructor.

NRA Pistol Instructor: Teaches the knowledge, skills and attitude essential to organizing, promoting and teaching NRA's Basic Pistol Shooting course. Instructor Candidates must possess basic firearm safety and shooting skills as a prerequisite for certification as an NRA Pistol Instructor. Prior to the instructor training, candidates complete a pre-course questionnaire and demonstrate their firearm background in pre-course assessment exercises. The Pistol Instructor course is presented in two parts: Basic Instructor Training (if BIT is needed), and discipline specific instructor training. Students demonstrate organizational and teaching skills via participation in practical exercises during the course and complete an instructor certification examination.

Students must attend the entire course during the weekend. The course will be held at Camp Spencer at the Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday. The students will be responsible for providing their evening meals. Overnight lodging is available at no additional cost to participants, which includes kitchen facilities for preparing meals. You will need to provide your own cooking utensils, pots, pans, etc. if you plan to prepare meals.

To attend this NRA training, you must complete your registration with the Baltimore Area Council. After your registration has been completed with the Council, you will be contacted by the NRA Instructor/Training Counselor who will provide you with the links to register for the courses on the NRA Training website as well as any additional information.

Training will begin at 6 pm on Friday, September 18th and should conclude by 5 pm on Sunday, September 20th. You must be present for the entire weekend to complete the full training. All NRA training materials, firearms, ammunition and hearing and eye protection will be provided. Personal firearms or ammunition are not permitted on camp property.

Cost: \$175.00

Note: There is a credentialing fee with the NRA which is not included in the cost of this training. NRA membership is not required to become an NRA Instructor.

For further information on this course, direct inquiries to shootingsports@broadcreekbsa.org