

## Rifle Merit Badge Requirements:

Do the following:

- (a) Explain why BB and pellet air guns must always be treated with the same respect as firearms.
- (b) Describe how you would react if a friend visiting your home asked to see your or your family's firearm(s).
- (c) Explain the need for, and use and types of, eye and hearing protection. Demonstrate their proper use.
- (d) Give the main points of the laws for owning and using guns in your community and state.
- (e) Explain how hunting is related to the wise use of renewable wildlife resources.
- (f) Successfully complete a state hunter education course or obtain a copy of the hunting laws for your state, then do the following:
  - (1) Explain the main points of hunting laws in your state and give any special laws on the use of guns and ammunition.
  - (2) List the kinds of wildlife that can be legally hunted in your state.
- (g) Identify and explain how you can join or be a part of shooting sports activities.
- (h) Explain to your counselor the proper hygienic guidelines used in shooting.
- (i) Give your counselor a list of sources that you could contact for information on firearms and their uses.

2. Do ONE of the following options:

### A. **Option A - Rifle Shooting (Modern cartridge type)**

- (a) Identify the three main parts of a rifle, and tell how they function.
- (b) Identify and demonstrate the three fundamental rules for safe gun handling.
- (c) Identify the two types of cartridges, their parts, and how they function.
- (d) Explain to your counselor what a misfire, hangfire, and squib fire are, and explain the procedures to follow in response to each.
- (e) Identify and demonstrate the five fundamentals of shooting a rifle safely.
- (f) Explain to your counselor the fundamental rules for safe gun handling. Explain each rule for using and storing a gun. Identify and explain each rule for safe shooting.
- (g) Explain the range commands and range procedures.
- (h) Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to safely shoot a rifle from the bench rest position or supported prone position while using the five fundamentals of rifle shooting.

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- (i) Identify the basic safety rules for cleaning a rifle, and identify the materials needed.
- (j) Demonstrate how to clean a rifle properly and safely.
- (k) Discuss what points you would consider in selecting a rifle.
- (l) Using a .22 caliber rimfire rifle and shooting from a bench rest or supported prone position at 50 feet, fire five groups (three shots per group) that can be covered by a quarter. Using these targets, explain how to adjust sights to zero a rifle.
- (m) Adjust sights to center the group on the target\* and fire five groups (five shots per group). According to the target used, each shot in the group must meet the following minimum score: (1) A-32 targets - 9; (2) A-17 or TQ-1 targets - 7; (3) A-36 targets - 5.