

Northern Star Council, BSA

Permission to Participate in Shooting Sports

This permission form must be completed by the participant's custodial parent or legal guardian prior to any shooting activity, or the youth (Under 18) will not be allowed to participate.

Name: _____ (Print Name of Youth) Date of Birth: _____

I, _____ (Print Name of Custodial Parent/Guarding) grant my consent to Northern Star Council and to its representatives including Range Officers and Instructors and others serving in these positions to provide my child, with appropriate guns and ammunition and provide instruction as to their use. I further certify that I am a custodial parent with full parental rights or the legal guardian of this child. I understand that this document will be kept and maintained by the Northern Star Council or its representatives including, but not limited to, Scout unit, Range Officers and Instructors. I further understand that only the original document will be accepted and that any modification of this form, except as instructed below, will result in its' not being accepted by the Northern Star Council, Range Officers and/or Instructors. I also understand that, except for Cub Scouts, some of these activities will take place at locations not necessarily under the control of the Boy Scouts of America. I further understand that this document will remain in effect for the period listed below, unless revoked. This **"Permission to Participate in Shooting Sports"** may be revoked at any time by notifying the Northern Star Council's representative unit (Pack, Troop, Crew, or Post) and upon notification the original document will be returned.

All activities, equipment, guns and ammunition will be in accordance with the requirements and standards published in the most current version of *The Guide to Safe Scouting*. Please indicate activities permitted by drawing a single line through those activities you expressly do **NOT** permit.

All Scout Programs

- BB Gun (Single shot, Rifle type)
- Archery
- Sling Shot

Boy Scout and Older (*Cub Scouts are Not Allowed Anything Below*)

- 22Cal. Single Shot Bolt Action Rifle
- 12, 16, or 20 Gauge Shotgun
- Tomahawk Throwing
- Knife Throwing
- Muzzle-loading Long Guns

Venturers and Explorers (*Scouts BSA are Not Allowed Anything Below*)

- High Power Rifles
- Handguns
- Semi-automatic Guns

Inclusive period: Starting _____, and ending _____

Youth's Scouting Unit Type: _____ Number _____
Pack, Troop, Crew, Post

Signature of Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ Date _____

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Unit Leader Instructions

Minnesota Law

609.66 Dangerous weapons.

Subd. 1b. **Felony; furnishing to minors.**

Whoever, in any municipality of this state, furnishes a minor under 18 years of age with a firearm, airgun, ammunition, or explosive without the prior consent of the minor's parent or guardian or of the police department of the municipality is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both. Possession of written evidence of prior consent signed by the minor's parent or guardian is a complete defense to a charge under this subdivision.

Requirements

Unit leaders, as you can see by the law listed above the Instructors and Range Officers acting on behalf of your unit will by law need the “**Permission to Participate in Shooting Sports**” (**PPSS**) for every youth who wishes to participate. Listed below are the rules and requirements.

1. The unit leader is **NOT** authorized to fill out any part of the **PPSS** form, or sign for any youth except their own son or daughter.
2. The **PPSS** must be filled in complete and correctly by the youth’s custodial parent or legal guardian. For divorced parents of a youth, we require a custodial parent’s signature for legal reasons.
3. Telephone authorization and/or signature by proxy are not allowed.
4. The unit leader is responsible to have the **original** signed **PPSS** forms with the unit while at the shooting range.
5. The unit leader should also be prepared to supply the Instructor or Range Officer a photo copy of each participant’s **PPSS** for their records if requested. Remember the **original** forms are required for the event.
6. An Instructor and/or Range Officer with the proper credentials is required for any unit to participate in a shooting related event.
7. The Instructor or Range Officer’s decision to allow or NOT allow any, or all, individuals the opportunity to shoot will not be questioned.
8. Please do **NOT** assume that your unique exception will be allowed. The Instructor or Range Officer will not risk a felony on anything questionable. You should check with the Instructor or Range Officer who will be manning the range beforehand.

The Northern Star Council’s Shooting Sports Committee recommends each unit have a filled out and signed **PPSS** for each youth in their unit. These forms should be kept in a three ring binder with the youths Class II Medical form. The binder should always be available on all unit events/outings including shooting activities as they may be needed in the event of an accident. We would also recommend that the unit leader keep a spreadsheet of the allowed activities for each youth, compiled from the individual youth **PPSS**. The unit leader should have ready a copy of all the **PPSS** forms for the Instructor or Range Officer’s records each time they plan to participate in any shooting events. If you have questions or would like some advice on anything shooting please feel free to contact the Council’s Shooting Sports Committee through the Council.