

PROJECT APPLESEED FLORIDA NEWSLETTER

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The weekend Appleseed experience: not what you expect.

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In today's world of 24-hour news cycles, changing technologies, and push-button gratification, it's a challenge to stay connected to the values that our great country was built on. Ideals like integrity, commitment, and personal responsibility are what our founding fathers relied on to win our independence and to then make America a great nation. At Project Appleseed, we're dedicated to keeping these timeless values alive. We promote civic responsibility through the teaching of colonial history and the American tradition of rifle marksmanship. Even after all of these years, there is much to be learned from our forefathers' examples of perseverance, commitment, and civic virtue. With a full calendar of shooting clinics and events, Project Appleseed is here to make sure these timeless principles live on for generations to come.

What Appleseed is all about:

You can't write the story of America without including several chapters about the skill and bravery of our forefathers'. On April 19, 1775, at Lexington and Concord, American colonists stood with muskets in hand and faced down the British forces that were trying to seize their arms. The colonists did it with grit, determination, and superior marksmanship. They were real marksmen: nobly and ably putting their skills on the line in pursuit of liberty. We are the descendants of those fearless men and women who earned our freedom on the battlefield. We honor their pursuit of liberty by passing along the skills and knowledge that aided them in securing it. Today's Rifleman understands that owning and mastering a rifle is part of his/her American heritage. Whether you're a new shooter or a seasoned marksman, Project Appleseed can help transform you from a person with a rifle into a principled and skilled Rifleman.



RIFLEMAN BOOTCAMP AT THE IDMR

JANUARY 28th - February 2nd 2018

Jan-18			
Palm Bay	FL	January 06, 2018 - January 07, 2018	Lady Seed
St. Augustine	FL	January 13, 2018 - January 14, 2018	Appleseed
Bunnell	FL	January 20, 2018 - January 21, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	FL	January 20, 2018 - January 21, 2018	Appleseed
Myakka City	FL	January 27, 2018 - January 28, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	FL	January 28, 2018 - February 02, 2018	Rifleman Boot Camp
Feb-18			
Pensacola	FL	February 03, 2018 - February 04, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	FL	February 03, 2018 - February 04, 2018	Appleseed
St. Augustine	FL	February 10, 2018 - February 11, 2018	Appleseed
Bunnell	FL	February 17, 2018 - February 18, 2018	Appleseed
Myakka City	FL	February 17, 2018 - February 18, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	FL	February 17, 2018 - February 18, 2018	Appleseed
Mar-18			
Hollywood	FL	March 03, 2018 - March 04, 2018	Appleseed
St. Augustine	FL	March 10, 2018 - March 11, 2018	Appleseed
Bunnell	FL	March 17, 2018 - March 18, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	FL	March 17, 2018 - March 18, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	FL	March 17, 2018 - March 18, 2018	Appleseed
Hurlburt Field	FL	March 24, 2018 - March 25, 2018	Lady Seed
Apr-18			
Pensacola	FL	April 07, 2018 - April 08, 2018	Appleseed
Bunnell	FL	April 14, 2018 - April 15, 2018	Appleseed
Clearwater	FL	April 21, 2018 - April 22, 2018	Appleseed
Hernando	FL	April 21, 2018 - April 22, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	FL	April 21, 2018 - April 22, 2018	Appleseed
St. Augustine	FL	April 21, 2018 - April 22, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	FL	April 21, 2018 - April 22, 2018	Appleseed
Myakka City	FL	April 22, 2018 (One Day Event)	Appleseed - 1 Day
Hurlburt Field	FL	April 28, 2018 - April 29, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	FL	April 28, 2018 - April 29, 2018	Appleseed - KD
May-18			
Palm Bay	FL	May 19, 2018 - May 20, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	FL	May 19, 2018 - May 20, 2018	Appleseed
Jun-18			
Myakka City	FL	June 16, 2018 - June 17, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	FL	June 16, 2018 - June 17, 2018	Appleseed
Hernando	FL	June 23, 2018 - June 24, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	FL	June 23, 2018 (One Day Event)	Appleseed - 1 Day
Jul-18			
Tallahassee	FL	July 21, 2018 (One Day Event)	Appleseed - 1 Day
Aug-18			
Tallahassee	FL	August 18, 2018 (One Day Event)	Appleseed - 1 Day
Sep-18			
Myakka City	FL	September 15, 2018 - September 16, 2018	Appleseed
Hernando	FL	September 22, 2018 - September 23, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	FL	September 22, 2018 - September 23, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	FL	September 29, 2018 - September 30, 2018	Appleseed
Oct-18			
Pensacola	FL	October 06, 2018 - October 07, 2018	Appleseed
Clearwater	FL	October 20, 2018 - October 21, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	FL	October 20, 2018 - October 21, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	FL	October 20, 2018 - October 21, 2018	Appleseed
Nov-18			
Hurlburt Field	FL	November 03, 2018 - November 04, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	FL	November 10, 2018 - November 11, 2018	Appleseed
Clearwater	FL	November 17, 2018 - November 18, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	FL	November 17, 2018 - November 18, 2018	Appleseed
Dec-18			
Hurlburt Field	FL	December 01, 2018 - December 02, 2018	Appleseed
Pensacola	FL	December 01, 2018 - December 02, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	FL	December 08, 2018 - December 09, 2018	Appleseed
Myakka City	FL	December 15, 2018 - December 16, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	FL	December 15, 2018 - December 16, 2018	Appleseed

What Should You Bring

** Very important things

Personal items

- A teachable attitude (most important thing) **
- Ear protection Muffs and plugs **
- Eye protection **
- Elbow pads or shooting Jacket
- Ground cover (Rug remnant will work)
- A hat
- Little notebook (those little 2.5 X 3.5 work well)
- Pen – Used for taking notes and also for marking your targets; a sharpie marker is handy as well
- Sun Screen
- Lots of water (Must stay hydrated)
- Light Lunch
- Snacks
- Folding Chair (not necessary but nice)
- Wet wipes
- Bug spray
- Necessary clothing for any kind of weather

Rifle specific preparations

- Rifle preferably zeroed for 25 meters
- At least 500 rounds of ammo for a two day event
- At least 250 rounds of ammo for a one day event
- At least 250 rounds of ammo for a Known Distance event
- Sight adjustment tools
- Two mags. 10 rds. each. Bring extra mags. if you have them. 20rds works well if State law allows
- Gun cleaning supplies and lube
- Instructions for your rifle (if you have them)
- Know your rifle
- GI Web Sling
- Something to cover your rifle to keep blowing sand or rain off it.
- Staple gun, or thumb tacks, or push-pins.
- Staples
- Know the laws of the State you are going to and only bring that which is within the law

Ready your equipment

- Be prepared for blowing sand and dust, rain, mud all those weather conditions a rifleman would have to generally put up with.
- In event of blowing sand and dust, you'll need to totally degrease your rifle. Any lube should be a dry lube, like graphite. Be ready to protect your rifle with a plastic rifle bag or a simple waterproof wrap for the action.
- Be ready to protect ammo and mags from the same weather. Ziploc bags are great for this.
- Again, be prepared. You should function-test your rifle and, if possible, have it zeroed for 25 meters. Doing so will leave you properly sighted for the 25m AQT.
- It's a good idea to get down into the prone position and dry-fire ten shots "by the numbers." If you will do this three times a week, you'll be way ahead of everyone else. Hey, while you're at it, put a GI web sling on your rifle, and get it adjusted so it supports the rifle in prone, too.
- Practice at home is a GREAT way to prep for arriving at the range. By doing so your range time will be FAR more productive.

**** Due to a gun industry safety bulletin, .17HMR semi-autos are not recommended.**

**** Effective immediately the use of Smith and Wesson M&P 15/22'S at and Appleseed are hereby temporarily prohibited due to recent safety issues.**



Project Appleseed Florida is now on YouTube! Ever wondered what it's like to attend a weekend Appleseed event? Take a look at some of the videos we have posted on YouTube.

Here is a link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj3Rip_IKHaWhb1rUDUugg

One of our very own Florida instructors - The Menace; recently posted a challenge to come up with a traditional Haiku to celebrate the revolutionary war events of April 19th 1775. As you may or may not know, that is the date we gained our freedom and became Americans. Here are but a few of the best Haiku poems posted on our website:

April Nineteen dawn
Liberty for us today
Revolution lives

Came to take our guns
Not today we tell the scum
That day was not fun

April morning sun rise
Under king's tyranny old thumb all
Sun set liberty shines down

Over cold waters
Brought regulars to their knees
Shot heard around the world

They fired ball first
Ever we fought back red righteously
3rd strike now liberty for me

Washington led us
Franklin negotiated
Liberty lives now

History we tell
Marksmanship we teach
Liberty we honor

Hessians Surprised!
Washington's troops win Trenton
Hope is restored

Give me Liberty!
Patrick Henry did exclaim
Or give me death!

Sons of Liberty
Defend the Constitution
The Law of our Land

Close eyes, open eyes
Confirm your N.P.O.A.
Squeeze and follow through

Revere's ride is done
He walks to Lexington Green
"Wait, help hide this trunk!!!"

Barrett's express says:
Regulars have fired ball!
...There can be no doubt

Your Facebook friend count
Can not compare to the men
That Revere brought forth

Gage's secret was out
Paul rode Brown Beauty to shout
Redcoats are about

Washington's bold plan
Christmas frozen river crossing
Victory or Death!

Is it true they say
that *LIBERTY doesn't sell?*
Have we lost our soul?

Rall said "Let them come...
We will meet them with bayonets"
The Hessian welcome

Samuel Whitmore
Shot and run through thirteen times
Lived to 96

What number of troops
When grandma can capture 6
Will it take to win?

Isaac Davis stood
His strong men were unafraid
To take back the bridge

Delaware crossed
Frozen men march to Trenton
Victory uncertain

They mean to rule us
We have always ruled ourselves
It's not about tax

A spark. Another.
Finally the match is lit!
For Liberty all!

The Lord Hugh Percy
Distain'd Colonist marksmen
Then reconsidered

"Irregular mob?
They know what they are about!"
Don't make that mistake.

Hezekiah's aim
Across the back of his horse
Was deadly and true

Our brave men disperse
A shot rings out! The troops fire!
Parkers' men are killed

Got a second chance
To set the foes on their heels
At Parkers revenge!

Impressions of the Isaac Davis Memorial Range and thoughts from the evening campfire of wisdom. From B.C.

What makes America the greatest country in the world? Is it America's beautiful and vast natural wonders or the sprawling man made accomplishments spread out all across this great land? I say no. Things made of steel, brick and wood no matter how solidly built are temporary at best and represent just a single drop in the vast flowing river of time. I submit to you that it is the people of our country; the everyday American is what makes us a great nation. Our lasting ideals, morality and desire for liberty passed down from generation to generation for posterity can, and perhaps will last the test of time. We attempt to preserve and celebrate that spirit of precious liberty and reconnect the everyday American with our shared extraordinary heritage through the message and mission of Appleseed. America as a whole is no better than its individual components; folks like me and you. How do we improve the overall well-being of America? We educate and improve the people.

Much like our country, the Isaac Davis Memorial Range is a simply a plot of land carved out of the woods near Tallahassee, Florida. What really makes it special are the people. The staff there embodies the spirit of what it truly means to be an Apple-seeder. The IDMR has always been the premier destination in Florida for all things Appleseed. It's really even more than that, it's the ideas and provocation of further thought fostered by the on-going conversation of what it really means to be a part of America. The very idea of the IDMR engages us and dispels the arrogant myth and blatant lie that one person cannot make a difference. What are the biggest three enemies of America today? They are not exterior threats, not nuclear war, not social and economic self-made prisons, not politics, not even natural disasters. Our biggest threats come from within us all; they are ignorance, apathy and laziness. The IDMR experience and conversation shared around the evening campfire of wisdom sparked in me a longing to be a better citizen and a teacher of liberty. My time at the IDMR has made me a better person and I look at America now through changed eyes. There are many things we can do for our country in the life we live between Appleseed events.

The big questions: So.....what really is liberty and how do we preserve it? Why do we as instructors volunteer our time and resources selflessly for Appleseed? We know we have liberty in this country but what does that really mean? America is a free country, right? We can do what we want for the most part. But, am I free to go out and steal? Rape? Murder and harm others? Absolutely not! Liberty is a check and balance for us all. Simply put: liberty is freedom coupled with morality. The founders of America knew that this great experiment, this new system of self-government by and for the people would simply not work without a moral and just society of individual components – the people like us. Look at the world around us today. What do you see and hear? Who are your children looking up to and idolizing? Are they positive influences fostering the true spirit of America? Watch the evening news; do you see a trend in the decline of morality in modern Americans today? Many of us in Appleseed view America as a great ship sailing at sea. In my estimation that ship is taking on water at an alarming pace, our liberties and morality are being eroded. If America is a great ship at sea taking on water – are you simply just a helpless passenger fated to sink with the ship, or is your hand on the tiller trying to make a different outcome happen? Why do we Appleseed? Ever hear of a man named Ben Franklin? Ben was a high son of liberty in the war for independence. The deliberations of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 were held in strict secrecy. Consequently, anxious citizens gathered outside Independence Hall when the proceedings ended in order to learn what had been produced behind closed doors. The answer was provided immediately: A Mrs. Powel, of Philadelphia, asked Benjamin Franklin as he walked out from the hall, "Well, Doctor, what have we got - a republic or a monarchy?" With no hesitation whatsoever, Franklin responded, "A republic, if you can keep it." **If you can keep it:** what did Ben Franklin mean by that? Was he talking to politicians, your boss, your parents or his friends at the time? No. He was talking to posterity, to us and to all Americans. No matter where you come from, where you were born, or what you believe if you prescribe to the ideals and cause of liberty for this country you are indeed a true American. Appleseed is our bid to "keep it". On April 19th, 1775, our forefathers' were forced into two very difficult choices. They could either submit and live as slaves, or they could fight a feared professional military – probably to a certain death. Those are two really, really bad choices. Thankfully, we're not faced with those and due to their sacrifice, we now have a third option: to get active in the political process and use the power of the vote to return us to our Founding Principles.

Want to learn more about our fascinating American heritage and Project Appleseed? Please come to the Isaac Davis Memorial Range for our annual Rifleman Boot camp on January 28 to February 3 in 2018. Project Appleseed – not what you expect.



IDMR from Falcon793

Isaac Davis is still holding his ground. We see his likeness on our shirts, on publications, and government buildings. Oh, if only I could be that dedicated. It is difficult to fill the shoes of a true leader, to live up to that standard. But, when you go to Applesseed you are somebody and every time you think about the patriots you honor them and what they did for us. Only at Applesseed.

The patriots trained themselves to shoot. They took basic survival skills beyond what any of us do today. Those men and women needed firearms skills just to survive in the New World, but they carved out a good living. They procured food, protected their lives, families, and property before there were Second Amendment Rights. They led the way. That leadership is what our country is about. And in that respect, that is what Applesseed is about.

The Isaac Davis Memorial Range is where we honor our historic patriots and carry on our shared tradition of marksmanship. After the Revolutionary War, we as a nation felt safe and secure, why: we had oceans between us and most potential enemies. But then thirty years later the War of 1812 changed that. Minutemen had to become serious about their shooting skills again.

In a little more than fifty years later, the American Civil War happened and marksmanship was not a valued skill. Marksmanship training was considered a waste of time. The armies depended on volley tactics to overcome opposing forces. It was estimated by Union Army tacticians that it took 1,000 rounds to shoot one Confederate soldier.

One hundred years later World War I took Americans to war in France. There were few guns of military value and even fewer marksmen. Then, twenty three years later we entered World War II and the whole thing was repeated...no guns, no training, and few troops, no marksmen.

Applesseed is certainly not about wars or the precursors to it. It is about preserving the skills and honoring those that have gone before us. IDMR is the embodiment of training, persistence, and marksmanship.

The IDMR from Bruce Smith

Some years ago I casually tossed out an opinion that there should be an Applesseed range in every county of Florida. This was just a dream and I little suspected that Ken would take me seriously, but he and Lori believed in this vision, bought some land and started the real work. There was lots and lots of hard heavy work and over time a 25 meter range was carved out of the woods. More time passes and the KD range began to be take place. That there were so many dedicated folks who put in so many endless hours of hard manual labor still boggles the mind. Ken asked for suggestions on what to name the new range and, remembering how Isaac Davis built a range for his men to practice marksmanship, there was a suggestion to name it the "Isaac Davis Memorial Range". The name stuck and we are now blessed to have the only dedicated Applesseed range in all of Florida nestled in the hills outside of Tallahassee. Every time I get to the range I am struck at how it just keeps getting better and better. The wonderful work of Ken, Lori, and a circle of Applesseed friends is exactly what Sam Adams spoke of when he pointed out that success would be achieved by an " irate tireless minority, keen on setting the brushfires of freedom in the minds of men". If ever there was a brushfire of freedom you can certainly find it here. This is a range that should have a waiting list for every event. Sadly, it does not--yet--but we as Apple seeders can change that. If you have not yet been to IDMR, you need to go. Better yet, bring a friend or two. Camp under the stars, kick back around the campfire, and experience the fellowship of fellow patriots as you perfect the art of the rifle in a truly magical place. Come join us; it is worth it.



BIG NEWS FLORIDA:

The annual Florida rifleman boot camp will be held on January 28th to February 2nd at the Isaac Davis Memorial Range and Gardens, in Tallahassee, Florida. If you **LOVE** Appleseed, you will **LOVE** to attend this week long shooting event. The IDMR has 400 yards of long range KD goodness! Our Tallahassee facility is the premier destination in Florida for all things Appleseed. Think you are a good shot with a rifle? Come out and prove it! See this YouTube video of our past event in January 2017: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KB7PLXGfIRg>



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