



Shooting sports are on the rise in this country. Archery and rifle, shotgun, and black-powder shooting are all popular.

The Boy Scouts of America has promoted safe shooting for many years. This month your troop can learn one or more of the shooting sports and have a lot of fun.

If your Scout council camp has shooting ranges, you are encouraged to use them, under proper supervision from the council. Other possible resources are archery clubs, gun clubs, black-powder clubs, the military, law enforcement agencies, and community groups.

The highlight activity can be a weekend campout with emphasis on shooting sports. Stress good camping practices for the younger Scouts. Each patrol might be asked to prepare a special activity based on a particular campcraft skill.

SCOUTING OUTCOMES

This month's patrol and troop activities should give your Scouts:

- The knowledge and skills to be comfortable in camp.
- A sense of communion with nature and God.
- Greater respect for the outdoors.
- Growing self-confidence.
- Improved skills in shooting sports and a knowledge of safety practices.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

By the end of the month, all Scouts should have met the majority of their basic camping and cooking requirements through First Class. Depending on the campout activities,