This course is an NRA First Steps Pistol Orientaion course open to Scouts BSA and Venture members who are at least 14 years old (or 13 and graduated from 8th grade). Participants will learn the basics of shooting a .22 caliber single action revolver or semi-automatic pistol. This course will cover the following:

* The rules for safe gun handling.
* The operational basics of a single action revolver.
* Ammunition used in the revolver and how to handle possible ammunition malfunctions.
* Fundamentals of pistol shooting.
* Live fire practice.
* Proper care and storage of pistols.

This course will be held in the Range and Targe Activities Area program tent located near the Rifle range. The course will be run in one program block either morning or afternoon. All participants who take the course will receive a copy of the NRA Basics of pistol Shooting book, The NRA Marksmanship Program book and NRA Gun Safety Rules card. Participants who successfully complete the course shooting qualification will receive a certificate. The course fee is $20 and each section is limited to 4 participants. Participants can sign up for one session and can choose between a revolver or semi-automatic class. There will be two revolver classes on Tuesday. Semi-automatic pistol classes will be held Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Scouts wishing to take this class should sign up for the session of their choice prior camp. Students must bring the Pistol course permission form signed by their parents or guardian with them to camp. Scots register for the class must check-in with the Range and Target Activities staff at the Sunday Night Merit Badge Midway to turn in their paperwork and confirm their spot.

Courses are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If all sessions are filled for a week, please register on the waitlist.

Special note: Scouts wishing to participate in the Wednesday evening Cowboy Action Shoot must also bring the permission slip for that program.