

Youth Marksmanship Program

Program Summary

Brock's Gap Young Guns has been established to serve the Greater Birmingham area. *Young Guns* participants are **not** required to be members of Brock's Gap Training Center. *Young Guns* is open to youths from 10 to 18 years old.

The goals of the program are:

- Train school aged student's safe firearm handling skills through the NRA Basic Rifle, Basic Pistol and Basic Shotgun training programs.
- Continue developing marksmanship skills using the NRA/Winchester Marksmanship Qualification Program, Alabama Privateers Action Shooting club, and monthly matches as Brock's Gap Training Center
- Provide access to Brock's Gap Training Center Range facilities to non-members
- Encourage individual and team competition.

Program Fees:

Young Guns is subsidized by Brock's Gap Training Center, a 501(c)4 corporation. The annual cost for *Young Guns* participants is \$50 which includes one NRA course. All participants are required to pass at least one NRA Basic Course. Appropriate rifles pistols and shotguns are made available at no additional cost. Ammunition, targets and other safety equipment are available at reduced cost. Use of the range is free during *Young Guns* activities. Fees for organized matches may apply.

Equipment and Supplies:

Each type of shooting requires different and often specialized firearms and equipment. Parents are encouraged NOT to buy firearms, equipment or supplies prior to their child's participation in one of the courses. Brock's Gap Young Guns will provide appropriate and **ALL** of the equipment and supplies needed for participation. After completion of the required firearms course shooters will be responsible for ammunition and, where indicated, targets which they may purchase from Brock's Gap Young Guns or many commercial outlets.

Inevitably youths will want to have their own equipment. All of our instructors have many years of experience and are happy to advise parents on how to pick out the appropriate type of firearms and other equipment.

Schedule:

Classes

NRA Basic Course (Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun) are offered monthly from January through October. Most courses are two half day (4 hour) Saturdays and are restricted to youths (although parents are encouraged to attend). NRA Basic Pistol is a combined youth and adult course and are held on a single 8 hour Saturday. Basic Pistol is restricted to youths and new BGTC adult members. Classes for individuals who cannot attend Saturday Classes, and groups such as 4H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc. can be arraigned by contacting David Landier at bgtc.youth@gmail.com. Please see the event calendar at www.brocksgap.com for more details.

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Range Days

Several open range days are scheduled each month. On open range days the Young Guns may continue their NRA/Winchester qualification practice and earn awards. Open Range days are free to Young Guns. Firearms and equipment are free to use on Open Range Days. Shooters must supply their own ammo and targets or purchase them from BGTC.

Alabama Privateers

Alabama Privateers operates under the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation's, Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP). Unlike target shooting Action Shooting is a speed competition where participants fire at steel plates and receive scores based on time. The SSSF is a national organization which trains youth shooters, holds state, regional and national matches and offers Scholarships to its members. www.sssfonline.org

Alabama Privateers holds practices on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 1:30pm. Speed shooting is both exciting and a very social activity. This is an excellent opportunity to make friends, do a lot of shooting, and maintain both safety and marksmanship skills. Special equipment is not needed, BGTC can provide everything. For more information contact Bryan Unsel at alprivateers@gmail.com.

Monthly Matches

BGTC holds many types of firearms matches monthly, quarterly and for some on an irregular basis. All BGTC matches are open to the public. Most matches will accept Young Guns members. Some may require additional training. You can find these matches on the Event Calendar at www.brocksgap.com. Please contact the match director listed for each event for information on any special training or equipment necessary for the specific type of shooting at that match.

Steel Challenge

Steel Challenge is very similar to SASP (see Alabama Privateers), in-fact many of the Alabama Privateers also shoot Steel Challenge. Monthly Steel Challenge Matches are held on the third Saturdays and Sundays of each month. You can shoot either one or two days. Steel Challenge is dominated by adult shooters but youth shooters are well represented. Appropriate Rifles and Pistols are available for this match through the Young Guns program. For more information contact David Landier at bgtc.youth@gmail.com.

CMP Rimfire Sporter

CMP Rimfire Sporter matches are held on a bi-monthly basis. The rules for this competition were designed for low cost rifles. Competitors shoot from three positions at paper targets. These matches are open to Young Guns. Please contact Shane Adamson rimfire4bgtc@hotmail.com for more information. Appropriate Rifles and equipment are available for this match through the Young Guns program.

5-STAND SPORTING CLAYS MATCH

The 5-Stand Sporting Clays match is held monthly on the Fourth Sunday at 1:00. This is a shotgun competition where shooters attempt to break 25 clay pigeons thrown from six different locations from five shooting positions. These matches are open to Young Guns who have passed the NRA Basic Shotgun course. Appropriate Shotguns are available for this match through the Young Guns program. Please contact Claude Wood at wood2074@bellsouth.net for more information.

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