

## Piedmont Scout Reservation (Camp Bud Schiele) – Range Reservations

Live firing conducted at the Piedmont Scout Reservation (PSR) Ranges and any off sight shooting activities through the Piedmont Council are designed to provide access to a shooting facility where Scouts, and other individuals can gain the Knowledge, Skills, and Attitude necessary to safely and successfully handle and shoot a firearm or bow.

Ranges are available on a scheduled basis for BSA chartered groups, 4-H clubs, Girl Scouts, Junior ROTC leadership camps, Hunter Safety groups, NRA training courses, military, law enforcement agencies, and other organizations approved by the Piedmont Council Shooting Sports Committee.

All ranges must be under supervision of a Rangemaster or NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) and Instructors approved by the Piedmont Council Shooting Sports Committee. The following people are a part of the committee and are approved to open the Ranges at Piedmont Scout Reservation (Camp Bud Schiele). You are required to have one of the following people or another approved Range Safety Officer present to serve on each Range reserved for the duration of the program in addition to an NRA Instructor for the appropriate discipline.

<b>Piedmont Council Approved Range Safety Officers (Piedmont Council -RSO)</b>				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Credential</u>
Gary Romich	<a href="mailto:garyromich@gmail.org">garyromich@gmail.org</a>	704.477.6931	Battleground	NRA RSO
Chuck May	<a href="mailto:chuckmay7@nctv.com">chuckmay7@nctv.com</a>	828.447.1708	Chimney Rock	NRA RSO
Pepper Smyth	<a href="mailto:smythpep@gmail.com">smythpep@gmail.com</a>	828.403.5533	Lake James	NRA RSO
Garry Cabiness	<a href="mailto:garrycabiness@yahoo.com">garrycabiness@yahoo.com</a>	704.616.0452	Battleground	NRA RSO
Mike Charles	<a href="mailto:novap322@gmail.com">novap322@gmail.com</a>	828.302.5486	Lakeland	NRA RSO
John Green	<a href="mailto:john.green@gmail.com">john.green@gmail.com</a>	828.773.4329	Foothills	NRA RSO
Bette Newton	<a href="mailto:bnewton@rcsnc.org">bnewton@rcsnc.org</a>	864.542.6292	Chimney Rock	NRA RSO
Eric Wells	<a href="mailto:eric@associatedprinting.biz">eric@associatedprinting.biz</a>	828.223.9064	Chimney Rock	NRA RSO
Will Ledbetter	<a href="mailto:wjledbetter32@gmail.com">wjledbetter32@gmail.com</a>	704.600.7735	Battleground	NRA RSO

### Range Reservation Process:

1. The ranges are made available by the Council's Program Assistant Kara Miller. Reservations can be made online through the [www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org](http://www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org) or by contacting her at the Council Office at (704) 864-2694 or via email at [kara.miller@scouting.org](mailto:kara.miller@scouting.org). The request must be made at least four week prior to arrival.
2. Contact one of the Piedmont Council Approved Range Safety Officers or another RSO, and have them approved by the Shooting Sports Committee to assist with your program. You need one for each range that you have reserved.
3. Once you have confirmed an RSO, have your NRA Instructor contact the RSO to review the proposed program and submit their NRA credentials to the Piedmont Council Office and Shooting Sports Committee. You need one Instructor per range.
4. Obtain a copy of the PSR Range Rules from the Piedmont Council website under Shooting Sports Information.
5. Reservations at Piedmont Scout Reservation Shooting Sports Ranges must be approved by the Shooting Sports Chairman or designee.
6. The Council Office approves the reservation and your event/program may proceed. You will receive an e-mail notification with camp rules.

## **Upon Arrival at Camp:**

1. The RSO and Instructor running your program will present their current credentials and then obtain the SOP, and firearms for the program from the Ranger or the Campmaster on duty.
2. The unit contact, NRA Instructor(s), and Campmaster will meet at the range to review credentials and confirm the planned program. Targets/Clays, and Personal Protective Equipment are at the ranges if desired to use the councils. All RSOs and NRA Instructors must have a current set of credentials on their person while on the range.

## **PSR Policy:**

### **Authorized and Prohibited Firearms and Bows on Council Property**

#### Cub Scouts

Archery, BB gun, and Slingshot shooting are restricted to Day Camps, Cub Scout/Webelos Scout Resident Camps, council-managed family camping programs, and other council activities where there are properly trained supervisors and all standards for BSA Shooting Sports are enforced. **Cub Scout Shooting Sports are not to be done at the Pack level.** Cub Scouts are not permitted to use any other type of handgun or firearms. Webelos may use air-rifles (pellet) following current BSA Camp Standards. Recommended draw weight for bows are 15-20 pounds.

#### Scouts, BSA

Scouts are permitted to use bows with arrows, BB guns, .22 caliber bolt action single-shot rifles, airsoft guns, shotguns, and muzzle-loading rifles & shotguns. Recommended draw weight for bows are 20-25 pounds. **Remfire and Centerfire Handguns may not be used as part of the Scout, BSA program.**

#### Venturers/Explorers

Venturers and Explorers may use the same as Scouts as well as rimfire and centerfire handguns, and centerfire rifles. Recommended draw weight for bows are 20-35 pounds.

#### Archery

Genesis bows are recommended. Only target arrows with appropriate tips can be used. Proper safety equipment must be worn by all participants.

#### Prohibited Arms

The following firearms are not allowed for use by BSA youth members:

- Flintlock muzzleloaders
- Cannons
- Fully automatic firearms
- Crossbows

All guns used will comply with the guidelines, as applicable, in the National Camp Standards and the BSA National Shooting Sports Manual (see 5 Levels of Shooting Activities).

Personal firearms should only be brought to camp for scheduled shootings sports activities. All firearms must be unloaded, in a carrying case, and under the supervision of an adult leader or

parent/guardian while being transported to and from camp and while on camp property. Personal firearms must meet the firearm guidelines as outlined in the BSA National Shooting Sports Manual (5 levels of shooting activity). All Personal firearms and bows must be inspected by the RSO in-charge before being allowed on the range and secured by an adult in a locked manner in accordance with state regulations and not accessible to others.

**FULL-AUTOMATIC FIREARMS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON PIEDMONT COUNCIL SCOUT RESERVATION!**

Piedmont Council Range Safety Officer reserves the right to not allow Scouts to participate in shooting activities based on physical inability to handle a bow or firearm safely or confidently.

The **Attitude** of the shooter, parent, guardian or any on-lookers on or around the range needs to be a priority of the RSO/Instructor. Those displaying inappropriate behavior on or around the range will be asked to leave the area. If the behavior persists, the person will be asked to leave the camp or off-site event. If this procedure happens the Professional Scout and Event Coordinator needs to be notified.

**Range Fees**

In-Council Units:

\$10 Range Fee

Per Scout w/o equipment Fee = \$5

Firearms, Bows, Targets, PPE Fee/Scout = \$10

Out of Council:

\$20 Range Fee

Per Scout w/o equipment Fee = \$5

Firearms, Bows, Targets, PPE Fee/Scout: = \$10

**Available Ranges**

Cub Scout BB & Archery (District & Council Events Only)

Multipurpose (CS Archery) (Venturing Use for Pistol & High-Powered Rifles)

Archery

Rifle

Shotgun

**Groups are to bring their own ammunition. If using PSR equipment it is .22 long rifle, & 20ga shotgun.**

**General Note:**

If you are unable to locate an RSO or an NRA Instructor to assist with your program, or if you have questions or concerns about the Piedmont Council Shooting Sports Program, please contact the Piedmont Council, BSA Shooting Sports Committee Chairman, Willis Ledbetter at [wjledbetter32@gmail.com](mailto:wjledbetter32@gmail.com)