

# Boy Scout Troop 680

*Scout Motto: Be Prepared*

*Scout Slogan: Do a Good Turn Daily*

## Spring Rifle Shoot - Cabin Campout

So, what really happens to an apple when a bullet hits it at thousands of feet per second? Perhaps something like this...



Join us for the annual Spring Rifle Shoot. The campout is scheduled for Friday, April 11 through Sunday, April 13. We're staying in the Mallinckrodt cabin (next to the Council Ring) at Beaumont Reservation.

See the attached equipment checklist and the special items you may want to bring. Read the attached rules for Scout Rifle shoots to make sure you know what we expect. In addition to the Rifle Shoot, we will work on Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class requirements and in between, just goof around at the cabin.

Arrival time on Friday night is 6:00 p.m. Park in the lot outside of Wright lodge (the dining hall) and hike your gear up the walk (past the Trading Post) toward the Council Ring where we have Mass at the Fall Camporee. You will see a road that continues up the right side of the Council Ring. This road will lead to the cabin.

Departure is Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. after the cabin is cleaned and inspected. We will need a firm commitment by our April 11 Troop meeting. As always, if you have other commitments, try to join us when you can.

*Mark Nesslein*

Scoutmaster Troop 680



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## Equipment List for Spring Rifle Shoot

- Adequate layers of clothing, including jackets and one extra dry set of clothes
- Rain suit (a must)
- Tennis shoes
- Extra set of tennis shoes or hiking boots
- Personal mess kit - cup, plate
- Personal knife, fork spoon
- Sleeping pad and pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Extra dry socks (2 pair)
- Plastic dirty/wet clothes bag
- Tooth brush, toothpaste, personal supply of toilet paper
- Chapstick
- Small hand towel
- Wrist watch (wear it)
- Folding pocket knife – no sheath knives
- Flashlight (check those batteries)
- Camera (optional)
- Cap - baseball
- Boy Scout Handbook (Don't forget – a must have)
- Small notebook and pen
- Water bottle (for hiking or when you wake up thirsty in the middle of the night)
- Totin' Chip (if you have one – if not, you'll earn one)
- Toasted Chit (if you took pressurized fuel training)
- Targets for the rifle range (see rules attached)
- Common sense
- Sense of adventure
- Sense of direction (first year scouts will be going on a hike!)

Remember: We do not allow any electronics on our campouts except at the annual electronics cabin campout. Leave all electronics at home.



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## Other Things To Remember!

Early May at Beaumont brings many types of weather. Expect rain, hail, sleet, bright sunshine, warm days, cool nights and everything in between. That means you need to pack a wide variety of clothing to be comfortable in any weather.

Personal snacks must be kept in a hard plastic airtight container. Keep all your empty wrappers in the container as well. This will leave less clean up when we break camp.

Mark all your gear (before you leave home) with a permanent marker.

Make sure your Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster know if you are arriving or leaving at any time other than the published event times.

First year Scouts will be going on a 3-5 mile hike, so bring a small hip pack if you have one, a water bottle, trail snacks such as a granola bar, a compass and bug spray (non aerosol)

Each scout should bring 5 pieces of firewood if you have some at home. We may need the wood if the temperature turns too cool or we want that extra big campfire Saturday night.



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## Rules for Rifle Range Participation

1. You will be instructed in the safe conduct of a rifle shoot. Any scout unable to follow the rules of safe firearm handling or demonstrating a lack of maturity in following safe firearm handling procedures will be removed from the range immediately. There will be no exceptions. Having worked with all the scouts of Troop 680, I am very confident in everyone's ability to participate safely in the Spring Rifle shoot.
2. Rifle shooting in the Scouts is all about precision – developing the skill to place a bullet, traveling at a thousand feet per second, in a tiny area accurately. We will be using the rifles provided at Beaumont. Do not bring your own rifle if you have one. Beaumont will provide the ammunition.
3. There will be two types of targets used in the shoot. Paper targets with pattern bull's-eye and "three dimensional" targets. The paper targets will be used to practice precision target shooting, as you would be required to perform if you were working on your Rifle Shooting merit badge. Some of you may even want to work on this merit badge over this weekend. If you do, you will need to contact a merit badge counselor prior to attending the outing.
4. The second kinds of target are three-dimensional. Think high velocity physics! There will be a variety of targets supplied by the Troop (raw eggs, a can of soda – shaken of course, lit candles, water balloons). In addition, each scout may bring small soft plastic toys, with a few exceptions. **We do not allow any toys that resemble a human form (two legs, two arms and a head) including plastic army men, dolls, cartoon characters etc.** Dinosaurs or traditionally hunted animals such as deer and turkey are fine. Some toys may be inappropriate due to the materials used (hard shatter-prone plastics). I will inspect all targets before allowing their use. If I determine a target is unsafe or inappropriate, we will find an appropriate substitute. Three-dimensional targets are wide open to your imagination and curiosity. What does a water balloon look like when it explodes? Can you really light a kitchen match at 20 yards? Are you that good?

