



National Rifle Association

Certified Rifle and Shotgun Instructor Classes



This course is being conducted by the Boy Scouts of America in conjunction with their National Camping School division. The primary purpose of this course is to provide individuals who plan on attending the Range and Target Activities Director section of National Camping School with the opportunity to attain the required NRA rifle and shotgun instructor certification. Those individuals will have priority in terms of registration. Individuals who are not planning on attending the Range and Target Activities Director section of National Camping School may also attend this course if there is room. The maximum number of participants for the course is twenty-five individuals. Those individuals who are not planning on attending the Range and Target Activities Director section of National Camping School will be notified two weeks prior to the course to let them know if they will be able to participate.

The course will include topics on rifle and shotgun knowledge, safe handling, ammunition knowledge, firing the first shots, the various positions used in rifle shooting, how to evaluate and improve the performance of beginning shooters and rifle and shotgun sports and activities. In addition, we will review how an instructor fits into the NRA basic firearm training program, using a training team to deliver the program, training materials and aids and how to use them, and the essentials of organizing a rifle or shotgun course.

Participants must have completed both the NRA basic rifle and basic shotgun courses prior to the instructor courses and bring their completion certificates in order to participate in the instructor courses. There is a live-fire qualification which will be conducted during the course. Additional information will be communicated to participants once they have registered for the course. NO LIVE AMMUNITION OR FIREARMS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE COURSE.

In order to complete certification, applicants must participate in all required days of training, demonstrate their ability as instructors, complete and earn a 90% grade on the instructor exam and complete the instructor registration process on the NRA instructor web site. **(NOTE: Participants MUST attend all days of training, even if they already have an NRA certification.)**

One of these courses will be offered in BSA's Territory 10 at Great Falls Council's Camp Gorton. The date, location, course director, and council contact are listed below.

Course: April 17-19, 2026 we will start at 1:00 PM on Friday
Camp Gorton, 4241 Cty. Route 25, Dundee, NY 14837
Course Director: Jim Griffin, jgriff1@roadrunner.com
Council Contact: Karl Ziegenfus, karl.ziegenfus@scouting.org

COST: \$175

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The Link to Register is:

<https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/166973>