

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.



Nov-17		
Clearwater	November 11, 2017 - November 12, 2017	Appleseed
Tallahassee	November 11, 2017 - November 12, 2017	Appleseed
Orlando	November 18, 2017 - November 19, 2017	Lady Seed
Palm Bay	November 18, 2017 - November 19, 2017	Appleseed
Dec-17		
Pensacola	December 02, 2017 - December 03, 2017	Appleseed
St. Augustine	December 09, 2017 - December 10, 2017	Appleseed
Bunnell	December 16, 2017 - December 17, 2017	Appleseed
Tallahassee	December 16, 2017 - December 17, 2017	Appleseed
Jan-18		
Palm Bay	January 06, 2018 - January 07, 2018	Lady Seed
St. Augustine	January 13, 2018 - January 14, 2018	Appleseed
Bunnell	January 20, 2018 - January 21, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	January 20, 2018 - January 21, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	January 28, 2018 - February 02, 2018	Rifleman Boot Camp
Feb-18		
Tallahassee	February 03, 2018 - February 04, 2018	Appleseed
St. Augustine	February 10, 2018 - February 11, 2018	Appleseed
Bunnell	February 17, 2018 - February 18, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	February 17, 2018 - February 18, 2018	Appleseed
Mar-18		
Hollywood	March 03, 2018 - March 04, 2018	Appleseed
St. Augustine	March 10, 2018 - March 11, 2018	Appleseed
Bunnell	March 17, 2018 - March 18, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	March 17, 2018 - March 18, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	March 17, 2018 - March 18, 2018	Appleseed
Hurlburt Field	March 24, 2018 - March 25, 2018	Lady Seed
Apr-18		
Bunnell	April 14, 2018 - April 15, 2018	Appleseed
Clearwater	April 21, 2018 - April 22, 2018	Appleseed
Hernando	April 21, 2018 - April 22, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	April 21, 2018 - April 22, 2018	Appleseed
St. Augustine	April 21, 2018 - April 22, 2018	Appleseed
Tallahassee	April 21, 2018 - April 22, 2018	Appleseed
Hurlburt Field	April 28, 2018 - April 29, 2018	Appleseed
Palm Bay	April 28, 2018 - April 29, 2018	Appleseed - KD
Jun-18		
Hernando	June 23, 2018 - June 24, 2018	Appleseed
Sep-18		
Hernando	September 22, 2018 - September 23, 2018	Appleseed
Oct-18		
Clearwater	October 20, 2018 - October 21, 2018	Appleseed
Nov-18		
Hurlburt Field	November 03, 2018 - November 04, 2018	Appleseed
Clearwater	November 17, 2018 - November 18, 2018	Appleseed
Dec-18		
Hurlburt Field	December 01, 2018 - December 02, 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 – not only for taking notes, but 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.

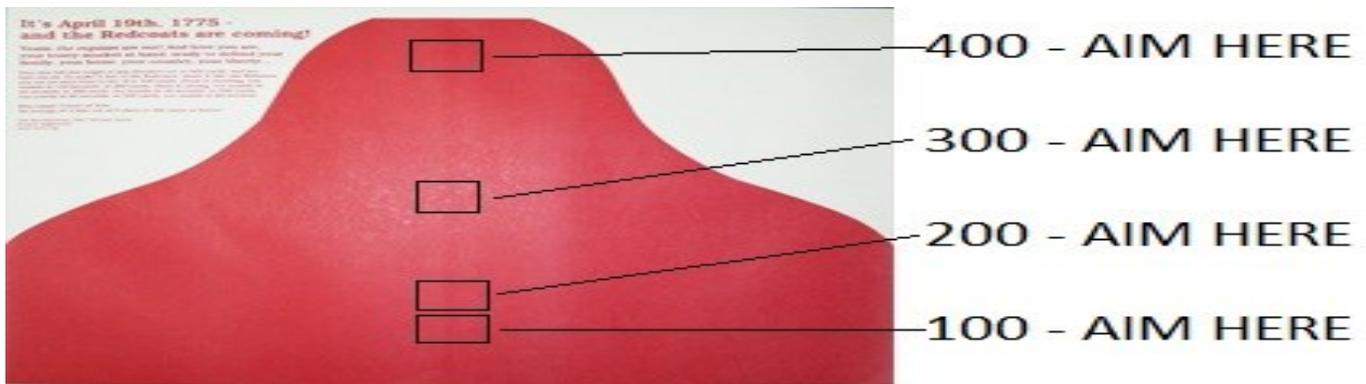
** Effective immediately the use of Smith and Wesson M&P 15/22'S at and Appleseed are hereby temporarily prohibited due to recent safety issues.



What happened at your very first Appleseed? Here is my story.....

I remember my first Appleseed very well. My wife and I had been into shooting for some time and through the course of reading various firearms websites I found an obscure write up on this thing called Project Appleseed. Hmmm I thought, two days of marksmanship training for 60 bucks you say? After researching a little more I found a shoot somewhat near us in New Smyrna Beach and signed us both up thinking it would be a good bonding experience for my wife and I. We arrived some weeks later at the event and were greeted by these guys in day glow orange hats with huge smiles. Not knowing what we got ourselves into or what to expect we heard the familiar safety rules and all the other guidelines. Ok I thought; these guys seem professional and want all of us to be safe – that’s a good start for sure. Upon showing up I thought the courses of fire would be a breeze as I had accumulated lots of trigger time as a gun enthusiast previously. Sling support was new to me; I figured I would give it a try. After the first redcoat and several squares targets on Saturday were completed I started to realize that I might not be as good a shot as I previously imagined myself to be. Actually – I sucked. That’s when I really started to listen to what the instructors were saying. History was presented throughout the day and it was absolutely fascinating even though I was consumed by the anticipation of more live fire coming up. Saturday completed and I failed abysmally on my two AQT attempts at the end of the day. My thoughts during the drive home that night brought me some realizations about myself.....If that orange hat guy tells me one more time I was dragging wood I’m going to scream! But, the guy with the green hat was talking about liberty and persistence. For a moment I thought it would be better to give up and not go back on Sunday. I could always go back the local indoor range and shoot great groups sitting down with a bi-pod right? That phrase I heard earlier in the day from the green hat guy came back to me: “The Rifleman Persists”. Well, I’m not big on quitting so I did return for Sunday. With an open mind I listened, learned and tried my best to apply what was being presented. Solid positions, the six steps – It was all still new and confusing for a big guy with a big ego like mine. **I have to say that my decision to go back for the second Appleseed day has truly changed my life.** I was finally able to eke out a 212 on the final AQT of the day around 4pm after many, many failures. When that little patch of persistence we call the rifleman badge was handed to me I immediately fell in love with this program and haven’t looked back since. Appleseed has truly improved my life in more ways that I can list here. One of the best things Appleseed has provided for me is the comradery and fellowship with absolutely the best quality people one can find anywhere. After studying the history in detail we present I found greater respect for those who came before us and made those hard choices. I know now that one person can make a difference with just a little effort. Appleseed has humbled me and made me a better person for it. It really is a self-improvement program that happens to teach marksmanship and American history.

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