

# Scouting America Scouting Colorado Council

Range and Target Activities  
(RATA)

2026 All Hands Meeting

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January 10, 2026 – 9:00am-11:00am

Scout HQ: Dobbins & Dielter

East Side Entrance And Zoom

2026 The year of Program





# Scouting Colorado - RATA Committee Meeting Agenda

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 9:00am-11:00am

- Safety moment:
- Scouting Nomenclature reminder
- Can you believe: It has been almost 5 years now
- RATA Resources & Revised RATA Manual for 2026
- 2025 Recap of activities
- Range Improvements
- 2026 Training Calendar
- 2026 Program Focus – Scouting Chronicles
- Ambassador Program
- Becoming a Training Counselor
- Positions
- Open Discussion
- WYNTK about RATA

# Safety Moment - First Aid Kits

## SUMMARY

All Scouts and Scout leaders—as representatives of an organization whose motto is “Be Prepared”—should be sure they are always ready with an appropriate first-aid kit when it’s needed. Your kit might be simple or more complex if you are trained to use it properly. But the kit must always be on hand and stocked with every essential item.

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/first-aid-kits/>

A shooting range first aid kit needs to handle severe bleeding and trauma, focusing on items like **tourniquets (C-A-T, SOF-TT)**, **hemostatic gauze (QuikClot)**, **chest seals (vented)**, **pressure bandages**, and **trauma shears**, plus standard supplies such as **gloves**, **tape**, **gauze pads**, **bandages**

## RESOURCES

*First Aid* merit badge pamphlet

*Scouts BSA Handbook*

[Wilderness First-Aid Curriculum](#)

**E – Prep Colorado**

*Register at:* <https://eprepcosquare.site>



# Scouting & Greater Colorado Council Nomenclature

## **Scouting America**

FKA: Boy Scouts of America

## **Scouting Colorado**

FKA: Greater Colorado Council, Denver Area Council

## **RATA: Range And Target Activities** (don't use the "S" or the "W" words)

FKA: Shooting Sports, RATS, TARS, STARS

## **MSR at PV: McNeil Scout Ranch at Peaceful Valley**

FKA: Peaceful Valley

## **Scout HQ: Hamilton Scout Headquarters - HSHQ**

FKA: Scout Headquarters

# Shooting Sports Overall Mission

**Slide From May 2021 –  
My first presentation**

**Grade**

1. **B** Reinvigorate DAC SS program in the post-apocalyptic world
2. **D** Recruit more youth, particularly at the Cub Scout level
3. **B** Increase Retention of existing youth
4. **D** Engage Entire Council including Western Colorado
5. **A** Continue making PV a premier shooting sports camp
6. **C** Secure adequate funding for capital improvements & program
7. **A** Compliance with BSA/NRA/NCAP Policies & Procedures





# *Range And Target Activities (RATA) Resources*

**All RATA activity is governed by the following Scouting America Resources:**

- [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)
- [National RATA Manual](#)
- [NCAP Standards](#) (Which are Based on the RATA Manual)
- Your Council RATA Committee which may adopt additional restrictions typically in their Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)'s



# *Updated 2026*

## **Range And Target Activities Manual**

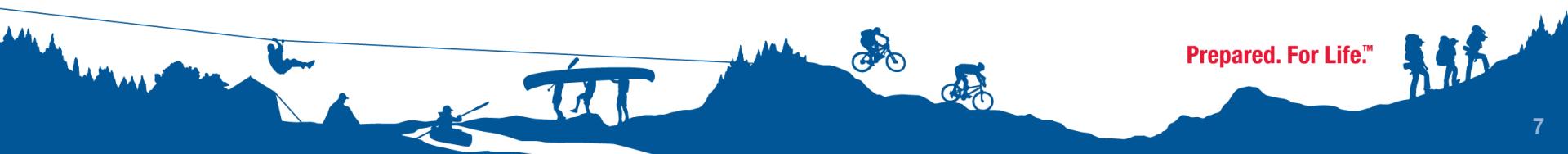
### **“The Book of Armaments”**

**These updates are intended to improve clarity, consistency, and alignment across Scouting America’s range and target activities while maintaining a strong focus on safety and program quality.**

- **Brand Alignment:** Current Scouting America branding and terminology.
- **Participant Terminology:** References to “shooter” were replaced with “participant”
- **Safety Briefing Clarification:** “30-minute briefing” has been retitled “Scouting America Safety Briefing,”
- **Range Safety Officer Ratios:** Clarified to define supervision expectations & consistency
- **Multigun Airsoft Program Sunset:** Could not be conducted with the current RATA requirements.
- **Atlatl Program Addition:** Atlatl is an approved program for council-operated Scouting America camps.
- **Appendix Updates:** Some appendices are updated to reflect current policy references and resources.
- **Archery Language:** Updated to align with terminology used by our training partner, USA Archery. Added Archery training material for the merit badge.

[\*\*2026 National Range and Target Activities Manual.\*\*](#)

[\*\*2026 Range and Target Manual Changes\*\*](#)



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## Key Takeaway RATA Point

If you only takeaway one thing from this presentation –  
This is the one . . .

**Only RATA Activities that are specifically authorized in the Guide to Safe Scouting, NCAP Standards, and/or the RATA Manual can be conducted in Scouting America.**

**All other RATA Activities are NOT Authorized and CANNOT be conducted!**

In other words . . .

**If it doesn't say you can, then you can't!**



# What Constitutes a RATA Activity?

Any Activities involving the following:

- 1) **Firearms:** which includes pellet rifles, airsoft (any type), rifles, pistols, shotguns, and muzzleloading rifles and shotguns.
- 2) **BB, and Air/CO2/gas powered devices** including blowguns etc.
- 3) **Archery devices:** bows, crossbows, slingshots, Atlatls, etc.
- 4) **Any other device or apparatus** that is capable of firing, launching, throwing, dropping, or propelling a **projectile** away from itself.

A **projectile** is: Any solid or liquid material propelled outward by pressure or projected by gravity or an external force such as gunpowder, compressed gasses, a bow string, slings, springs, slingshot bands, thrown by hand, human or animal power, etc.

Projectiles include, but are not limited to: a bullet, metal/plastic/foam ball/object, BB, pellet, shot, buckshot, slug, missile, spear, dart, rock, arrow, snowball, ice, water, knife, axe/hatchet/tomahawk, or other similar objects.



# What are Approved RATA Activities?

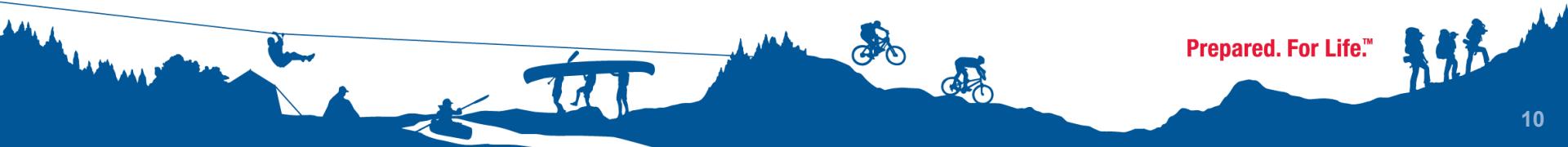
**Any Range or Target Activity specifically authorized by Scouting America in the RATA manual**

- BB's
- Pellet Rifles
- Sling Shots/wrist rockets
- Rifle
- Shotgun
- NRA FIRST Steps Pistol
- Muzzleloading Rifle
- Muzzleloading Shotgun
- Archery
- Tomahawks/Knives
- Catapults/Trebuchets (not Ballista)
- Chalkball/Paintball
- Atlatl
- Sporting Arrows
- Cowboy Action

**Note: All these activities have requirements, limitations and are governed by,**

- Age-appropriate limitations,
- Trained Supervision
- Supervision ratios,
- Safety protocols
- Authorized equipment
- Standard Operating Procedures SOP's

**Refer to the RATA Manual and the Standard Operating Procedures for the range you are on for all specific requirements & limitations for each activity before conducting the activity.**



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# What Activities & Sports are NOT defined as a RATA Activity in Scouting America?

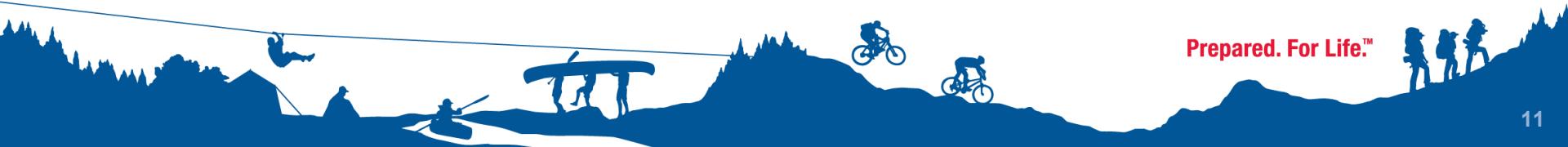
Many Common sports are NOT considered RATA activities - including, but not limited to:

Baseball  
Softball  
Football  
Basketball  
Tennis  
Golf  
Disc Golf  
Soccer  
Hockey (Ice, Field or Street)  
Handball  
Table Tennis (Ping pong)  
Model Rockets (Space Exploration MB)  
Water Bottle Rockets (Space Exploration MB)

Racquetball  
Lacrosse  
Fishing  
Kickball  
Bowling  
Billiards  
Volleyball  
Water Polo  
Polo  
Badminton  
Cricket  
Curling



This Scout just used a device to apply force to a projectile aimed at a target on a grass range in the non-RATA defined activity of Golf.

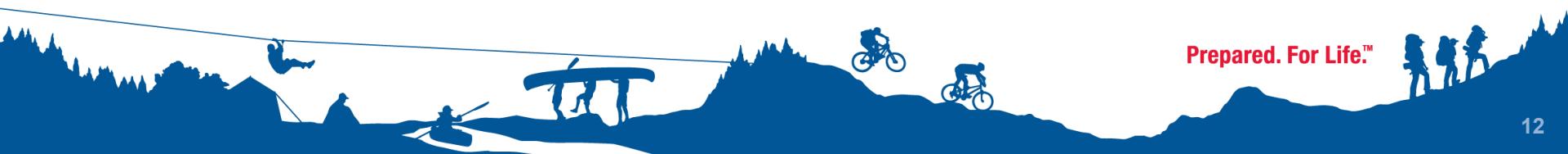


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# Personal Firearms & Ammunition

- **The use of personal firearms and personal ammunition is prohibited in all Scouting programs at a Scouting America Accredited camp property.**
- Personal firearms and personal ammunition (ammo supplied by an individual) **may be used at a commercial firearm range** (as defined in the next slide), subject to restrictions regarding caliber, gauge, and action type as described in the RATA manual.
- Ammunition can be donated for use by a council. Any donations received should be appropriate for the firearms used by the council on its specific range(s) and must be donated in its original manufacturer's packaging.
- Reloading and use of reloaded ammunition is not approved for Scouting America programs. Philmont Scout Ranch has been granted a waiver for a reloading program.
- Tracer, armor-piercing, incendiary, and exploding ammo are not allowed.

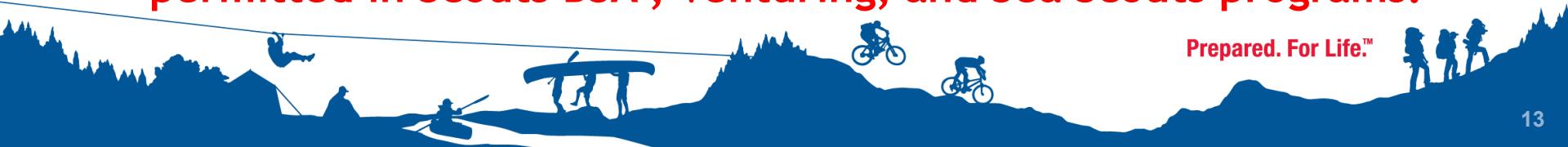


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# Approved Ranges for RATA Activities

- A **Scouting America Accredited Camp** - this means a Day Camp, Short-term Camp and Long-term camp following the NCAP standards.
- A **range setup for Cub Scout RATA Activities** for a Council or District level event which meets all the requirements set forth in the RATA Manual
- A **commercial firearm range** that is a supervised facility that offers a controlled environment for safe firearm practice. It will provide shooting lanes, targets, and may offer equipment rentals and training in safe firearm handling and marksmanship. Standard operating procedures are required for each firearm type used on-site. Scouting's range and target activities must follow all of Scouting's range and target activities policies or range standard operating procedures that are equivalently stringent, including no variation from Scouting's limitations on firearms used. These ranges may be operated by a licensed business, a government entity or non-profit.
- **No Informal, ad hoc, improvised, or temporary ranges are permitted in Scouts BSA , Venturing, and Sea Scouts programs.**



# 2025 RATA Highlights

**Shootzenfest**

**Cub Range-O-Ree**

**Summer Camp**

**Cub Scout Family Camping**

**Camporees 1 & 2**

**Training Program**

**Camp Staff Training**

**CAP Events**

**Firearms Acquisitions**

**Shotguns, Rifles, Black Powder Rifles, Pistols**

**Range Improvements**

**Shotgun Sheds, shade structures, gravel pads,  
150yd range, 5 stand range,**



# 2026 RATA MSR Capital Improvement Program 2



# **2026 RATA MSR Capital Improvement Program 1**

**Water Service to the Range Complex with 2 hand wash stations**

**Shelter over the Multi Purpose Firing Line Pad**

**Long distance Archery & Atlatl Range**

**Tomahawk Learning Center/Shelter**

**Wall and Fencing at The RATS Nest**

**5 Stand Tower & Riverside Trap pad**

**3 Safety Fences**

**Chalkball/Paintball Range**

**Dual Cowboy Action Range**



# 2026 Training Classes

## Interested in Scouting Colorado's Range And Target Activities (RATA) Training & Events?

To help with **CUB SCOUT** Ranges: Start by taking the **Rangemaster Class**. - Only 3.5 hours and \$10 with discount

To help with **Scouts BSA** Ranges: Start by taking the **Range Safety Officer (RSO) Class**. - 9 classroom hours and \$40 with discount

Then (or) consider becoming a **Certified Instructor** by first taking **Basic Instructor Training (BIT)** and then the **Rifle (or Shotgun) Instructor** class

Have Questions? Contact Pancho: [PanchoScout@orogeny.CO](mailto:PanchoScout@orogeny.CO) (just .CO) or Text 303-882-5948

Scouting Colorado - Range And Target Activity (RATA) 2026 Training - Subject to Revisions								December 4, 2025 Ver 3 Publish	
Event	Start Date	Days	Start Time	Length hrs	End Date	Discounted Scout Cost	RATA Event Discount *	West Slope & >100mile	Location
<b>Sign up here:</b> <a href="https://scoutingcolorado.org/programs/activity-calendar/">https://scoutingcolorado.org/programs/activity-calendar/</a>								<b>Simply go to the date</b>	
Archery: Level 1 Instructor (online portion prior)	Feb-21-2026	Sat	9:00	07		\$90	\$45	\$23	D. Scott CAP Blue & Archery range
Archery: Level 1 Instructor (online portion prior)	May-31-2026	Sun	8:00	07		\$90	\$45	\$23	MSR @ PV
Archery: Level 1 Instructor (online portion prior)	Nov-15-2026	Sun	9:00	07		\$90	\$45	\$23	D. Scott CAP Blue & Archery range
BIT (Basic Instructor Training)	Jan-17-2026	Sat	8:00	8		\$50	\$25	\$13	Hamilton HQ Magness
BIT (Basic Instructor Training)	Mar-7-2026	Sat	8:00	08		\$50	\$25	\$13	Hamilton HQ Magness
BIT (Basic Instructor Training)	May-28-2026	Thu	10:00	08		\$50	\$25	\$13	MSR @ PV
BIT (Basic Instructor Training)	Oct-18-2026	Sun	8:00	09		\$50	\$25	\$13	Hamilton HQ Magness
Muzzleloading Basic/Instructor (BIT Required)**	Nov-6-2026	F-S-S	18:00	26	Nov-8-26	\$190	\$95	\$48	MSR @ PV Gilwell & Multipurpose
Pistol Basic/Instructor (BIT Required)**	May-15-2026	F-S-S	18:00	23	May-17-26	\$250	\$125	\$63	MSR @ PV Gilwell & Rifle Range
Range Safety Officer	Jan-24-2026	Sat	8:00	10		\$80	\$40	\$20	Hamilton HQ Magness
Range Safety Officer	Apr-11-2026	Sat	8:00	10		\$80	\$40	\$20	Hamilton HQ Magness
Range Safety Officer	Nov-21-2026	Sat	8:00	10		\$80	\$40	\$20	Hamilton HQ Magness
Rangemaster (Cub Scouts)	Mar-8-2026	Sun	9:00	3.5		\$15	\$10	\$4	D. Scott CAP - Blue
Rangemaster (Cub Scouts)	May-27-2026	Wed	18:00	3:30		\$15	\$10	\$5	D. Scott CAP - Blue
Rangemaster (Cub Scouts)	May-31-2026	Sun	8:00	3:30		\$15	\$10	\$5	MSR @ PV
Rangemaster (Cub Scouts)	Sep-9-2026	Wed	18:00	3:30		\$15	\$10	\$5	D. Scott CAP - Blue
Rifle Basic/Instructor (BIT Required)**	Mar-13-2026	F-S-S	18:00	23	Mar-15-26	\$190	\$95	\$48	MSR @ PV Gilwell & Rifle Range
Rifle Basic/Instructor (BIT Required)**	May-29-2026	Fri-Sat	8:00	23	May-30-26	\$190	\$95	\$48	MSR @ PV
Rifle Basic/Instructor (BIT Required)**	Oct-23-2026	F-S-S	18:00	23	Oct-25-26	\$190	\$95	\$48	MSR @ PV Gilwell & Rifle Range
Shotgun Basic/Instructor (BIT Required)**	Mar-27-2026	F-S-S	18:00	23	Mar-29-26	\$190	\$95	\$48	MSR @ PV Gilwell & Skeet Range
Shotgun Basic/Instructor (BIT Required)**	May-29-2026	Fri-Sat	8:00	23	May-30-26	\$190	\$95	\$48	MSR @ PV
SOP (SC - Standard Operating Procedures)	Jan-25-2026	Sun	8:00	04		\$20	\$10	\$5	Hamilton HQ Magness
SOP (SC - Standard Operating Procedures)	Apr-12-2026	Sun	8:00	04		\$20	\$10	\$5	Hamilton HQ Magness
SOP (SC - Standard Operating Procedures)	Nov-22-2026	Sun	8:00	04		\$20	\$10	\$5	Hamilton HQ Magness

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01/07/26	01/07/26	Wed	19:00	20:30	1.5	RATA Committee mtg Hybrid - All Invited				Hamilton HQ Dobbins & Dietler	Pancho
01/10/26	01/10/26	Sat	9:00	11:00	2	RATA All Hands Meeting Hybrid - All Invited				Hamilton HQ Dobbins & Dietler	Pancho
01/17/26	01/17/26	Sat	8:00	16:00	8	BIT (Basic Instructor Training)	\$50	\$25	\$13	Hamilton HQ Magness	Pancho
01/24/26	01/24/26	Sat	8:00	18:00	10	Range Safety Officer	\$80	\$40	\$20	Hamilton HQ Magness	Monax
01/25/26	01/25/26	Sun	8:00	12:00	04	SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)	\$20	\$10	\$5	Hamilton HQ Magness	Pancho
02/21/26	02/21/26	Sat	9:00	16:00	07	Archery: L1 Instructor (online portion prior)	\$90	\$45	\$23	D. Scott CAP Blue & Archery range	Pancho
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03/08/26	03/08/26	Sun	9:00	12:30	3.5	Rangemaster	\$15	\$10	\$4	D. Scott CAP - Blue	Andrea/Peraro
03/13/26	03/15/26	F-S-S	18:00	17:00	20	Rifle Basic/Instructor	\$190	\$95	\$48	MSR @ PV Gilwell & Rifle Range	Pancho
03/27/26	03/29/26	F-S-S	18:00	17:00	20	Shotgun Basic/Instructor	\$190	\$95	\$48	MSR @ PV Gilwell & Skeet Range	Pancho
04/11/26	04/11/26	Sat	8:00	18:00	10	Range Safety Officer	\$80	\$40	\$20	Hamilton HQ Magness	Pancho
04/12/26	04/12/26	Sun	8:00	12:00	04	SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)	\$20	\$10	\$5	Hamilton HQ Magness	Pancho
04/22/26	04/23/26	Wed	19:00	20:30	1.5	RATA Committee mtg Hybrid - All Invited				Hamilton HQ Dobbins & Dietler	Pancho
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05/29/26	05/30/26	Fri-Sat	8:00	21:00	20	Rifle: Basic/Instructor - All & camp staff	\$190	\$95	\$48	MSR @ PV	Pancho
05/29/26	05/30/26	Fri-Sat	8:00	21:00	23	Shotgun: Basic/Instructor - All & camp staff	\$190	\$95	\$48	MSR @ PV	Danielson
05/31/26	05/31/26	Sun	8:00	15:00	07	Archery L1 Instructor - All & camp staff	\$90	\$45	\$23	MSR @ PV	Pancho
05/31/26	05/31/26	Sun	8:00	11:30	3:30	Rangemaster - All & camp staff	\$15	\$10	\$5	MSR @ PV	Andrea/Peraro
08/12/26	08/12/26	Wed	19:00	20:30	1.5	RATA Committee mtg Hybrid - All Invited				Hamilton HQ Dobbins & Dietler	Pancho
09/09/26	09/09/26	Wed	18:00	21:30	3:30	Rangemaster	\$15	\$10	\$5	D. Scott CAP - Blue	Andrea/Peraro
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11/21/26	11/21/26	Sat	8:00	18:00	10	Range Safety Officer	\$80	\$40	\$20	Hamilton HQ Magness	Tom Ernst
11/22/26	11/22/26	Sun	8:00	12:00	04	SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)	\$20	\$10	\$5	Hamilton HQ Magness	Pancho
* To be eligible for the 50% off RATA Event Training Discount, Scouts are Trustworthy and agree to following terms:											
1	Sign up for as many of the RATA Training classes that you want to take before or after the event(s) you help with.										
2	Help run 2 days of any RATA event(s) within 12 months of the class: Shootzenfest, Fall Camporees, summer camp, merit badges, etc.										
3	If for any reason, you do not help with 2 RATA events, you agree to pay back the training discounts.										
Also 75% off tuition for Scouting Participants in the Majestic Mesas or Three Rivers District and anyone who has to drive >100 miles to the class											
Explanation of Category Colors			RATA Training		RATA Committee Meeting						

# 2026 Training Goals (The Means)

- Spring Classes
  - RSO, Archery L1, Rifle, Shotgun, Rangemaster
- Camp Staff training Early June:
  - Rifle, Shotgun, Archery L1, Rangemaster
- Fall Classes
  - RSO, Archery L1, Rifle, Shotgun
- Advanced Classes – Pistol & MZ in 2026
- CRSO & Archery Level 2 could be offered with enough demand

Certified Instructors can and **SHOULD** be leading all the Basic Rifle/Shotgun/Pistol/MZ Classes. This is what you are certified to teach.

Certified instructors can also come and simply help run the training classes. Even for only a day or even half a day. Come teach just 1 lesson. This keeps your training skill honed and helps refresh you with the material.

TC's should be leading Instructor class. One or two a year would be extremely helpful.

# 2026 Program Goals (The Ends)

- Klondikes
- Shootzenfest
- Sporting Clays Weekend
- Summer camp Program – Direct Support – Wednesdays, et al
- Summer Piggyback Program - Merit badge Sundays, Open Shoots. Plan for 2026
- Camporees Both 1 & 2
- Scouting Chronicles –Open Fun shoot, Merit badge & quals, Competition, Scouts BSA Pistol Day, Cowboy Action, Hawks

**This requires Leadership and participation by Instructors. For Scouting Chronicles, just 2-4 people per range for a few ranges for 1 short day. No overnight.**

**This is the payout and the reward for making a difference in the lives of the youth we serve by teaching the next generation the safe and responsible use of firearms.**

# 2026 RATA Program (The End Goal)

Scouting Colorado - Range and Target Activity PROGRAM Calendar 2026 Subject to change								Jan 8, 2025	
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04/24/26	04/26/26	F-S-S	17:00	15:00			Shootzenfest -Shooting Weekend	MSR @ PV Dining Hall & all ranges	Ernst's & Pancho
04/25/26	04/25/26	Sat	10:00	15:00			Cub Scout Range-O-Ree	MSR @ PV Dining Hall & all ranges	Ernst's & Pancho
05/02/26	05/02/26	Sat	8:00	16:00			RATA Range Hands Day & BBQ/Shoot	MSR @ PV	Doug Tatreau
05/14/26	05/16/26	F-S-S					Sporting Clays Fundraiser	MSR @ PV Travis Sporting Clays	
06/20/26	06/20/26	Sat	12:00	19:00			Scouting Chronicles	MSR @ PV	Paul Monax
07/11/26	07/11/26	Sat	12:00	19:00			Scouting Chronicles	MSR @ PV	Paul Monax
07/17/26	07/19/26	F-S-S					MSR 60th Anniversary - Black Powder 7-18	MSR @ PV	David Weaver
08/01/26	08/01/26	Sat	9:00	17:00			Scouting Chronicles	MSR @ PV	Paul Monax
08/21/26	08/23/26	F-S-S	9:00	19:00			Womens Weekend	MSR @ PV	
09/12/26	09/13/26	S-S					Cub Family Camping. Sat = RATA day	MSR @ PV	
09/19/26	09/20/26	S-S					Cub Family Camping. Sat = RATA day	MSR @ PV	
09/25/26	09/27/26	F-S-S	17:00	12:00			Camporee #1 BF/Centennial: Sat = RATA Day	MSR @ PV	
10/02/26	10/04/26	F-S-S	17:00	12:00			Camporee #2 Alpine/Valley/Frontier	MSR @ PV or Camp Tumblesom	
10/24/26	10/24/26	Sat	9:00	16:00			Scouting Chronicles	MSR @ PV	Paul Monax
11/14/26	11/14/26	Sat					Univiersity of Scouting	TBD	
Color Explanation		Council Event		District Event	Cub Scout Event				

- Current list of Program activities for 2026
- I would like to see this list significantly expand before the year is done
- Summer Camp Piggyback Program
- Cub Day Camps and recruiting events
- Etc.

# Scouting Chronicles Program for 2026

- **Shout out to Paul Monax for coordinating this**
- Something(s) fun with RATA program is happening most every month.
- One or two days a month, probably a different weekend each month
- March, April, May, late July, August , September (Cub Family), October, November
- Closed Winter (Dec-Feb, and June for camp)
- Multiple ranges open: Fun, Merit Badge, Competition, Different events
- **Key is to Organize and Market it starting now.** We will find the staff to run it.
- Probably only need about 4-8 instructors per day depending on # of events
- Each event is 1 day so no NCAP requirements; could run 2 events : 1 Sat & 1 Sun
- Include something for Cubbies too: Can set up Cubby ranges in existing ranges

**Shotgun:** - Trap/Skeet/5 stand/merit badge qualification

**Rifle Challenges:** NRA Marksmanship program, Dueling tree, Merit Badge Qual

**Multipurpose Range** Challenges, Muzzleloading, Multi Gun, Steel

**Archery Challenges:** Candy Shoot, Sporting Arrows, Balloons, Atlatls

**Cowboy Action:** Hope to have the Cowboy action Range up and running by June 2026

**Hawk Range:** Throwing for candy, competition, fun

**This requires Leadership, Advertising, and Commitments from Instructors.**

# Summer Camp Piggyback Program for 2026

- **Shout out to Paul Avedissian and James Lingle**
  - Sat. Morning: Merit Badge Makeup; - Sat. Afternoon: Various Challenges
  - Sun. Morning: Open shoot and Pistol ; - Sun. Afternoon: Cleanup

For the pistol FIRST Steps, we could rotate between the different types allowed each weekend, starting in the classroom, then moving to the range for the final hour.

**Sat. Afternoon challenge ideas:** - All including RSO/Instructor Choice

**Shotgun:** - Trap/Skeet/5 stand rotated from weekend to weekend

**Rifle Challenges:** NRA Marksmanship program, Dueling tree, Modified Appleseed

**Multipurpose Range Challenges:** Muzzleloading, Multi Gun, Steel, Competition

**Archery Challenges:** Candy Shoot, Sporting Arrows, Games, Atlatls

**Cowboy Action:** Plan to have the Cowboy action Range up and running for 2026

# 2026 Ambassador Program (Recruiting)

**This is our future – we are missing so many opportunities**

- One on one recruiting of Scouters who are interested in RATA
- A Shout Out to Bryan Richter who will be coordinating this!
- Identification
  - People Watching ranges at RATA events
  - Visiting Troops, Crews, Ships, and Packs
  - Other Scouting Events
  - Direct call or contact from leads
  - Emails
  - Flyers
- Resources Needed
  - Business Cards
  - Website with more info available.
  - Flyers
  - Giveaways
  - Others



# Mentoring to become an NRA Training Counselor

**We need more active NRA Training Counselors**

**Who are willing to run NRA Instructor training classes**

- This is a long process that takes commitment and a desire. But it is worth it.
- **I will mentor those who will answer the call and help you succeed.**
- Basic NRA Requirements
  - Must be a Certified NRA Instructor in Multiple disciplines including Pistol
  - Minimum of 24 months as an NRA Instructor
  - Must be actively teaching NRA classes
  - Must conduct a minimum of 10 NRA classes as the lead trainer
  - Must have taught a minimum of 50 students in 2+ live fire disciplines
  - Must have these classes reported through the NRAinstructor.org account
- Must sign up for and attend a Training Counselor Development Workshop
  - Out of State Travel, 5 days long, Class Tuition, Hotels
  - Must be very good at operating and shooting a pistol fast and accurately
  - Must be a good enough instructor to pass the workshop.
  - Material failure rate for those who are not prepared.

# GCC STARS Committee – Organization & Positions 1

- Shooting Sports Chairman Steve 'Pancho' Harpham
- Past Chairman Michael P Keough
- Executive Vice Chairman Open
- Chief Range Safety Officer Open
- Program Coordinator Open
- Training Coordinator Steve 'Pancho' Harpham
- Technology Coordinator Jeff Danielson
- Communications Coordinator Roger Mortensen
- Administrative Coordinator Jim Waugh
- Equipment Quartermaster Michael G Keough
- Camp Armorer Michael P Keough
- Treasurer Andrea Keough
- MSR Camping Director Jack Loats
- MSR Camp RATA Coordinator Doug Tatreau
- MSR Range Activities Director Michelle Field
- Western Slope Coordinator Michael Bair
- Cub Scout Coordinator John Peraro
- Archery Coordinator Craig Savage
- CAP Range Activities Coordinator Andrea Thomas
- RATA Recognition Coordinator Paul Monax
- Fundraising Coordinator C J Monroe
- Ambassador Coordinator Bryan Richter



# GCC STARS Committee - Organization & Positions 2

- Range and Target Activities (RATA) Committee

A smaller group of key members who are actively leading & driving all aspects of the Range and Target Program in the Greater Colorado Council.

**All are welcome to attend & participate in the committee meetings.**

**Please invite others who are interested in RATA.**

- All Hands

Everyone in the Council who is ready, willing, able and trained to help with the GCC Range and Target Activities program in any way. Please register on [GCCShootingsports.org](http://GCCShootingsports.org)

- District Coordinators:

**First line of contact** for Units and individuals who need help with RATA programs, training, etc.

District	Coordinator	Vice-Coordinator
• Alpine	<b>Open</b>	Mitch Goldenberg
• Black Feather	Roger Mortensen	Paul Avedissian
• Centennial	Dwayne Shoop	<b>Open</b>
• Frontier	John Whisler	C J Mayes
• Majestic Mesas	Eric Langford	Clay Campbell
• Three Rivers	Jennifer Pearson	Lyn Bair
• Valley	Tosha Harry	JT Thomas





# Open Discussion

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## Appendix Slides Follows

# 2026 Administrative Goals (The Support)

- **RATA Recognition – Paul Monax**
  - Pins, Patches, Hats, Challenge Coins, etc.
  - **Ongoing High-level Recognition – where when to Award?**
    - Rata Rat Pack of the Year
    - Highest Level awards (Sturgis?)
    - Rookie RATS of the year
    - Rata Tat Tat Award
    - Cub Contributor of the year
    - Donor Recognition – Both Cash and Time
    - More ???
- **Fundraising – Directly for the GCC RATA Program**
  - We are leaving tens of thousands of dollars on the table
  - Shout out to Clinton CJ Monroe for becoming the Fundraising coordinator!

# New Standard Operating Procedures for MSR 6-1-25

## Working on updating CAP's SOP



Standard Operating  
Procedure  
(SOP)



**SHOOTING RANGES AND EQUIPMENT**

**Release Date: June 1, 2025 ver 1.5**



# A Partial list of Prohibited Activities RATA Manual Appendix 6

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss07/>

## Shooting or throwing sports outside of Scouting America program literature and guidance.

- Anvil shooting, flintlocks, exploding targets, and devices regulated by the National Firearms Act
- Blow guns, boomerangs, and ballistae, Squirt guns, water cannons etc.
- Homemade firearms and air cannons, potato cannons, and tennis ball cannons
- Throwing of shovels, torpedoes, spikes, stars, shotput, logs, hammers, missiles cabers, etc.
- Inappropriate ammunition such as pumpkins, hard slingshot ammo, and tracers etc.
- Cannons & signaling devices
- Crossbows (except at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve\*)
- Reloading ammunition, and using reloaded ammunition (except at Philmont Scout Ranch\*)
- Spears, pole spears, and spear guns (except at Philmont Scout Ranch\*)
- Open or concealed carry or use of firearms at any Scouting activity, with the following exceptions:
  - Law enforcement officers who are required to carry firearms within their jurisdiction
  - Use as part of an official Range and Target activity
- Hunting is prohibited, but earning a Hunter's Safety Card is encouraged,

\* Note: Some High Adventure Bases are granted waivers for certain activities

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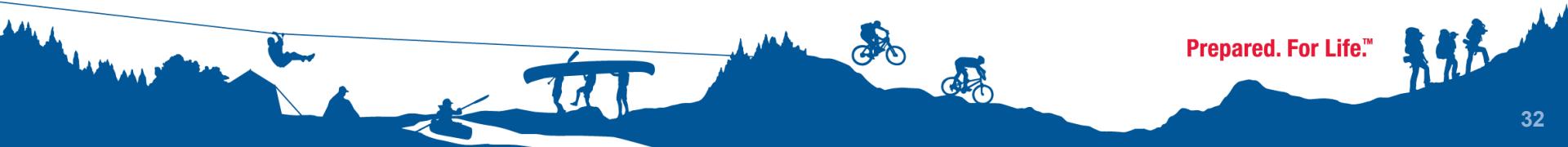
# Guide to Safe Scouting – Part 1

## Purpose of RATA Activities

The purpose of Scouting America's range and target activities is first and foremost centered around **teaching safety**.

Scouting America's Range And Target Activities are developed and implemented through **age-appropriate training and experiences**.

Scouting America adheres to its longstanding policy of teaching its youth and adult members the **safe, responsible, and intelligent handling, care, and use of firearms, archery, and hand-held throwing sports in planned, carefully managed, and supervised programs for each youth who chooses to participate**.



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# Guide to Safe Scouting – Part 2

## Range and Target Activities

**Firearms shall NOT be brought on camping, hiking, backpacking, or other Scouting activities**

Except for law enforcement officers required to carry firearms within their jurisdiction, and those specifically planned for target shooting under the supervision of a currently certified national shooting sports director or National Rifle Association firearms instructor.

**All range and target activities held during a day camp, short-term camp, or long-term camp will follow the current NCAP standards.** Note that NCAP Standards are based on the RATA Manual.

**All range and target activities held outside of a Scouting America accredited camp will follow the program as outlined in the National Range and Target Activities Manual ([www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/range-activities](http://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/range-activities)).**

**The National Range and Target Activities Manual includes all the information you will need** pertaining to appropriate guns used at each level of Scouting, the required range supervision, and training that youth need to safely participate in the program.



# Guide to Safe Scouting – Part 3

## Range and Target Activities

### ***Knife and Tomahawk Throwing***

These are age-appropriate activities for Scouting America members and Venturers following the [SAFE Checklist](#) and following the guidelines outlined in the [National Range and Target Sports Manual](#).

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These last three slides contain the entirety of what the Guide to Safe Scouting says about RATA Activities.

The Guide essentially refers you to the National RATA Manual and the NCAP Standards which are based on the National RATA Manual for more specifics.

**Therefore, the National RATA manual is the key reference document.**



# Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting RATA Activities

<b>AGE APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR SCOUTING ACTIVITIES</b>		LIONS (WITH ADULT PARTNER) Kindergarten	TIGERS (WITH ADULT PARTNER) First Grade	WOLF/BEAR SCOUTS Second and Third Grades	WEBELOS Fourth Grade	ARROW OF LIGHT SCOUTS Fifth Grade	SCOUTS BSA	OLDER SCOUTS BSA, SEA SCOUTS, VENTURERS
<p>Age- and rank-appropriate guidelines have been developed based on many factors. When planning activities outside of program materials or handbooks, ask this question: <i>Is the activity appropriate for the age and for Scouting?</i> Not every activity needs to be conducted.</p>								
Pistols – NRA FIRST Steps Program Only								Council-sponsored events and day camps, short-term camps, long-term camps
Specialty Programs – Cowboy Action								Council-sponsored events and day camps, short-term camps, long-term camps
Specialty Programs – Airsoft						✓		✓
Specialty Programs – Chalkball								Council-sponsored events and day camps, short-term camps, long-term camps
.22 Bolt Action Rifle						✓		✓
Shotguns						✓		✓
Muzzleloaders – Rifle and Shotgun Only						✓		✓
Archery – Field					Council-sponsored events and day camps, short-term camps, long-term camps	✓		✓
Archery – Target, Action (moving targets)						✓		✓
Pellet Rifle						Council-sponsored long-term camps	✓	✓
BB Guns					Council-sponsored events and day camps, short-term camps, long-term camps	✓		✓
Slingshots/Wrist Rockets					Council-sponsored events and day camps, short-term camps, long-term camps	✓		✓
Catapults/Trebuchets								Projectiles must be soft and small (no larger than a tennis ball).

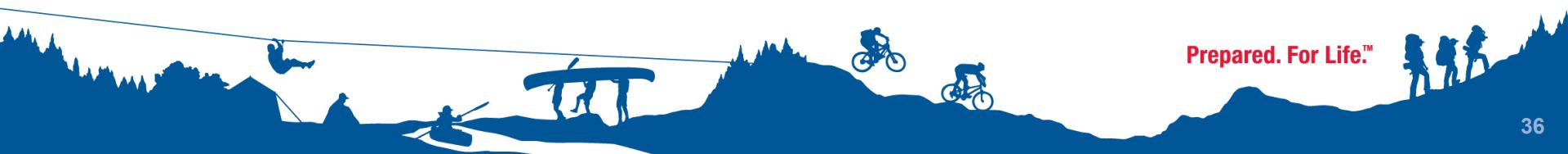
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# Key RATA NCAP Standards

All Range And Target Activities held during a day camp, short-term camp, or long-term camp will follow the current [NCAP](#) standards

- [PD-111 New Programs and Activities](#)
- [PD-112 Program Design, Safety & Risk Review](#)
- [PS-213 RATA Archery, Slingshots, & Throwing Sports Programs](#)
- [PS-214 RATA Firearms and Devices Programs](#)
- [SQ-407 RATA Program Staff Qualifications/Ratios](#)
- [RP-456 Staffing](#)

A blue silhouette of various outdoor activities including a person on a zip line, a person in a boat, people carrying a canoe, a person on a bicycle, a person on a motorcycle, and two people walking with backpacks.

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# National RATA Manual Chapters

The definitive RATA document containing all the information needed to safely run RATA program per Scouting America's guidelines



Section/Chapter	Title
Section I	<b>The Essentials</b>
Chapter 1	Qualified Supervision—Roles and Responsibilities
Chapter 2	Range and Target Activities—A Wealth of Year-Round Opportunities
Chapter 3	Merit Badge Counselors
Section II	<b>Beyond the Unit Level</b>
Chapter 4	Council Range and Target Activities Committee
Chapter 5	Range Operation
Section III	<b>Health and Safety</b>
Chapter 6	Safety
Chapter 7	Additional Considerations
Section IV	<b>Training</b>
Chapter 8	Training Courses
Section V	<b>Range and Target Activities for Cub Scouts</b>
Chapter 9	Introduction
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Chapter 11	Resources, Certificates, and Patches

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# National RATA Manual Appendices

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# National RATA Manual – Activity Summary Table (Rifle example)

Pages 9-13 contain a table listing all the approved RATA activities along with who can participate, required staff, ratio of instructor to participants

Program	Participants	Safety equipment	Minimum program supervision requirements	Qualified staff to open the range	Minimum number of staff to operate	Ratio instructor : participant	Additional information
Rifle (Scouting America Accredited Camp)	Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting	Eye and hearing protection	NRA Rifle Instructor	National Camping School Range Activities Director NRA Rifle Instructor Certified Military shooting instructor** Certified Law Enforcement Shooting Instructor** Certified 4-H Shooting Instructor**	Long-term camp: 1 qualified staff and appropriate assistants Short-term camp and Day Camp: NCS Range Activities Director (1 person) OR NRA Rifle instructor AND NRA RSO (2 people)	1:8	See also current NCAP standards
Rifle (Unit activity)	Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting	Eye and hearing protection	NRA Rifle Instructor AND NRA Range Safety Officer	National Camping School Range Activities Director NRA Rifle Instructor AND NRA Range Safety Officer	2 people (RSO and at least one instructor)	1:8	

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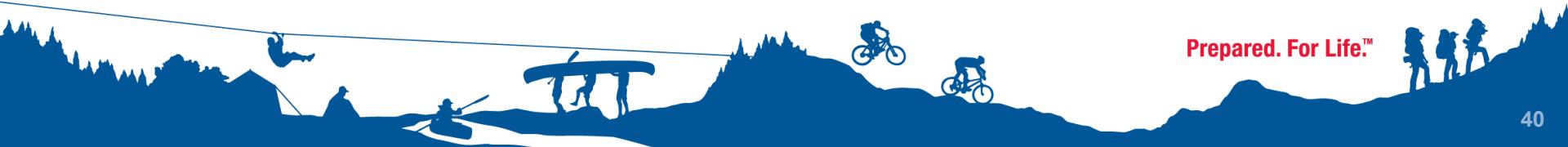
## Key Takeaway RATA Point - Reminder

**Only The RATA Activities that are specifically authorized in the Guide to Safe Scouting, NCAP Standards, and/or the RATA Manual can be conducted in Scouting America.**

**All other RATA Activities are NOT Authorized and CANNOT be conducted!**

**In other words . . .**

**If it doesn't say you can, then you can't!**



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# Thank You!

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