

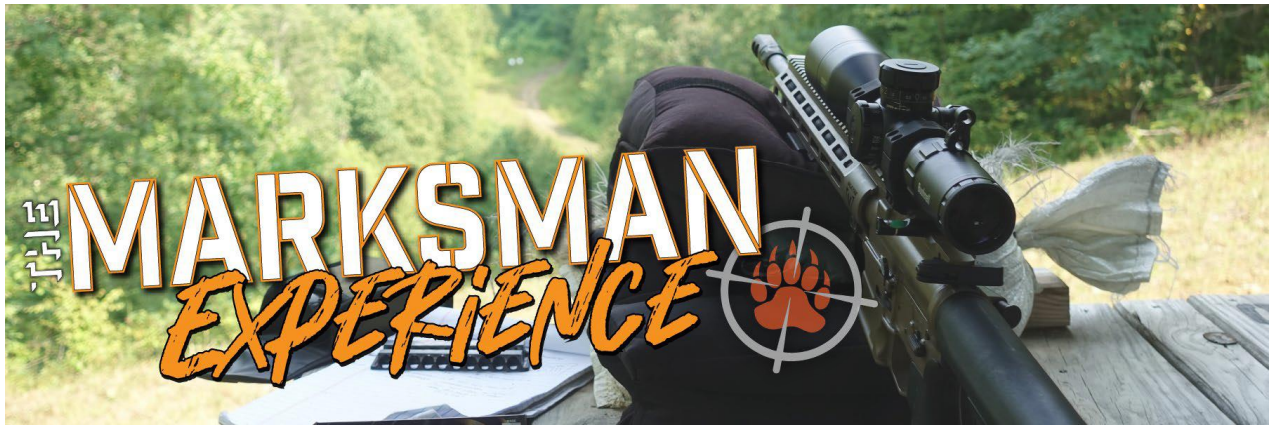


MARKSMAN  
EXPERIENCE



# THE MARKSMAN EXPERIENCE

PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT



### MARKSMAN CONTACT INFORMATION

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### MARKSMAN EXPERIENCE PREPARATION WEBINARS

Half-hour webinars are provided to prepare leaders for their crew's experience. Information to join the webinars will be sent out a few weeks before each webinar.

The webinars will involve a 15-minute program and a 15-minute question and answer session. The invites will go out each month to the Contingent Advisors and the Crew Advisors we have in our system for each crew.

### WEBINAR DATES

**April 15, 2025, at 7:00PM EST**

### MARKSMAN EXPERIENCE AT A GLANCE

The program is comprised of four jam packed days of shooting. You and your group will shoot 5-stand shotgun, and sporting clays. You will also participant in NRA First Steps pistol with practical shooting exercises and a full precision rifle course where you will fire at targets up to 1000-yards. Static (10m) and Olympic (90m) archery programs, 3D target shooting, sporting arrows (Laporte), and crossbow are also included. Certified shooting professionals will instruct you.

This program is designed for new and seasoned shooters alike and we can guarantee that you will leave a more confident, educated, and talented shooter. Camping and meals take place on the ranges. Last night on the range there will be a special feast to celebrate your experience. The program wraps up with a trip down our Alexander Eagle Flight (AEF) zip-line and white-water rafting on the New River.



## MARKSMAN EXPERIENCE AT A GLANCE

Complete arrival information is available at: <https://www.summitbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2025-Arrival-Information.pdf>

On arrival day (Sunday), you will meet your Marksman guides at 6:00pm. (Dinner is served from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.) Units will meet at the Joe Crafton Laser Shot Range Simulator for a meet & greet, equipment shakedown, and NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting. On Monday morning units will meet with instructors and drive up to the Barrels with their gear.

Participants at The Barrels Outpost Camp will be provided with a two-person tent and a cot for sleeping. All meals will be eaten at the Barrels Range. Cooking gear and eating utensils are provided.

### Sunday

- Welcome, Shakedown and kick-off!
- NRA First Steps Pistol Orientation at Laser Shot

### Monday

- Drive to The Barrels and Marksman Pavilion
- NRA First Steps (range portion) / practical exercises

### Tuesday

- NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting
- Intro to 5-Stand/Sporting Clays Course

### Wednesday

- NRA Basic Rifle
- High-powered Rifle and alternate shooting positions
- Intro to Precision Rifle Series

### Thursday

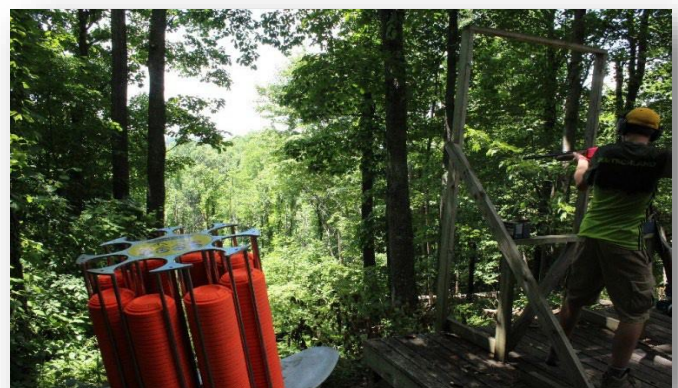
- Intro to Archery
- 90m Olympic/Sporting Arrows/3D Target shooting
- Intro to 3-Gun (Cowboy Action)

### Friday

- 1/2 Day White-Water Rafting Trip
- Alexander Eagle Flight Zip-Line

### Saturday

- Breakfast and departure.



## OTHER NOTES

- Nights 1 and 6 are spent in Alpha (A) Base Camp. All other nights are spent camping at the Marksman Pavilion located at The Barrels.
- Sunday dinner, Monday breakfast, Friday dinner, and Saturday breakfast are base camp dining hall. All the other meals take place at The Barrels.
- Each week the Marksman Experience hosts up to thirty-six participants. If your reservation is smaller than thirty-six participants, your unit will be with other units during your experience. Come prepared to make friends!

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### RAFTING

On the last day of experience, you will have the opportunity to experience a half-day of rafting! Your unit will meet the rafting coordinators at the rafting tent, located at the Scott Visitor Center. A rafting outfitter will provide transportation to the rafting site.

All equipment for the trip will be provided by the outfitter. Participants should wear quick drying clothing or bathing suits and avoid wearing cotton. Long sleeves are preferred for sun protection. You can also wear a hat under your helmet. For footwear, you should wear water shoes, sandals, or an old pair of sneakers. Shoes such as Crocs or flip-flops are not recommended, as they will not stay on your feet in the rapids and are likely to be lost. There is no need to bring a towel or a change of clothes. Electronics, valuable items, wallets, and important personal items such as phones and car keys should be left in your overnight bag or locked in vehicles.

Note: If you decide not to participate, a refund is not available. Rafting is included in the Marksman Experience program fee.



### RECOMMENDED ITEMS ON WHITE WATER

- Sunscreen
- Emergency medications (Epi-pen, in-haler, diabetic supplies, etc.)
- Water source (Preferably on a locking carabiner)
- Sunglasses with retaining strap



### ALEXANDER EAGLE'S FLIGHT ZIPLINE

On Friday afternoon of your experience, you will have the opportunity to ride on the Alexander Eagle's Flight (AEF). Your unit will be escorted to the landing for check-in and safety briefing. Participants should not bring any valuable or items they do not want to lose with them. If participants choose to bring items with them, they must fit in a standard size daypack or backpack or clip to their person.

All participants need closed-toed shoes to hike in and zip. Water shoes are not recommended. The engineering and safety systems used by SBR's Aerial Sports activities require participants to meet certain weight guidelines to participate in our climbing, rappelling, bouldering, canopy tour, challenge course and zipline activities. **Participants riding Alexander Eagle's Flight must weigh between eighty pounds and 250 pounds (including clothes) regardless of their height. \***

\*There is a 50lb minimum on all other Aerial Sports Activities.

In the event of a thunderstorm or inclement weather AEF will not be available.



## MARKSMAN STAFF

Marksman staff will join the group on Monday morning. They will be with your group from departure from the Scott Visitor Center until Thursday night. The Marksman staff will lead, assist, guide, and support units through each block of instruction and range activity. Marksman staff are trained in archery, Precision Rifle shooting, shotgun clay shooting, and pistol.

Our Marksman staff...

- will help participants build or improve their knowledge and skills in all things shooting.
- will work with youth leadership of each crew for accountability, cooking and serving meals, and camp set-up.
- will be trained in basic first aid, CPR, and AED.
- will be familiar with the camping locations on The Ridge.
- will be focused on making the entire week challenging, memorable, and positive.

**Remember-** This is a youth led experience and the Marksman staff are here to be a resource for information, specific skill instruction, and to encourage leadership development in the youth.

Adult Leaders—Please remember to let your youth leaders do what you have prepared them to do- **LEAD!**

## PACKING LIST

### EQUIPMENT FOR YOUR OVERNIGHT PROGRAM AT THE BARRELS:

- Flashlight or head lamp
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Pillow
- Rain gear
- Toiletries (Toilet Paper is provided, however bringing baby/hygiene wipes is highly encouraged!)
- Pocketknife (optional)
- Water bottle
- Camp chair (We provide picnic tables and will have some camp chairs available.)
- Camera/camera phone
- Light jacket or fleece for chilly mornings
- Day pack (Big enough to hold your water bottle, snacks, wet weather gear, medication, etc.)
- Ear and eye protection will be provided but participants can bring their own if preferred. Eye and ear protection provided by SBR is NOT electronic.

### OPTIONAL GEAR FOR COLD WEATHER

The basic gear list is fine for almost everyone. If you are concerned it is not enough, you can choose to pack more gear for the “just in case.” Below are suggestions on how to choose optional gear.

**Base Layer-** Polypropylene, Capilene, and Thermax are types of synthetic long underwear out there on the market. These fabrics are designed to wick moisture away from your body. They are hydrophobic, meaning they do not absorb water; rather they transfer it to your outer layers where it can evaporate keeping your core more comfortable.

**Mid Layer-** Fleece or pile. These are thicker and fluffier than your base layer and supply insulation and warmth. Made from synthetic fibers, they will not absorb as much water as natural fibers. Wool is not recommended.

(Please remember to have a day pack that is large enough to accommodate any additional items as you will want to shed layers as the day warms up.)

### EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY SBR

- tents
- cots
- cooking equipment
- plates, bowls, and utensils
- all program equipment (firearms, ammunition, PPE, etc.)

### OTHER EQUIPMENT

**Closed-toed shoes:** All SBR activities require closed-toed shoes for participation.

Onsite Aquatics – no shoes required while on water. Water shoes are required for white water rafting. Crocs, flip flops, and other shoes that may easily slip off are not allowed.

Any additional gear that does not end up going with the crew on the Experience can be stored in your vehicles.

## PHYSICAL PREPARATION

The programs at the Paul R. Christen High Adventure are designed as HIGH ADVENTURE which means there will be a challenging physical aspect to the program.

During your experience, you will hike about ½ a mile to the range. You SHOULD prepare for this by hiking with your troop or crew in the months leading up to your experience. During these trainings, it is vital to test your gear and find out what works for you.

Along the way, it is also vital to break in your footwear! New shoes should not be tested during your experience. If you do not have access to trail systems, simple walking anywhere will suffice. Again, hiking is a fantastic way to get in shape.

Remember your goals. When planning your physical preparation exercises try to do them as a group. This will accelerate the bonding experience and pay dividends when you are on your experience.

A “Preparation Hike” is still a hike, and the safety precautions you take on any hike should be taken on your preparation hikes. The following are some guidelines you should follow when hiking as a group or with a buddy:

- Make sure parents and other leaders not on the hike know your hiking route, estimated departure, and return times and let them know when you have returned.
- Check the weather forecast and make sure you are prepared for any rain, snow, wind, heat and cold.
- For organized group hikes, two deep leadership must be maintained just like any other Scouting event.
- Make sure to utilize the buddy system. As discussed above, sometimes participants may have to do hikes other than organized group hikes.
- If you have a cell phone carry it for emergency communication.

Participants who want to attend SBR but do not currently meet the BMI requirements listed in the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record should consult with their physician regarding a safe and healthy plan for weight loss. If anyone has any questions concerning BMI, please email [summithealthlodge@scouting.org](mailto:summithealthlodge@scouting.org).