



NRA Basic Shotgun & Shotgun Instructor Training Weekend

February 20th – 22nd, 2026

Baltimore Area Council
Camp Saffran, Dan Beard Cabin
Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation
1929 Susquehanna Hall Rd., Whiteford, MD 21160

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

NRA Basic Shotgun: Teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude for the safe and proper use of a shotgun in shooting a moving target. The course includes classroom and range time learning how to shoot shotguns at moving targets and is the pre-requisite course for those who desire to take the NRA Shotgun Instructor course. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; shotgun parts and operation; shotgun shell components; shotgun shell malfunctions; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting at straight away and angled targets; cleaning; and continued opportunities for skill development.

NRA Shotgun Instructor: Teaches the knowledge, skills and attitude essential to organizing, promoting and teaching NRA's Basic Shotgun Shooting Course. Instructor Candidates must possess basic firearm safety and shooting skills as a prerequisite for certification as an NRA Shotgun Instructor. The Shotgun Instructor course is presented in two parts: Basic Instructor Training (if 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 Saffran 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 include 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, February 20th and should conclude by 5 pm on Sunday, February 22nd. 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