



May 1 - 3, 2026

Leader's Guide

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

I welcome you again to the Indian Waters Council Shooting Sports Weekend. The purpose of this weekend is to have fun, expose those, experienced or not, to the enjoyment of shooting sports and most importantly, encourage the safe use and handling of firearms and archery equipment. BSA guidelines and precautions will be followed throughout the event. The Cowboy Action Shooting event has been such a hit, that it will be included in the scored event rotation this year. **A permission form is included in the back of this guide that must be filled out and signed by parent/guardian for the scout to participate.**

Because of the number of youth expected to participate, and the time required to complete the events of the day, no merit badge requirements will be addressed. This event is solely to expose our scouts to the enjoyment of Target and Range activities.

It is my pleasure to be able to offer this program to each of you and I look forward to an enjoyable weekend and some friendly competition. There are a few issues that need to be addressed prior to the weekend.

1. Leave your personal firearms and archery equipment at home. All firearms and archery equipment will be furnished as well as ammunition and targets. **NO PERSONAL FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, BOWS, OR ARROWS ARE ALLOWED IN CAMP.**
2. Be prepared to wear safety equipment while on each range. This will be provided at each range. This is BSA policy and will be strictly enforced. You may wear prescription eyeglasses as safety glasses while shooting.
3. Each participant will be required to attend a safety briefing prior to being allowed on the range.
4. Targets will be scored by the Range Officer at each range. Their decision is final.
5. Each participant is responsible for the safe keeping of their score sheet. These will be turned in at the end of the last session.
6. Discipline will be maintained on the ranges. Failure to follow rules and commands may result in a participant being dismissed from the range.
7. A permission form is included on the last page of this guide. Each youth should bring this fully completed form with them, otherwise they may be prevented from participating in one specific activity.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the event committee for their hard work and dedication to make this a great weekend for you.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Griffin
Event Chairman

THINGS TO KNOW FOR THE SHOOTING SPORTS WEEKEND

- You will need to either eat before coming or bring a sack supper on Friday night. Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Supper, and Cracker barrel plus Sunday Breakfast will be served in the dining hall.
- Leaders, please have a list of scouts that can help serve in the dining hall. There will need to be at least 5 per meal and all Troops will participate as needed. A roster will be prepared at the Friday evening Leader meeting. Also, a Roster will be prepared for Flag detail on Saturday morning, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning.
- No vehicles are allowed in camp. You should plan to pack light and haul all gear from the parking lot to your campsite. You'll only be there two days and all meals are provided. Someone will be in the parking lot from 6-8pm on Friday to give you your campsite assignment. Should you arrive late, park your car and walk to the pavilion where someone should be able to help you.
- All Scouting America units are more than welcome to attend this event and all Safeguarding Youth procedures are in place and will be strictly adhered to.
- Activity uniforms (class B) are appropriate for Friday evening and the sessions on Saturday. Field Uniforms (Class A) shall be worn at flags on Saturday afternoon, the campfire Saturday evening and at Chapel on Sunday morning.
- Please have your unit prepare a skit or song for the campfire program on Saturday night. A brief written description will need to be handed in at the SM & SPL meeting on Friday night so please come prepared. If possible, have it related to the shooting sports activities. They will be judged on originality (or a new take on an old favorite), relation to the weekend's theme, and overall entertainment value.
- To insure we leave Camp Barstow in good shape, patches will not be distributed until after campsite inspections Sunday morning.



**Shooting Sports Weekend
Camp Barstow
May 1-May 3, 2026**

Friday, May 1

6:00pm-8:00pm	Registration and Camp-site assignment (Bring a bag meal for supper)
8:30pm	SM & SPL Meeting – Pavillion
9:00pm	Safety Briefing (everyone) - Pavillion
11:00pm	Taps & Lights Out

Saturday, May 2

7:00am	Reveille
7:30am-7:40am	Flag Raising & Announcements – Parade Field
7:40am-8:30am	Breakfast
9:00am-10:40am	Session 1
11:00am-12:40am	Session 2
1:00-1:40pm	Lunch
2:00pm-3:40pm	Session 3
4:00pm-5:40pm	Session 4
6:00pm-6:10pm	Flag Lowering
6:20pm-7:00pm	Dinner
7:15pm-8:30pm	SM Competition
8:30pm-9:15pm	Campfire – Wilson Council Ring
9:30pm-10:30pm	Crackerbarrel – Dining Hall
11:00pm	Taps & Lights Out

Sunday, May 3

7:00am	Reveille
8:00am-8:10am	Flag Raising – Parade Field
8:10am-9:00am	Breakfast
9:30am	Chapel and Awards
10:30am	Break Camp and Campsite Inspections (Patches will be distributed after Campsite inspection) Dismissed

Four Sessions running concurrently:

- Standard Rifle**
- Archery**
- Shotgun/Tomahawk**
- Cowboy Action Shooting**

Explanation of Events

All Scouts will be divided into 4 equal groups. We will try to keep units together as much as possible. Large troops or crews may have to be split among two groups depending on how the numbers work out. Groups will be announced at Saturday flag ceremonies.

The groups will visit each station; Archery, Standard Rifle, Shotgun/Tomahawk, and Cowboy Action Shooting throughout the day on a round robin schedule. Each scout will be given a scoresheet at the beginning of the first session. Each scout will shoot the required rounds for each station. The range officers will score the scout's scoresheet. All score sheets will be turned in at the last range of the day. Scouts are responsible for keeping up with their own scoresheet until they turn it in after the last session. A sample scoresheet is on the next page.

If scouts are not of age or do not have properly signed permission slip for Cowboy Action Shooting, their lack of score in that event will not impact the overall unit score. These scouts will be offered an alternative event, most probably Tomahawk Throwing and this will be scored instead. The Unit score will not be impacted by a participant not being of age to participate in Cowboy Action Shooting or not being physically able to handle a shotgun. It is for fun after all.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Overall Marksman (Combined Scores)
- Individual Archery
- Individual Shotgun
- Individual Tomahawk
- Individual Rifle
- Individual Cowpoke
- Overall Troop/Crew (Average Scores)
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- Adult Award (Saturday Evening Competition)
- Troop Spirit Award



Name _____ Unit _____

*Write legibly. Unreadable cards will be discarded and you will be ruled ineligible.

Standard Rifle	10 Shots	Possible 100pts	Total

Archery	3 x 5 arrows	Possible 150 pts	
End 1	End 2	End 3	Total
_____	_____	_____	_____

Cowboy 20 shots @10 pts. Each. Possible 200pts	
Rifle _____	<u>OR</u> Tomahawk 4@50 pts
Sixgun 1 _____	Stuck _____/4
Sixgun 2 _____	
Stagecoach gun _____	Total _____

Shotgun 10 clays @15pts. each	Possible 150 pts
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Total Points _____

Scores are to be tabulated by range officers only. Do not alter your scorecard or you will be disqualified.

**SCOUTING PARTICIPATION AND HOLD-HARMLESS AGREEMENT
(BRING TO EVENT)**

AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN "COWBOY ACTION", WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE DURING INDIAN WATERS COUNCIL SHOOTING SPORTS WEEKEND MAY 1-3, 2026. THE COWBOY ACTION PORTION OF THIS EVENT IS A BSA SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AGE 14 AND OLDER OR 13 AND COMPLETED THE 8TH GRADE ONLY. YOUTH MUST HAVE THIS FULLY COMPLETED FORM IN THEIR POSSESSION AT THE RANGE TO PARTICIPATE IN COWBOY ACTION. YOUTH NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN COWBOY ACTION WILL HAVE OTHER SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE. DO NOT TURN IN AT CAMP CHECK IN.

Indian Waters Shooting Sports Weekend Indian Waters Council is conducting a Cowboy Action shooting sports program. Scouts will receive classroom and range instruction on how to safely handle, and shoot a .22 lever action rifle, .22 single action revolver (pistol), and a 20g double barrel shotgun. They will participate under the supervision of applicable trained and certified NRA firearm specific instructor(s), as required by BSA policy (required supervision for the program).

Scouts will be required to wear applicable eye and hearing protection while on the range as required by BSA policy. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the qualified supervision.

I, the undersigned, affirm that my child is at least 14 years of age or 13 and has completed the 8th grade by the start of this program, and give my child, _____ permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program:

1. Complete the training offered as part of the program.
2. Wear all safety gear while on the range.
3. Follow all safety rules provided in the training class.
4. Follow the instructions of qualified supervision.
5. Do not handle any equipment until instructed to do so by the qualified supervision
6. Is registered as a Scouts BSA, Sea Scout, Venture, or meet the required age guidelines to participate in a recruiting event.

I understand that any additional cost that may be associated with participation in this program will not be refunded if my child is removed due to behavioral problems.

Participant signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian printed name _____ Date: _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____