Basic Rifle and Rifle Instructor Training

An NRA certified Rifle Instructor is required to provide live firing range supervision and instruction for all rifle and BB shooting activities involving Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts. All live fire activities require one or more Instructors (along with a Range Safety Officer) to be present on the range. The Instructor is equipped with the knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to provide instruction for shooting activities. A currently certified NRA rifle instructor is qualified to serve as a BB Rangemaster for BB shooting and sling shot shooting activities provided the individual is familiar with the programs of the BSA they will oversee. To be a rifle merit badge instructor, you must also be an NRA Rifle Instructor.



To Qualify as an NRA Rifle Instructor:

* Complete the Basic Rifle Course
* Complete the Rifle Instructor Training
* Possess and demonstrate a solid background in firearm safety and shooting skills
* Demonstrate solid and safe firearm handling skills

The successful completion of these two courses will allow individuals to become certified as Rifle Instructors. The Basic Rifle is a one-day course, while the Rifle Instructor is a two-day course for Scouting adult leaders. Both courses are being offered by the Columbia Fish and Game Association.

Any unit-based shooting activity must have at least one Range Safety Officer and one other adult certified as an Instructor.

**Basic Rifle Course Registration Details**

**Date/Place/Time:** Sunday, April 6 at Columbia Fish and Game Association, 8AM – 5PM.

**Price:**  $50

**Deadline:** March 22, 2025

**Registration:** [NRA Basic Rifle Shooting Course | Course Details | NRA Training (nrainstructors.org)](https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=851734)

**Rifle Instructor Course Registration Details**

**Date/Place/Time:** Saturday/Sunday May 3-4 at Columbia Fish and Game Association   
May 3 is Basic Instructor Training (BIT) required for all first time instructors  
May 4 is Rifle Instructor Course

**Price:**  $140

**Deadline:** April 16, 2025

**Registration:** [NRA Instructor Rifle Shooting Course | Course Details | NRA Training (nrainstructors.org)](https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=851736)