

Scouts Day at Sharon

MAY 5TH 2019

Dear Scouters:

We put through 130 Scouts in one day in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The Scouts get to shoot; .22 handguns, .22 rifles, 410 gauge shotgun (small version of a 12 gauge).

The Sharon Gun Club members donate their facility and their time, to the scouts. The club is a registered gun club with hundreds of members.

Everyone must be in full uniform, and wearing a baseball cap.

Ear plugs and safety glasses are issued at the range.

We have Venturers at each range ensuring that the Scouts are behaving and listening to the club members.

At the beginning of the each sessions (morning and afternoon), we have a 20 minute safety talk.

We go through basic rules, **safety** procedures, and what the Scouts are expected to do, and how are they to behave.

Once they arrive at a range a member of the club will direct the Scouts to their location on the range and control the range for safety, at all times.

At each shooting location there will be a club member who will, one on one, instruct the Scout, showing them how to load the gun, how to operate it, how to aim, and how to shoot the gun properly and **safely**.

The member will stay within inches of the Scout at all times, and never leave the Scout alone.

All guns are owned by the members and are in very good and **safe** working order.

We have over 50 members volunteering at this event during the day.

At any time, each range has 8 to 10 members looking after the **safety of** the Scouts

We have four rules for the day: **SAFETY, Safety, Learning, and having Fun.**

The goal is to educate our Scouts, and give them a **safe** environment to learn and to try something new, that they would most likely never be able to do elsewhere.

Who am I:

I am a leader at 1st Thornhill Scouts and have been a leader for almost 30 years.

I have been taking Scouts Shooting to the club on and off for over 10 years.

The Club has been putting on this event for over 13 years.

I am an active member at Sharon and have been a member of others clubs for over 40 years.

I have taken numerous gun safety courses, and I am a registered range officer and safety officer.

My three boys all go through the Scouting program and all are shooters.

I have taught over 200 people how to shoot, in addition to all of the Scouts that I help organize.

Yours in Scouting,



1st Thornhill Scouts