



Summit



# THE MARKSMAN EXPERIENCE

PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT



## MARKSMAN POINT OF CONTACT

Questions about equipment, skills, curriculum, schedule, etc.

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## MARKSMAN EXPERIENCE AT A GLANCE

The Marksman Experience is a 4-day long professional shooting course that introduces guests to basic firearm safety and education while being immersed in these exciting competitive shooting disciplines: Action Pistol, Sporting Clays, 5-Stand, and Precision Rifle Series. This Trek is great for troops and crews that enjoy skill-based challenges while developing themselves to become better prepared citizens. On day 5 of the experience, guests may have the opportunity to experience a half-day white water rafting trip on the New River and travel down a 3/4 mi long zip line.

2026 CLASS DATES	2027 CLASS DATES	
JUNE 08	JUNE 07	JULY 12
JUNE 15	JUNE 14	JULY 19
JUNE 22	JUNE 20	JULY 26
JUNE 28	JUNE 27	AUGUST 02
JULY 06	JULY 05	



## ITINERARY

Plan to meet your Marksman Instructors at 6:00pm Sunday evening immediately following dinner. You will meet them at the Joe Crafton Skills Center for a meet & greet and some basic firearm classroom style education. In the morning after breakfast, plan to drive with all your gear up to The Marksman Pavilion (Staff will escort or provide transportation as necessary). Expect the week to be mostly range time with *some* classroom style education in the evenings.

### SUNDAY

- Welcome and general firearms education
- Practical drills at Joe Crafton Skills Center

### MONDAY

- Basic Pistol Marksmanship
- Practical Skills and Drills
- Steel Challenge

### TUESDAY

- Basic Shotgun Shooting / Intro to 5-Stand
- Engagement Techniques
- Intro to Sporting Clays

### WEDNESDAY

- Basic Rifle Marksmanship
- Positional Drills
- Intro to Crossbows
- Long Distance Shooting Concepts

### THURSDAY

- Intro to Precision Rifle Series (1,000 Yard Range)
- Intro to Cowboy Action Shooting / Mountaineer 3-Gun Challenge
- Award Ceremony and End of Class Banquet



All meals are delivered to you from the **THOMAS PIGOTT DINING HALL**, except Thursday evening when we grill out.



## OTHER PROGRAM INFORMATION



### **ALEXANDER EAGLE'S FLIGHT (THE BIG ZIP)**

This 3200-foot zip line begins at **HIGH GEAR** above **ADVENTURE VALLEY** where riders reach speeds nearing 50 mph over the valley and **TRIDAVE LAKE**.

### **Aerial Sports Activity Weight Guideline**

On Friday of your Experience, you may have the opportunity to ride on the Alexander Eagle's Flight (AEF).

SBR staff will escort you to the check-in / landing for a safety briefing but leave any items you do not need or want to potentially lose. If you choose to take items with you, they must fit inside a normal school size backpack or can clip to your person. AEF may be closed in the event of a thunderstorm. Closed toed shoes are **required**. The engineering and safety systems used by The Summit's Aerial Sports activities require participants to meet certain weight guidelines to participate in our climbing, rappelling, bouldering, canopy tour, challenge course and zip line activities. Participants riding Alexander Eagle's Flight must weigh between 80 lbs. and 250 lbs. (including clothes) regardless of their height.

### **WHITE WATER RAFTING**

You may also get the opportunity to experience a half-day White-Water Rafting adventure. You'll meet at the White-Water Tent next to the Scott Visitor Center where you'll be picked up by an experienced outfitter. All equipment for the trip will be provided by the outfitter. Guests 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. Footwear options include water shoes, sandals, or even an old pair of sneakers. Shoes like Crocs or flip flops are not recommended, as they won't stay on your feet in the rapids and are likely to be lost. There is no need to bring a towel or change of clothes. Electronics, high dollar items, wallets, and important personal items such as phones and car keys should be left in your overnight bag.

## Recommended Items

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

## STAFF EXPECTATIONS

The Marksman Instructors and Manager will be your primary point of contact for the duration of your adventure. They will lead, assist, guide, and support you through each block of instruction and range activity. Your Marksman Instructors are among the best and brightest in the firearms training community. Many of these men and women are military veterans, former police, expert hunters, competitive shooters, and the like.



## GUEST EXPECTATIONS

- Positive attitude
- Exercise of safe gun handling at all times
- Obey all range commands and instructions from SBR Staff
- Firearms training can sometimes get stressful when the activity is challenging. Don't forget to **have fun** and **enjoy the process!**
- **Adults:** This is a **youth** led experience, and the **Marksman Experience** Staff are here to be a resource for information, provide specific skill instruction, and to encourage leadership development in the youth. This should be somewhat of a vacation for you. Let your young leaders do what you've prepared them to do- **LEAD.**

## PERSONAL GEAR STORAGE

Any additional gear that does not end up going with you during the day can be stored in your vehicles, tents, or The Marksman Pavilion.

## GEAR RECOMMENDATIONS - WHAT YOU NORMALLY BRING ON AN OUTING PLUS:

- Rain gear
- Wet Wipes
- Pocket knife
- Water bottle/Nalgene etc. (Available at Garden Ground Outfitters!)
- Camp Chair
- Camera
- Extra jackets or blankets for cold nights
- Day Pack: Big enough for snacks, meds, raincoat, etc.
- Pen/paper
- Personal eye and ear protection if you have it (if not don't worry, we'll provide you some!)
- Bug Spray / Sunscreen
- Paracord, 550 cord, etc.

## Stuff we provide:

- Tents/cots
- Cooking/eating utensils
- ALL program equipment

## PHYSICAL PREPARATION

The programs at the **PAUL R. CHRISTEN HIGH ADVENTURE BASE** are designed to be physically challenging.

During your experience, you will hike about ½ a mile to and from the range each day. You will spend a great deal of time out in the June/July/August sun walking around and doing activities. 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. Being physically fit greatly reduces the risks of heat exhaustion and knee/ankle/hip injuries.

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).

