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# The California Rifleman™

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## You are invited!

Join us for an Advanced Rimfire 200yd Known Distance Class!

Because you have previously signed up for a Project Appleseed event in California, we are inviting you to attend the Rimfire 200yd Known Distance (RKD) classes hosted by the NorCal crew in the Sacramento area May 30-31 and October 17-18!



## What you will learn at an RKD

A Project Appleseed RKD class builds on all the fundamentals you learned in our classic 25m Rifle Marksmanship Clinic—use of the USGI sling, shooting positions, NPOA, and firing the shot. But instead of hitting targets at a single distance of 25m and using scaled down targets to simulate longer distances, you learn to use a .22LR rifle to hit targets placed at 50, 100, 150, and 200 yards, where bullet drops and wind become important factors. You will stretch the limits of the .22LR round!



### This class covers:

- Making the Shot—including applied trajectory, battlesight zero, and managing environmental factors such as wind
- How to get the most out of your own sight system (MOA or mils)
- How to record and use data on your personal equipment and ammo at different ranges (DOPE)
- New stories of the American Revolution and heritage of marksmanship to enjoy!
- Target Detection
- Range Estimation

# RKD prerequisites and rifle requirements

- **Prior attendance at a 25m Project Appleseed clinic is required!** Marksmanship fundamentals taught at 25m clinics, such as use of the USGI sling, shooting positions, NPOA, and steps to firing the shot are not covered in detail at an RKD class but are crucial to know before attending. If necessary, please refresh your fundamentals by attending another 25m clinic before the RKD. Fortunately, there are plenty of 25m clinics scheduled throughout the state between now and the May 30-31 RKD and even more before the October 17-18 RKD. [See the calendar of California events.](#)
- **RKDs are designed for .22LR rifles!** Higher velocity rounds shoot too flat out to 200 yards to allow shooters to learn about ballistic trajectories, battlesight zero, and environmental factors, while the slower .22LR makes it a challenging and valuable learning experience. Therefore, only .22LR rifles can be used to earn the Rimfire KD

patch. Rifles chambered for other rimfire cartridges are allowed but cannot be used to earn the patch. Centerfire rifles are not allowed.

- **Pick an appropriate sighting system!** Some iron sights and even some scopes that work fine for a 25m clinic may not have enough elevation adjustment to account for the bullet drop of .22LR out to 200 yards. A scope mounted on a 20 MOA rail should work great! For a great deal on a rimfire scope, rings, and rail, plus other accessories to set up your rifle and prepare for the RKD, visit [the Appleseed Store](#).



For more information about how to prepare, download our quick guide, [Rimfire Known Distance](#).

We hope to see you on the line!

- [Sign up for the May 30-31 RKD.](#)
- [Sign up for the October 17-18 RKD.](#)
- [Check out all California Project Appleseed events in 2026.](#)

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