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Hold Their Feet To The Fire

n behalf of the NRA Board of Directors, I'd like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and joyous holiday season. In the spirit of New Year's resolutions, I urge you to consider the greatest danger to your Second Amendment rights and the most effective action you can take in 2022 to defend your rights.

Let's be clear: The greatest threat to our right to keep and bear arms right now is the anti-gun Biden-Harris Administration and its anti-freedom allies in Congress. And the best way to defend your right to protect yourself and your family is to replace those anti-gun politicians with solid pro-gun majorities in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in this year's mid-term elections. There is no more important task we face in 2022 than this. Here's why:

We all saw how the Biden Administration, its socialist government tax-and-deficit-spending insanity, its debacle in Afghanistan, its refusal to secure our southern border and its radical-leftist social agenda were rebuked by voters in the off-year elections in November

Their policies put you in danger. While Biden's anti-gun allies push to defund our nation's police, crime is skyrocketing. According to the FBI, murder in the U.S. spiked by 29% in 2020. Shootings in Chicago alone have more than doubled in a year and more than tripled in two years. And ambush shootings against police have more than doubled in the past year.

Yet instead of fighting to strengthen our nation's police and put violent criminals behind bars where they can't harm us, the Biden Administration has pushed more antigun gimmicks that only disarm law-abiding people like you and me. After scarcely two months in office, Biden said, "I urge my colleagues in the House and Senate to act. We can ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines in this country ..." Two weeks later, Biden unilaterally pushed a slew of anti-gun executive orders. He even tried to appoint anti-gun zealot and former gun-ban lobby employee David Chipman to run the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

The reason is simple: Biden and his anti-gun allies in Congress want to divert attention away from their own dereliction of duty by scapegoating you and your Second Amendment rights for rising violent crime. In the U.S. Senate, Dianne Feinstein and 34 other anti-gun senators introduced a bill to ban your AR-15 and more than 200 other semi-automatic firearms. In the House, they've passed

bills to outlaw the private sale of firearms without government approval. And they've introduced bills imposing a wide variety of prohibitions on you: Gun owner licensing—even to possess ammunition. Gun registration. Mandatory "firearm risk" insurance policies for gun owners. Bans on guns that don't incorporate so-called "smart" technology that makes guns inoperable. Gun-lockup schemes that render firearms useless in your home for defense against intruders. The list goes on.

You can bet this is likely to get worse before it gets better. We all saw how Joe Biden's former boss, President Barack Obama, tried to blame you, your firearms and your freedom for the crimes committed by Mexican drug cartels in the "Fast and Furious" ATF gun-smuggling debacle. And we all saw how, when President Bill Clinton wanted to divert attention away from the Monica Lewinsky scandal, he staged a big campaign to push new anti-gun laws. As soon as the Biden Administration wants to change the subject away from one of its many policy disasters, you can count on them to resort to the same cynical playbook.

THE BEST WAY TO DEFEND YOUR RIGHT TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY IS TO REPLACE ANTI-GUN POLITICIANS WITH SOLID PRO-GUN MAJORITIES.

They want to distract, discourage and divide gun owners as a voting force in this year's elections. It's up to you and every NRA member and gun owner in this country to hold their feet to the fire and hold them accountable in November.

So, here's how you can do your part: First, if you're not registered to vote, get registered now. And get every gun owner you know to do the same.

Second, sign up for email alerts from the NRA Institute for Legislative Action to stay up-to-date on legislative developments in Washington and your own state capitol. Third, consider becoming an NRA-ILA FrontLines Volunteer, which will give you access to NRA-ILA Grassroots Coordinators at NRA headquarters and around the country.

Together, let's take back the U.S. Senate and House and give our freedom the representation it demands.

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2021 NRA National Matches

ou won't want to miss the FREE 2021 NRA National Matches commemorative booklet, with complete coverage of the inaugural year for the competition at Camp Atterbury. The new home for the NRA National Matches, Camp Atterbury is an active National Guard training facility that is located about 37 miles south

of Indianapolis, near Edinburgh, Ind. This special edition booklet chronicles and celebrates the "World Series of Shooting Sports" and will be published digitally by *Shooting Sports USA*, NRA's competitive shooting journal.

The NRA has hosted national competitions for more than 100 years. Throughout this time, the best competitors from around the country and abroad have gathered to compete in tournaments to test their shooting abilities. Marking the first time in nearly a decade that the NRA Precision Pistol, Smallbore Rifle and High Power Rifle National Championships have been fired at the same venue, competitive shooters traveled to Camp Atterbury in July and August to participate in the 2021 NRA National Matches. This year's competition spanned 15 championship aggregates across the combined Pistol, Smallbore



and High Power Rifle championship spectrums. Indiana First Lady Janet Holcomb traveled to Camp Atterbury in July to kick off the 2021 NRA National Matches by firing the ceremonial first shot. The First Shot Ceremony was held at the new 200-point covered rifle and pistol range at Camp Atterbury, built by the

NRA with the help of key partners such as the State of Indiana, the Indiana National Guard and the Indiana State Rifle and Pistol Association. NRA First Vice President Willes Lee, NRA Director of Competitive Shooting Cole McCulloch and Indiana State Rifle and Pistol Association President Charlie Hiltunen joined Mrs. Holcomb to start the festivities. The NRA couldn't ask for better partners in its new endeavor at Camp Atterbury.

The NRA National Championship staff worked tirelessly to provide a superb experience to shooters in Indiana this summer. And NRA staff is currently continuing their work to bring additional shooting events to Camp Atterbury in the future. We are working hard to provide a championship series that will be better than anything you've experienced before. More info on that to come.

Annual Meeting

e were all disappointed that COVID-19 prevented us from hosting our 150th anniversary in Houston, Texas, in 2021 as planned, and we know our members were, too. But that just means we'll have one more year of the highest-quality education and pro-civil rights legislation on the record books when we come in 2022!

Mark your calendar now for May 27-29, 2022. Together in Houston on Memorial Day weekend, we'll stand up to defend the very freedoms so many of our brave U.S. military personnel have given their lives for. There is no better way to honor them, after all, than to relentlessly continue that fight.

Last time we were in Houston (in 2013), more than 86,000 NRA members joined us. Now, more than ever, we need to stand together, so will you be one of the proud gun owners coming in 2022 to show the world that Americans still deeply care about their Second Amendment rights? We hope to see you there.

If you haven't been to Camp
Atterbury, put it on your bucket list—we believe you will enjoy your experience in Indiana and will find the ranges at Camp Atterbury, as well as the surrounding area in general, to your liking and enjoyment. But for now, you can read all about the 2021 NRA National Matches at Camp Atterbury in the new commemorative digital booklet. Visit ssusa.org for more information on how to read it for free.



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NRA 2021 YOUTH WILDLIFE ART CONTEST



NRA Announces George Montgomery Youth Wildlife Art Contest Awards Winners for 2021

Every year around the holiday season, the NRA Community Engagement Division is proud to host the George Montgomery/Youth Wildlife Art Contest. Hundreds of art submissions are accepted and nearly 200 artists digitally submitted paintings, drawings, sketches, and engravings. The submissions ranged from small varmints to large game animals that can be legally hunted or trapped in the United States.

The George Montgomery/NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest offers young artists interested in hunting and wildlife an outlet to display their creative talent, practice artistic techniques, and refine wildlife identification skills through the creation of original works. This contest encourages youth to nurture their interest for the visual arts, hunting, and wildlife conservation. It also reinforces the positive effects of hunting and wildlife conservation with the public at large.

Students grades 1 through 12 (including home-schooled children) are eligible to enter and all entries must portray North American game birds or animals that may be legally hunted or trapped. Artists have the chance to win thousands of dollars in prizes! The three National Finalists for each category, who do not become the Best in Show, and all Honorable Mentions will have their artwork featured in the NRA Club Connection and the NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest website.

Additional prizes for each category will be as follows: First Place: \$750 cash prize, Second Place: \$500 cash prize, Third Place: \$250 cash prize, Best in Show will receive a \$1000 cash prize!

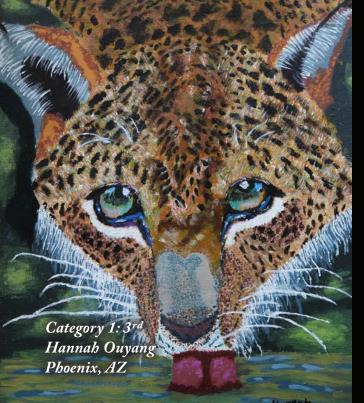
Next year's contest starts September 1 and entries must be submitted by October 31, 2022 to be eligible. Visit https://artcontest.nra.org/ for more details.

All winning artwork is available to view online at https://artcontest.nra.org/award-winners/2021-award-winners/

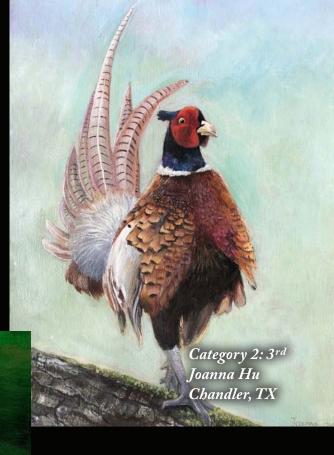








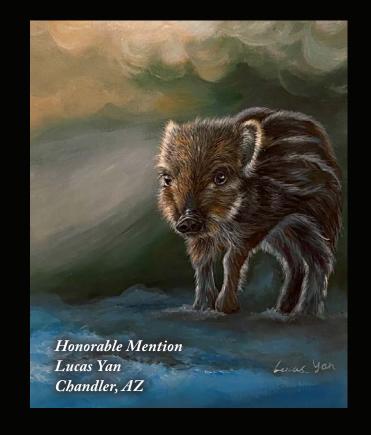


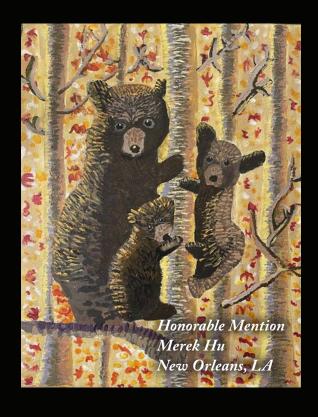




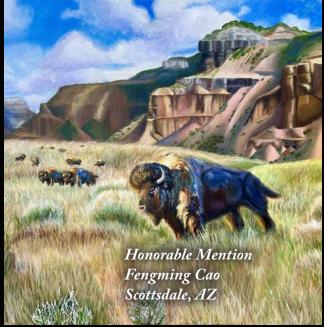
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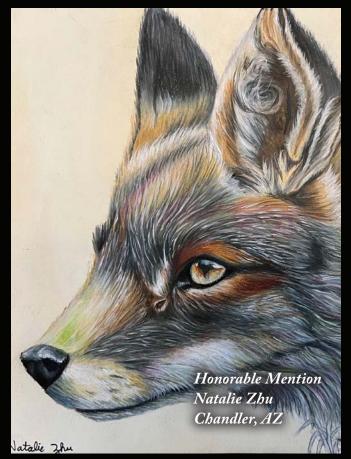














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NRA NATIONAL MATCHES HIGH POWER RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year, the NRA continued its tradition of high power rifle excellence in competition for the fourth year at Camp Atterbury.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOHN PARKER





t Camp Atterbury this year during the NRA High Power Rifle National Championships, shooters from across the U.S. were treated to six weeks of intense competition. The matches commenced with the F-Class Mid-Range and Long-Range Championships in July, then in August came the International Fullbore Championship, followed by the High Power Mid-Range, Long-Range and Across the Course championships.

The High Power Nationals are a part of the 2021 NRA National Matches at Camp Atterbury, Ind. The three phases of the NRA National Championships—Pistol, Smallbore Rifle and High Power Rifle—kicked off in July with the First Lady of Indiana, Janet Holcomb, firing the ceremonial first shot.

F-CLASS

At the conclusion of the NRA F-Class Long-Range Target Rifle Nationals at Camp Atterbury, Ian Klemm was crowned the 2021 match champion with a score of 1571-65X. The match was held July 27–30.

Classified as a High Master competitor, Klemm previously won the NRA F-Class Long-Range T/R Championship in 2017, 2018 and 2020.

Hailing from Alexandria, Va., Klemm's score of 1571-65X was seven points ahead of the runner-up, Matthew Schwartekopf of Waddell, Az., with 1565-54X. In third place was Carl J. Matthews of Houston, Texas, with 1560-55X

On the Open side, Tod S. Hendricks of Anacortes, Wash., is the 2021 NRA F-Class Open Long-Range grand aggregate winner with a score of 1591-89X. Classified as a High Master, Hendricks topped the match runner-up, Keith Glasscock of Lake Stevens, Wash., by four points: 1591-89X to 1587-79X. In third place was Jason Pagan of Owensboro, Ky., with 1587-71X. At Camp Atterbury this year during the NRA High Power Rifle National Championships, shooters from across the U.S. were treated to six weeks of intense competition. The matches commenced with the F-Class Mid-Range and Long-Range Championships in July, then in August came the International Fullbore Championship, followed by the High Power Mid-Range, Long-Range and Across the Course championships.

Here is what Hendricks said about his victory during an interview with <u>AccurateShooter.com</u>:

"Being able to refocus myself and only drop three points in the last six relays is something that I will forever use as a

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AMU competitor 1LT Sarah Beard receives Larry Sollars won the shoot-off over the Mustin Trophy High Woman award.



Oliver Milanovic to secure the Mid-Range Championship.



High Junior Thomas McGowan received a certificate from Sierra Bullets.

mental tool ... I never felt like I choked at the end, but after a while you start to question yourself a little. Of course, this win got that monkey off my back."

INTERNATIONAL FULLBORE

Daniel Altman won the 2021 NRA International Fullbore Target Rifle National Championship with a score of 1792-100X. Altman's score was one point ahead of the runnerup, Matthew Griffin, who had a score of 1791-113X.

The battle for 2021 International Fullbore Nationals runner-up was close, with Griffin's score ahead in the Xcount over third-place finisher Larry Sollars, who scored 1791-101X.

MID-RANGE

Larry Sollars of Cumming, Ga., is the 2021 NRA National Mid-Range Rifle Champion with a score of 2392-165X. Classified as a High Master, Sollars won the shoot-off to take this year's Mid-Range aggregate title. The match was held August 9-13.

In second place with 2392-165X was Oliver Milanovic of Gilbert, Ariz. Rounding out the top three at the Mid-Range Nationals this year was John Wilson from Ankeny, lowa, who scored 2389-143X. Wilson's score also garnered him the High Military Veteran award. Both Milanovic and Wilson are classified as High Masters.

The High Woman award was taken by Shirley McGee of Brookville, Kan., with a score of 2384-135X.

HIGH POWER LONG-RANGE

With a score of 1245-73X, Oliver Milanovic of Gilbert, Ariz., is this year's NRA National High Power Rifle Long-Range National Champion and winner of the Tompkins Trophy. Classified as a High Master, Milanovic's score also garnered him the High Palma Rifle award. Milanovic's Palma .308 Win. gun is an Eliseo chassis with a Borden action, and he also mentioned that he uses 155-grain bullets.

When I asked him to elaborate about his Palma load. Milanovic said: "There's nothing special about my load, it's very simple. I have used the same load for a long time now. Since it works, I just keep shooting it. If you keep chasing your load, it will never get much better. When you find something that works, just stick with it, and then work on your game."

Taking second place was SSG Amanda Elsenboss,

formerly with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and now competing with the with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard Team. Completing the match with a score of 1245-69X, the High Master-class shooter was only a few

Xs down from Milanovic. Regular readers will remember when Elsenboss won the 2019 NRA Long-Range Nationals. Finishing in third place was High Master Jeffrey Miles from Phoenix, Ariz., with a score of 1244-73X.

REMINGTON TROPHY MATCH

Staff Sergeant Erin McNeil of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is this year's Remington Trophy Match champion after winning the shoot-off with a score of 100-6X. The match was fired at the NRA High Power Rifle Long-Range Nationals on Thursday, August 19.

The Remington Trophy is awarded to the winner of the 1,000-yard Any Sight Match at the NRA National Long-Range National Championships. This is a prone match with 20 slow-fire shots at the NRA LR target.

McNeil, who came to Camp Atterbury unclassified in NRA High Power Long-Range, ended the regulation match with a score of 200-10X. (In NRA competition, unclassified shooters are placed in Marksman class until they receive a classification.)

ANDRUS MEMORIAL TROPHY

Charles Rowe secured first place in the Edward D. Andrus Memorial Trophy Match after winning the shoot-off with a score of 150-9X.

The Andrus Memorial Trophy Match is a slow-fire, 20shot prone match with targets at 1,000 yards. Competitors use Palma rifles under NRA High Power Rifle Rule 3.3.1. The match has a 30-minute time limit.

Rowe, who traveled to Indiana from Wadsworth, Ohio, holds a High Master classification in the NRA High Power Rifle Long-Range discipline. Prior to winning the shoot-off, his regulation score was 197-8X.

ACROSS THE COURSE

SSG Amanda Elsenboss is the 2021 NRA High Power Rifle Champion after winning the grand aggregate with a score of 2386-133X. The victory capped a successful competition season for her at Camp Atterbury, after winning the Canadian Cup and finishing second overall at the 2021 NRA Long-Range Nationals, held just prior to the High Power Rifle Nationals.

The runner-up was SSG John Coggshall of the Army National Guard with a score of 2380-125X. Coggshall, who hails from East Hampton, Conn., is classified as a High Master in the NRA High Power Rifle discipline.

In third place was Kenneth Lankford of Laramie, Wyo., with a score of 2379-104X. As with Elsenboss and Coggshall, Lankford holds a High Master classification in NRA High Power. Both Elsenboss and Coggshall were competing in the Service Rifle category, while Lankford was a Match Rifle shooter.

See the full results of the 2021 NRA High Power Rifle National Championships. visit https://competitions.nra.org/results-and-records/national-matches-results/.

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GREAT LOT SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

Hosting Guided Snowshoeing Trips This Winter

Great Lot Sportsman's Club will be hosting 5 Guided Snowshoeing Trips this winter at their club at 4277 Osceola Road in West Leyden, New York. Reservations are required. Folks that sign up are asked to meet at 9:45am at the Great Lot Sportsman's Club entrance. The guides are military veterans. You can follow one of the guides or take a map and explore the many snow covered trails on your own. Afterwards all will be treated to a hot lunch and refreshments at the clubhouse. The snowshoeing and lunch are FREE and open to all age groups! Limited snowshoes are available.

For more information or to sign up contact Guy Case @ (315) 378-7592.

You can check us out at www.thegreatlot. com and download a trail map.

2022 SNOWSHOEING DATES:

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the expedition is FREE and open to all age groups!

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2021 TSRA JUNIOR Smallbore Rifle Camp



BY: HANNAH MUEGGE,
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For many junior smallbore shooters who are still relatively new to the sport, educational opportunities such as rifle clinics are limited. They are typically aimed at the more experienced rifle shooter or offered

out-of-state. This is something that I know to be true from my time getting started in the Texas Shooting Sports, which is where the idea of this all-skills camp originated. It was my hope that by offering this TSRA Junior Smallbore Rifle Camp we could try to help bridge that gap. Like other traditional sports, this all-skills smallbore rifle camp covered a variety of skills as well as classroom topics. It was designed to help the relatively new shooters get off on the right foot by establishing a solid foundation of basics, while also serving as a good refresher for those who have a couple of years under their belts.

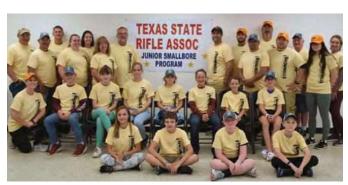
The two-day camp was held July 31st to August 1st at the Fort Bend County Extension Education Center in Rosenberg (Fort Bend County). Registration was open to junior level shooters 10 to 15 years of age, with a minimum requirement of one year of smallbore 3-position rifle experience. Smallbore is a competitive rifle sport involving a .22 caliber



Camp kicked off in the classroom with instruction led by Hannah Muegge.

rimfire target rifle fired in 3 positions – prone, standing, and kneeling – at a distance of 50 feet or 50 meters, indoors and outdoors. As a TSRA-sponsored camp, all juniors were required to have an active TSRA membership. A parent or coach was encouraged to register with the junior shooter to help reinforce the fundamentals discussed throughout the weekend after completion of the camp. Since it is oftentimes the parents that are shuttling their juniors to rifle practices and matches, this was also a great introductory course for the adults attending.

Before heading into the range, camp kicked off in the classroom as we must understand the concepts behind the principles of our basic fundamentals of rifle in order



2021 TSRA Junior Smallbore Camp Participants sporting NRA Brownell's Day shirts.



Celebrating National Shooting Sports Month

to efficiently execute them on the range. Classroom topics included target and sight alignment, natural point of aim, trigger control, follow-through, grouping, and shot evaluation. Other topics covered included the importance of firing point set-up, accuracy versus precision, goal setting, and keeping a shooter's journals. The basic foundations of the prone, standing, and kneeling positions were also explored. The physical fine-tuning of the three positions varied from shooter to shooter due to the age of each individual participant.

All participants received a goodie bag with items from our camp sponsors. While the overall camp was put on by TSRA, each day had a partnering sponsor. Day 1 was sponsored in conjunction with **Brownell's NRA Day**, while the second day was sponsored with the **National Shooting Sports Federation** in celebration of August National Shooting Sports Month. **SK Ammunition** was also provided and sponsored by the **Capstone Precision Group**.

This camp would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors. I would also like to especially thank our volunteer coaches, who donated their time to help out on the range throughout the weekend. As with any new program, there is always a learning curve, but based on the great feedback received, we plan to make a few adjustments and look forward to welcoming a new group of junior shooters to camp in 2022.







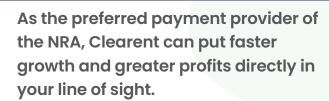


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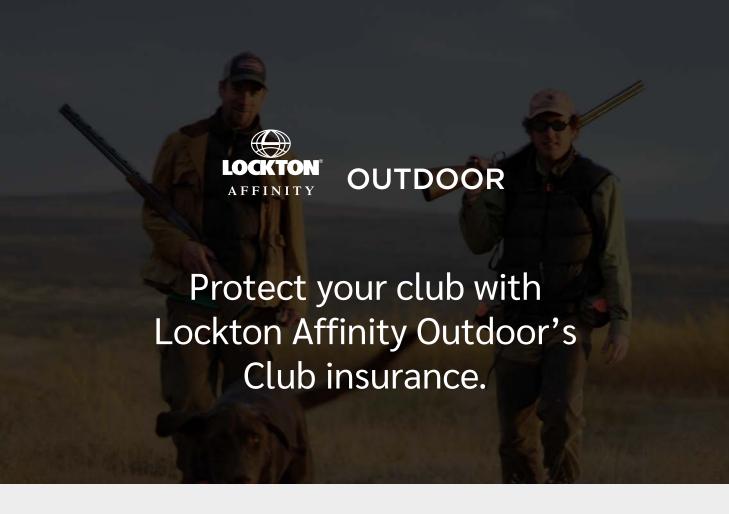
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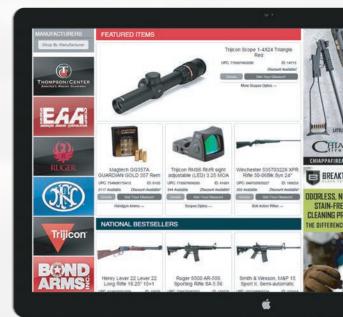
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NRA Hunter Education Online Course Now Available in Kansas

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The NRA has good news for Kansas hunters. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) announced it now accepts the free online NRA Hunter Education Course as a convenient alternative to its hunter education classroom requirement, effective Oct. 1. The NRA course provides a fun, safe, modern and free online education option to help new hunters in the Sunflower State become certified.

Kansas is the 12th state to accept the NRA Hunter Education Course, with North Carolina and Pennsylvania recently coming on board, too. Since the program launched in 2017, the NRA has provided nearly 75,000 students with online hunter education, gratis, helping to attract, recruit and support new hunters and shooters across the country and bolster America's R3 movement to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters.

"While researching online course options for our Kansas resident hunters, our team was very critical of online delivery options and wanted a course that was comprehensive, interactive, inclusive and free," Aaron Austin, KDWP's Chief of Education, told NRAHLF.org. "The NRA Online Hunter Education course exceeded our expectations. It is entertaining and, being the most interactive online course available, our hunt for a course was over." In noting the course's benefits, Austin added, "Its engaging online activities have students applying what they learn to real-life-simulated situations, giving them practical knowledge that they can use while hunting."

The NRA invested \$3 million to create and develop the free course and welcomes Kansas as the latest state to make it available. "I am so happy to see Kansas added to the lineup of states that allow the NRA course to help certify their new hunters," said Peter Churchbourne, a director with the NRA HLF and the course's initial project manager. "Our course is a win-win for both the state agency and the residents of Kansas. We are prepared to work with any other state agency that would like to offer the best online hunter education course in the world that is also completely free to everyone."

For more good news, like the other state wildlife agencies that offer the NRA course, the KDWP can use it to count toward matching conservation program funds under the federal Pittman-Robertson (P-R) Act. As of 2019, the USFWS permits state agencies to claim a dollar value of the NRA's free course as in-kind match dollars. Essentially, the free course counts the same as if a hunter education instructor teaches it in person for a fee, which typically ranges from \$14 to \$30 per student.

"This allows for the state using the course to receive P-R money based on the value of our free course so they can do other important work in hunter education, wildlife conservation or range development," Churchbourne explained.

For background on how P-R funding works, revenues from federal excise taxes on firearms and ammunition are collected by the USFWS and are then appropriated the following year to state agencies based on a state's size and number of license holders. In illustrating the win-win for state agencies and hunters, in 2020 NRAHLF.org reported how Oklahoma and Florida tapped \$81,880 and \$70,000, respectively, in matching P-R funds based on the number of hunters who took the NRA course.

In circling back to the importance of the course during COVID-19, as with other state agencies, the KDWP was forced to suspend all in-person events in 2020 due to the pandemic. This left Kansans without an option for hunter education certification for the first time in nearly 50 years.

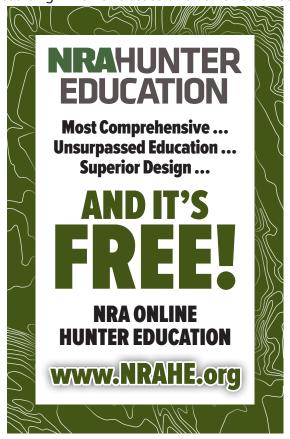
"Amidst the pandemic, we saw many families escaping to the outdoors to find relief, and for some, hunting was not a legally-permitted outdoor activity," explained Austin, because they couldn't take hunter education. "Granted, most individuals 16 years and older could purchase an apprentice license to hunt under the supervision of an adult," he added, "but the pandemic continued to cause issues with in-person classes, resulting in fewer classes and fewer certified, safe, knowledgeable and responsible hunters."

Fortunately for aspiring hunters, the free online NRA Hunter Education Course came to the rescue. The NRA's goal: to serve American hunters by making it available in all 50 states.

"Working with the NRA online education team has been an enjoyable experience," Austin concluded. "It worked hard to help our agency launch this effort on relatively short notice and we really appreciate all the effort."

Online access, free to everyone, a great tool to attract and recruit new hunters and the host state can even receive matching conservation monies when their citizens use the course. One must wonder: Why don't more states accept the NRA Hunter Education Course?

For more information on the free NRA course, visit www.nrahe.org



EMERGENCY PLANNING / PREPAREDNESS FOR NRA CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS, RANGES & BUSINESSES

What is an emergency?

Your typical answer to "what is an emergency?" at your average club, association, range, or business will probably result in a response specifically related to a medical emergency. Emergencies and therefore emergency planning are much broader then medical alone and an all-hazards approach must be adopted.

"Failure to plan is planning to fail!"

PREPAREDNESS pre*pared*ness

Preparing to handle an emergency.

Includes plans, guidelines or preparations made to save create a safe environment, lives and to help response and rescue operations.

Includes plans, guidelines or preparations to protect property, the interests of the club, association, range, or business.

Evacuation plans and guidelines, stocking food and water, flashlights and batteries are examples of preparedness.

Preparedness activities take place BEFORE an emergency occurs.

What are your local hazards?

The first steps in planning and preparing for emergencies is identification of your specific local hazards. Analysis of what has occurred and can occur is critical to planning and preparation. If you can imagine something occurring, it probably can happen. Some examples are:

LIKELY HAZARDS

- Power Failure
- Flood

Flash Flood Heavy Rainstorm

Fire

Structural Wildfire

- Winter Storm
- Hurricane / Tropical / Extra Tropical Storm
- Tornado
- Microburst
- Wind-Storm Derecho
- Pandemic disease
- Earthquake
- Third Party Dependencies

REMOTE HAZARDS

- Nuclear Plant Accident
- Pipeline Accident
- Chemical Spill
- Industrial Accident

CLUB, ASSOCIATION, RANGE OR BUSINESS SPECIFIC HAZARDS

- Environmental
- Escapement
- Legal
- Life Safety
- Community / Neighbor Issues
- Encroachment New Neighbors
- Anti-gun Neighbors
- Noise
- Traffic
- Legislative / Regulatory Threats
- Etc.

What is Emergency Management?

Part of planning and preparation needs to be understanding the principles of emergency management. FEMA defines the principles as:

Emergency management must be:

- 1. Comprehensive emergency managers consider and take into account all hazards, all phases, all stakeholders and all impacts relevant to disasters.
- 2. Progressive emergency managers anticipate future disasters and take preventive and preparantory measures to build disasterresistant and disaster-resilient communities.
- 3. Risk-driven emergency managers use sound risk management principles (hazard

identifica¬tion, risk analysis, and impact analysis) in assigning priorities and resources.

- 4. Integrated emergency managers ensure unity of effort among all levels of government and all elements of a community
- 5. Collaborative emergency managers create and sustain broad and sincere relationships among individuals and organizations to encourage trust, advocate a team atmosphere, build consensus, and facilitate communication.
- 6. Coordinated emergency managers synchronize the activities of all relevant stakeholders to achieve a common purpose.
- 7. Flexible emergency managers use creative and innovative approaches in solving disaster challenges.
- 8. Professional emergency managers value a science and knowledge-based approach based on education, training, experience, ethical practice, public stewardship and continuous improve¬ment.

Emergency planning / preparation is a never-ending process. The processes of prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery is a living cycle.

What is at Stake?

Failure to properly plan / prepare for emergencies leaves the very existence of your club, association, range, or business in potential jeopardy.

What can you do to protect your interests?

- Develop an emergency fund?
- Develop a contingency fund?
- Review your insurance coverage?
- Develop an Environmental Stewardship Plan?
- Build a rapport with neighbors?
- Purchase/lease adjacent properties when they come available to prevent encroachment?
- Ensure the club, association, range, or business has effective Standard Operating Procedures / Guidelines, to include all-hazards emergency plans?
- Legally mitigate natural hazards that could contribute to fires, floods, etc.?

- Develop an all-hazards planning committee?
- Engage NRA Range Services for assistance in evaluation of potential hazards?
- Other?

FEMA has a guide that is helpful: Emergency Management Guide for Business and Industry – A Step-by-Step Approach to Emergency Planning, Response and Recovery for Companies of All Sizes. (https://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/bizindst.pdf)

Every club, association, range, or business is different. Only by proper planning can we prepare to protect them. The firearm industry is a critical part of our culture and heritage and must be protected.

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