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Rifle Shooting Merit Badge

@ Point Blank Range (Matthews, NC)

"Unless a rifle is handled incorrectly or recklessly, it is not dangerous. A rifle, like any other precision instrument, is manufactured to perform a specific task and can do so at no risk to the user or others. By earning this badge, Scouts can develop their shooting skills while learning safe practices." --- meritbadge.org

Mike Smith is a NRA Certified Rifle, Pistol, & Shotgun Instructor who has a grandson in T65.

He is offering classes for the Rifle Shooting Merit Badge three (3) times a year: Feb, Apr, & Nov.

The next class is April 6, 2019: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (arrive at 8:00 AM for check-in)

- Scouts must be at least 13 years or older OR First Class or higher
 - **Maximum class size is twelve (12)**
 - Cost for this course is \$30: Includes instructors, rifle rental, range time, and ammunition.
 - **NO REFUNDS OR RESCHEDULING allowed within 30 days of the class**
 - Registration and payment is required.
 - Register ONLINE at <http://www.pointblankrange.com/boy-scouts-of-america/>
- OR
- Register IN-PERSON at the Matthews location
 - From Mr. Smith:
 - This is a 7-hour all day class. Arrival time is one hour prior to class (8:00 AM)
 - Bring your own lunch/snacks
 - Bring you Merit Badge BlueCard – Signed by your Scoutmaster / Crew Advisor
 - Bring the Rifle Shooting MB Book (READ BEFOREHAND)
 - Bring Rifle Shooting workbook found on meritbadge. org:
http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Rifle_shooting
 - **A parent MUST accompany their Scout into the building and complete the required waiver.**
 - **A parent MUST be *in the building* at 4:00 PM to pick up their Scout.**

Point Blank Range in Matthews has an arrangement with Mecklenburg County Council where the Range is allowed to teach the Rifle Shooting MB class in their facility. The range is *indoors* so no need to worry about weather conditions, hygiene, or lighting.

Scouts will be working with a .22 rim-fire rifle. Shooting will occur from a bench-rest position. Each Scout will learn how to handle a rifle and the fundamentals of proper gun safety. Also, they'll be taught how to clean the rifles, as well as many other aspects of firearm care.