



# Project Appleseed in Minnesota

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Stepping – the Low Tech Way

“7<sup>th</sup> Stepping” is the way we refer to promoting Project Appleseed to others. We teach the six steps for firing the shot, and the 7<sup>th</sup> step is to share this excellent program with others. That's how Project Appleseed doubles each year! Word-of-mouth is the best way to get more people enthusiastic about trying a Project Appleseed marksmanship clinic. And since a person usually needs to hear something seven times before they take action on it, the more of us talking to people about Appleseed as often as possible, the better.

So here is what you do: talk to people about Project Appleseed, work it into the conversation. Ask for some brochures and keep

some on hand, and in your vehicle. You could also print fliers from the Minnesota area on the Appleseed forum, or order some of the promotional cards from the Appleseed store (the size of double business card, folded over).

People from all walks of life can be interested in Project Appleseed – a guy teaching a field camera class, a mom of a Boy Scout, an occupational therapist, a pediatrician whose husband is a State Trooper, a Zumba teacher – the list goes on and on! And don't forget friends and family, too. Sharing your next Appleseed weekend with a friend or family member is a great experience. Try it!

## AppleCore Volunteers Wanted

Want to help Project Appleseed grow but can't make the commitment to be an instructor? No problem! Here is how you can help – become an AppleCore volunteer!

As Appleseed continues to double each year, we find ourselves in need of more support and more organization. Our instructors have done all of Minnesota's promotions, paperwork, etc. in addition to working shoots at least once a month. The organization needs more hands, and there are people with the skills and willingness to help out. It's time we take advantage of the skills that our supporters have to offer and that we continue to grow the program as efficiently and effectively as possible, all in the name of saving this great nation. How do we know this is a good idea? It's working! AppleCore was started in Indiana last June by an attendee who saw a need. She recognized that our shoots could run more efficiently with some support from those other than instructors. Thank you, Niece!

## Upcoming Appleseeds in Minnesota

- Hinckley, MN - Jul 16-17, 2011  
[Information](#) or [Register](#)
- Project Appleseed in Minnesota Picnic Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 5pm  
Brookview Park, Golden Valley, MN
- Hinckley, MN - Aug 13-14, 2011  
[Information](#) or [Register](#)
- Winona, MN - Sep 3-4, 2011  
[Information](#) or [Register](#)
- Marshall, MN - Sep 10-11, 2011  
[Information](#) or [Register](#)
- Hinckley, MN - Sep 17-18, 2011  
[Information](#) or [Register](#)
- Wells, MN - Sep 17-18, 2011  
[Information](#) or [Register](#)

The complete, national schedule is available at <http://www.appleseedusa.org/search-states.html>. Check there often since new events are added throughout the year.

AppleCore are volunteers who are: retired, unable to travel, time challenged, physically challenged, spouses, juniors, and/or possess skills valuable to Project Appleseed besides instructing. Most importantly, AppleCore volunteers are Patriots who share the RWVA vision of getting Americans off the couch.

AppleCore includes people with skills such as photography, writing, BOTG ("Boots On The Ground"), organization, and more. AppleCore workers work through their State AppleCore Liaison in conjunction with their State Coordinators in such tasks as: first contact for new ranges, press releases, flyer distribution, finding media contacts, press escorts, event planning, range liaison, forum support, on-site shoot assistance (including registration), and more. AppleCore volunteers can be easily recognized as such by their royal blue RWVA hats.

AppleCore is position of logistics, a position to help your events and your state run more efficiently and effectively. Currently Indiana's Blue Hats bring such skills as organization, photography, videography, range hosting, promotions, and more to aid in Indiana's efforts to save the sinking ship.

The purpose of AppleCore is to provide logistical and promotional support to Project Appleseed. This includes on-site support at Appleseed events, but is not limited to that. Other types of support vary with individual's skills, availability, and preferences. Examples include: photography, promotions (flier distribution/creation, gun shows, press releases, etc), record-keeping, etc.

AppleCore volunteers contribute in valuable and diverse ways in support of Project Appleseed's mission, so AppleCore is an alternative to the Instructor path. It is another means of helping the RWVA get Americans "off the couch" and inspired with their heritage.

Ready to sign up for AppleCore? Great! Talk to an instructor at any event, email us at [MN@appleseedinfo.org](mailto:MN@appleseedinfo.org), or send a personal message to either AFTERMATH or vmt193 on the Project Appleseed forum. Volunteers are always welcome at Appleseed!

## **After Action Report: Marshall MN, June 11 & 12**

Drove down to Marshall's Redwood River Sportsman's Club Friday night through numerous rain showers and a couple of pretty good downpours, did not bode well for Saturday. Unloaded my truck in the rain and turned in after a couple of hours of good conversation amongst fellow Appleseeders. Saturday morning started out foggy and then overcast but the rain never came and Saturday turned into a nearly ideal day for instruction on rifle marksmanship and stories of American heritage. Sunday was the same. Thanks again to the Redwood River Sportsman's Club for their generous loan of their fine club house and pistol range for the weekend's Appleseed. Also, a special thanks to Habs and Mary for once again demonstrating their awesome hospitality. You guys make this an exceptional AS every time we get together.

While two of our six preregistrants failed to show, we were presented with six walk-ons that gave us a total of ten shooters on the line for Saturday.

Liz and Joe came down from the Cities and Liz progressed very well, I fully expect her to earn the coveted Rifleman's patch on her next attempt. Joe picked up a lot and gained a new appreciation for the tech sight system. He also picked up a Rifleman's Opportunity Card so I expect to see him soon with a fully tricked out Liberty Training Rifle (LTR).

Mike came in from Mankato and was joined by his dad Charlie from Decorah, IA, good to see you guys again, Charlie has improved quite a bit and of course Mike is no slouch having earned his Rifleman's badge last time. Hope you guys can make it back in September.

Clint, a club officer, came back and had a complete LTR set up this time, which he used to good measure when he cleaned the Red Coat target! Just a little shy of the Rifleman's score but I expect that he will continue to improve and I look forward to seeing him on the line again in September. Thanks for your efforts in promoting Appleseed, Clint.



Chris and his friend Mike joined us on Saturday and took quickly to the instruction, Mike cleaned his Redcoat target Saturday afternoon and joined the illustrious ranks of Minnesota Riflemen on Sunday, way to go Chris, Mike progressed pretty well also and probably needs but another day to bring it about. Hinckley isn't that far up the road, maybe next month.

Habs and Mary were both on the line, but as always Mary had to deal with competing commitments that took away good shooting time, that and a series of seemingly never ending equipment issues. Mary can shoot, she will get the Rifleman's patch, no doubt about it. Habs continued to routinely shoot Rifleman scores with his bolt action CZ, a most un-LTR rifle. He accepted the Orange Hat of an Instructor with much encouragement from Kosciusko, who was in need of a replacement because he took the Red Hat! Excellent!

Thanks to Kevin (Kosciusko) and Buzz for their great support this weekend. Kevin, not only for demonstrating an in depth knowledge and stepping up to Red Hat, but also for his continued willingness to drive across country with an Appleseed store and spare rifles armory in his very full truck. Buzz is not only a great instructor but has demonstrated himself a very good photographer, I think in the future

I'll just leave my camera at home and rely on his artistic eye.

All in all, considering the number of less than desirable weekends weatherwise we've had this spring it would appear I got lucky two weeks in a row. The people though are always good. See you guys again on the Appleseed Trail.

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### **After Action Report: Hinckley, June 18-19, 2011**

Here begins the brief summary of the events that unfolded in Hinckley, MN, on the Eighteenth and Nineteenth of June Two Thousand and Eleven...

In true Minnesota fashion, as Saturday morning started to unfold we were greeted by rain, lots and lots of rain. As the shooters started to arrive, there seemed to be no sign of it letting up. We were, however, graced by several pop-up shelters valiantly set up by teams of shooters and instructors. It was a good thing we had them, too. After all our volunteers had helped to set up the firing line shelter, getting soaked to the bone in the process, the rain let up and was nigh to return.

The opening red coats and squares showed much promise and more improvement as the morning unfolded. As the humidity began to rise so did the effort by our shooters and instructor corps. Squib and GRYPHON worked the right and left flank, Sparks1 and I held down the center and our fearless Shoot Boss AFTERMATH set the pace. Alas the first AQT arrived. Returning victorious from his first encounter, Cam proved himself a victor and scored Rifleman on his first AQT of his first Appleseed. The day continued with the ominous feeling that at any point the rain would be loosed from the heavens but it did not. In my opinion it was perfect Appleseed weather. But, any time you are with such a fine group of Americans the weather is perfect.

As the day came to a close, our nine, proud but tired shooters retired for the evening. Our instructors bid them fair well, and retired themselves. Day one was done. Much ground had been covered and one new Rifleman was added to Minnesota's ranks.

Alas, it was Sunday. We were again graced by perfect Appleseed weather: 65-70F and cloudy. Sparks1, GRYPHON and squib had been replaced by Taylor (from Wisconsin, honorary Minnesotan.) We also had one shooter unable to return but he was replaced by another. Our shooter's ranks remained at nine; let the assault begin. We shot at red coats, squares, tv's, practice AQT's and real AQT's. Round after round, target after target. It was clear that things were beginning to set in. Deven another first time Appleseeder, who we were told was hard of sight, proved himself a Rifleman. He was our second shooter of the weekend to best the AQT. After a bit of lunch and some good fellowship, it was back to work. The task that lay before us was the AQT grind, over and over until another Rifleman was forged. Scott, a return shooter, had finally bested his old scores.

As the day came to a close the sun finally emerged. A truly beautiful sight to see, the sun setting through the trees on another fine rifle range in our America. All ten shooters left with some renewed pride in their heritage, new skills, sore muscles and dirty rifles.

Thanks again to the Hinckley conservation club, all our shooters and our dedicated instructor corps.

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## Heroes of Early America

This feature is on a break in July, but here are pictures of a couple of young patriots who are currently on a road trip learning about the heroes and events of the American Revolution while visiting family around the country.

At the Yorktown Victory Center near Colonial Williamsburg they got to hold the musket that had just been fired by the reenactor at left, and there are costumes for the little ones to try on.



History really comes alive for kids when they can see it, touch it, feel it, and experience it a little bit. Through telling the three strikes of the match at an Appleseed weekend or at a LibertySeed in a library, school or club meeting, we also provide this type of understanding of what it was really like at the beginning of our great nation.

Next is Valley Forge, soon to be followed by the North Bridge, and later Bennington, where our own ancestor fought.

I am hoping that through this trip their appreciation for the greatness of our nation and its origins will stay with them all their lives.

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