

# **Orange County Council**

## **Firearms Tour Permit Policy**

The Boy Scouts of America and the Orange County Council adheres to its longstanding policy of teaching its youth and adult members the safe, responsible, intelligent handling, care and use of firearms, air guns, and BB guns in planned carefully managed and supervised programs. The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America's current edition of the Guide to Safe Scouting will in principle be the prevailing set of governing rules.

Cub Scout related BB shooting must be conducted by trained, qualified on-site range officers who actually direct the operation of the range program and BB gun shooting instruction. To qualify as a BB gun range officer, the range officer must be at least 18 years old and be trained by a National Camp School-trained shooting sports director or a National Rifle Association (NRA ) instructor. The BB gun range officer also must be familiar with the BB gun shooting section of Shooting Sports for Cub Scouting, No. 13550 and be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

All Boy Scout related shooting activities, including Shotgun, Muzzleloaders, Rifles, and in the Venturing Program, Pistols, must be supervised by a currently Certified NRA Instructor for that discipline. In addition, all shooting activities including indoor and outdoor activities must be under the overall supervision of a current NRA Range Safety Officer. More than one individual may hold one or both types of ratings, Instructor or Range Safety Officer.

This policy is to include all ranges, public or private and each participant is required to wear safety glasses and ear protection while on any range.

When filing a Tour Permit, proper NRA Instructor and Range Safety Officer credentials MUST be displayed to the Volunteer Service Representative at the Council Office located in Santa Ana, California.

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