

# NRA Youth Education

By Serena Juchnowski

**A**s the plane lifted off from the Cleveland runway, I thought to myself: This is it. I had been counting down to this day since April fifteenth, when I had been initially notified of my acceptance into the 2016 National Rifle Association Youth Education Summit (NRA Y.E.S.). Excitement mingled with a tinge of nervous anticipation filled me as I settled in for the hour-long flight. I was fortunate; some of the other participants had already been traveling for hours.

I was heading to Washington, D.C. as the Ohio Representative for the 2016 NRA Youth Education Summit. NRA Y.E.S., sponsored by Friends of NRA, is a weeklong educational program for high school juniors and seniors. Each year between forty and fifty bright high school students are selected to attend the summit, which seeks to educate the younger generation about the United States of America and its government, the Bill of Rights, the NRA, and the Second Amendment. One of the goals of the summit is to educate a group of upstanding young adults who will not only prove productive citizens but will work to ensure the preservation of the Second Amendment. By the time the plane began circling over my destination, my feelings of apprehension had nearly subsided, replaced by thoughts of wonder at this great opportunity and the many friends I was sure to make. I had read articles written by previous participants many of whom labeled NRA Y.E.S. a “life-changing experience.” Would I return to Ohio the same person that I was when I left?

After I had disembarked, I navigated my way through Washington Dulles International Airport using signs and with some assistance from airport staff. Everything was new. I had only flown twice, years earlier, and never on my own. The fact that I had to board a shuttle to reach baggage claim especially surprised me. As I approached baggage claim three, I spied a cluster of teens each clad in the same red NRA Y.E.S. shirt that I wore. Talking with the

welcoming and friendly earlier arrivals, I soon realized that all of them were thinking just as I was. Each was excited to make new friends and learn everything that he or she could over the course of the week. Icebreakers began with a game of Egyptian Rat Slap on the airport floor and filled the remainder of the evening as all forty-seven 2016 students arrived intermittently.

I awoke early and excited Tuesday morning for NRA Day. I stuffed the patriotic jacket I had purchased specifically for the trip into my NRA Y.E.S. backpack and after breakfast boarded the bus that we traveled on during the week. I found that all the other Y.E.S. participants shared my love for America. Even though all of us came from different areas, backgrounds, and states, we were all Americans, a fact that united us throughout the week. I was not the only one with red, white, and blue attire. Flag socks, blue tennis shoes with white stars, themed earrings and various other small emblems of American pride were sprinkled throughout the group. At the NRA Headquarters, a variety of speakers introduced some of the NRA programs to us. A mock Friends of NRA banquet and personal tour of the NRA Firearms Museum followed.

I was absolutely captivated by the sheer number, diversity, and beauty of the guns on display. My only disappointment was having to leave. I could have pitched a tent and spent at least a week inside the

# 2016 Summer



*Everyone in the 2016 Y.E.S. class was not only nice but also fun loving! We all meshed really well. Serena top right (Ben Moody another member of the Junior Shooters team and writer is bottom right).*



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*Iwo Jima World War II Memorial.*



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*After some safety instruction and a range test, Y.E.S. participants were treated to some firing time on the NRA Range!*





*Class Photo in front of the National Museum of the Marine Corps*

museum! After a safety briefing, we headed to the NRA range. Dinner in a local park followed by meetings with our debate groups allowed each of us to get to know the other participants. Before the summit, each participant worked with a pre-assigned group on a specified topic in preparation for formal debates.

Wednesday was spent touring the Capitol, the Supreme Court Building, and the American History Museum. I especially loved visiting the House of Representatives Gallery and scrambling to find shiny pennies to press into the souvenir machine outside of the American History Museum's gift shop. Exploring D.C. taught me a great amount about America and its current issues. Current events discussions were an especially enlightening activity during which everyone presented opinions, ideas, and perspectives that I had never before pondered. These discussions not only increased my awareness and understanding of key issues facing the United States (U.S.) today but also challenged me to form my own educated opinions and better evaluate proposed solutions to such issues.

Thursday opened with last-minute debate preparation and hushed conversations on the bus to Hillsdale College Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship. I noticed that each debate group seemed to have formed a special bond from working together before and during

the trip. Each group presented a well-researched debate, and while only one out of each pair prevailed, opposing debaters and audience members alike were always quick to point out the best aspects of each group's case and rebuttal. My group was overjoyed to have been the named the winner of a particularly close debate concerning immigration. All tensions relieved, we headed to the National Archives and toured the Lincoln, World War II, Vietnam Veterans, and Korean War memorials into the evening. Visiting the Vietnam Wall especially impacted me even though I did not have a personal connection to any of the names listed on the wall. The sheer quantity of names, behind each I knew there grieved a family and community, greatly stirred my emotions and heart. The somber experience increased the respect and sadness I felt not only for both those who perished in Vietnam and those who were forever scarred by the conflict but for all military men and women. This respect and gratitude was only heightened by the next day's visit to the National Museum of the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps 8th & I Evening Parade.

Mount Vernon's view of the Potomac spoke to me of the natural beauty of the area before industrialization. I could not help but wonder if, excepting the small modern crafts I observed floating on the water, I was viewing the area in the same way that George Washington and even earlier settlers had. This

tranquil scene presaged an equally peaceful trip, but one tinged with sorrow and reverence, to Arlington Cemetery. After silently thanking the great Americans buried there for their service and/or contributions to society, we transitioned into more modern topics with a visit to the Newseum.

Our week concluded with a formal awards banquet. Not only were scholarships and superlatives awarded but extemporaneous emotional speeches confirmed the great friendships formed throughout the week. Personally, I found it extremely difficult to leave all of the new friends that I had made. I never dreamt that I could form such strong connections over so short a time. I think that one reason for the unity of the group was the commonality of ideas and principles present that did not necessarily parallel those of each person's surroundings in his or her home state. Realizing that there exist other upstanding people my age that share my opinions and interests spread across the United States gave me hope for the future of the United States and the preservation of the Second Amendment.

After what may have very well been the best week of my life, I returned home the same person but a greatly enlightened one. Attending the NRA Youth Education Summit elucidated the integrality of the Second Amendment to American society, past and present. While I always recognized





*My debate group included people from six states: Troy Ryder (CA), Layna Knarian (MI), Chloe Greene (LA), Emma Fleming (ND), Serena Juchnowski (OH), Neil Payne (TX).*

that the Second Amendment is a highly debated and sometimes controversial topic, I never before noted exactly how many legal questions and answers arise from it. Y.E.S. week provided me great insight into America's history and freedoms both through planned activities and interactions with other participants from across the country. I am very grateful to the NRA for providing me this opportunity to form close friendships and to take part in such an educational week. Not only did I learn about the NRA, America's founding documents, and gain an even greater appreciation for the U.S. and

its military, but I learned about myself and the world as well. Y.E.S. gave me a greater sense of my own identity as an Ohioan, an academic, and a competitive shooter while cementing my love of America.

I encourage all eligible and interested students to apply for the 2018 Youth Education Summit when the application process opens in fall of 2017 as well as follow the 2017 Youth Education Summit. Interested students should visit <https://yes.nra.org>. ©



*- I was lucky enough to have received one of nine scholarships awarded at the end of the summit. My award was presented by Sarah Engeset, Director of Volunteer Fundraising, and John Frazer, Secretary for the NRA.*

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# Project ChildSafe

By **Steve Sanetti**, NSSF President

## Working Together Industry Can – And Should – Be the Leading Voice on Firearms Safety

When an Arizona mother walked into her bedroom and saw her toddler playing with her husband's gun, it was the Project ChildSafe lock she'd put on it the day before that she credited with preventing a tragedy in her family.

As a program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, Project ChildSafe is the industry's nationwide effort to help prevent firearms accidents by educating gun owners on the importance of properly storing firearms when they aren't in use. It's a program that helps prevent accidents and saves lives, and it relies heavily on industry participation to do so.

In the past three years alone, more than 3500 retailers, ranges, hunting and shooting groups, and safety instructors have joined with NSSF to help promote our Project ChildSafe program and its firearms safety messages. We are the nation's leading voice on firearms safety and responsibility – and rightfully so. It's what the American public expects of us, and our efforts are working.

According to the latest research, the number of fatal firearms accidents dropped 17% from 2014 to 2015 to 489, the lowest since recordkeeping started in 1903. Fatal firearms accidents showed the largest percentage decline of any category, in a year which saw record firearms sales.

This decline in accidents is a direct result of efforts to educate gun owners. All of us involved in the legal and responsible manufacture, sale, use and storage of firearms would like to see that trend continue in the right direction. But to do more our industry needs to work collaboratively to expand and amplify the messages of the Project ChildSafe program.

Recently, this effort was bolstered by a grant from the Department of Justice that enabled us to provide tools and resources to retailers across the country, including counter cards, window stickers, and other in-store materials. Retailers are the men and women directly interacting with

firearms purchasers. They are in the best position to talk to gun owners credibly, and authentically. They know firearms owners don't want to be lectured, but they also know how important it is to remind gun owners to securely store their firearms when not in use.

Together we can speak with a powerful and effective voice about safety and responsibility. We want our safety message, "Own It? Respect It. Secure It.," to be everywhere. Every time someone thinks about their firearm, buys ammunition or walks into a gun store, we want them to think about the importance of safe firearms storage.

The more we get these messages out, the more firearms owners, particularly newcomers or those who are not firearms enthusiasts, will be reminded to take important yet simple steps to properly and securely store firearms when not in use.

And the bigger the role retailers can play in this effort, the more they are

doing to help prevent accidents and saves lives in their own, home communities. More and more, consumers are looking to the companies and organizations they buy from to do more than make or sell a good product—there is an expectation that these organizations will also work to be "good corporate citizens." That expectation extends directly to the firearms retailer, perhaps even more so than most, as all of us are familiar with the public pressures these business already face. Demonstrating a genuine commitment to public safety through programs like Project ChildSafe is no longer a luxury.

Like so many things about our industry, we have the facts, knowledge, expertise and the understanding of firearm ownership on our side. But we've got to do more to educate the public about firearms safety and our genuine commitment to it.

If there's a community safety event coming up in your community, be a



*Project ChildSafe works with law enforcement at the community level to help spread the word about how to safely store firearms when not in use. This picture is from a Project ChildSafe event that took place in Detroit last year.*



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*An example of the firearms safety locks Project ChildSafe provides to law enforcement agencies and their communities.*



*The Project ChildSafe locks are easy to install on any firearm. Here a retail store clerk is showing a customer how to install one on her Glock pistol.*

part of it, and work with local law enforcement to distribute free Project ChildSafe gun locks safety education materials.

Project ChildSafe is your program too. You can urge your community to be a part of it. Check out our many firearm safety resources at <http://projectchildsafe.org/resource-library>.

Together, we're on the cusp of something that could help change the

discussion on firearms for years to come. Together we are helping to save lives, and showing that gun owners, the firearms industry, and all those involved in the shooting sports are genuinely committed to the principles of firearm safety and responsibility. We're showing that we are all on the right side of firearm safety.

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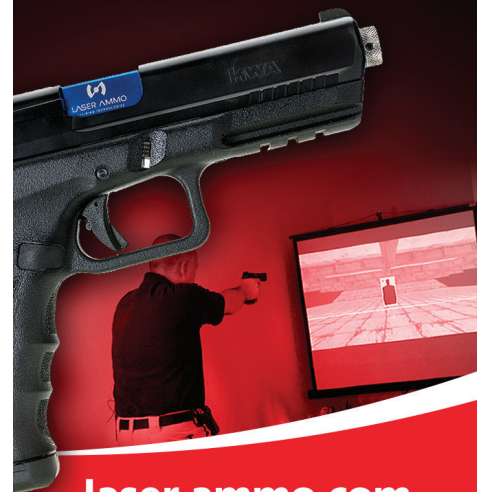
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## PROGRAM GOALS:

- Teach the safe and responsible handling and use of firearms
- Provide a supportive team-based environment using the shooting sports as the catalyst for teaching life lessons and skills that emphasize positive character traits and citizenship values
- Introduce young shooters to a sport that can be enjoyed for a lifetime, one that offers a level playing field, and one that all family members can enjoy together

## MISSION STATEMENT:

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation is an educational-athletic organization that exists to introduce school-age youths to the shooting sports and to facilitate their continued involvement by providing, promoting, and perpetuating opportunities to safely and enjoyably participate and compete in a high-quality, team-based sport led by trained adult coaches focused on enhancing the personal growth and development of their athletes.

## VISION STATEMENT:

To continue to be recognized and respected as the leader in the youth development shooting sports programs.

## PROGRAM SPONSOR:

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) is the National Governing Body (NGB) for youth speed shooting and the Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP). SASP was started by SSSF in 2012.

## PROGRAM SCOPE:

The SASP offers participation in speed shooting using pistols and .22 rifles.

## PROGRAM FOCUS:

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## TEAM SUPERVISION:

An adult Volunteer Head Coach leads each team. Volunteer State Advisors provide support for in-state activities and support to their Volunteer Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Full-time Directors of Development coordinate the program, and they are assisted by National Coach Trainers and the National Training Team. National Coach Trainers are responsible for coach development and training.

## REGISTRATION FEES:

The registration fee for State Advisors, Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Adult Volunteers is \$30.00. This fee covers the cost of liability insurance and a portion of the cost of a background check. All adults working directly with SASP athletes must be registered with the SSSF. To be covered by SSSF liability insurance, a volunteer must be registered with the National Program.

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# SASP Sh

By The Richmans

## MEET THE RICHMANS

Meet Dylan Richman and Teagan Richman SASP shooters from the Lake Country Action Shooters team in Wisconsin. These two shooters are team members on and off the range. Dylan and Teagan maybe brother and sister, but they both understand the commitment and teamwork that it takes to be successful SASP shooters.

Dylan states: “I understand, and value the time we have together as a team. I realize that we need to work together and function a lot like a family. When my family and I work together even on the littlest details we enjoy our time and each other even more.”

He also says: “Shooting with my SASP team has allowed me to step up and lead my team by example. I have had wonderful opportunities in shooting that have allowed me to work with and learn from some of the top shooters in the country. I have been able to bring back the knowledge and experiences I had, back to my team and lead them by example. I know that my successes in this sport, and other activities, have



been a result of many people. I am humbled and honored by that thought.”

Teagan may only be 22 months the younger but she has similar experiences and sentiments. She says: “SASP has also taught me about commitment. I realize that shooting takes time and dedication. This program has shown me that staying committed and working hard can bring me great things. It is not just about the winning, but it is more about the knowledge that I did everything I could to succeed.”



Finally, she also states: “SASP has provided me with the experience of teamwork and leadership. Coming into this program in the beginning I was focused on myself and my performance. Now I have a different viewpoint, I am open to things and want what is truly best for the team. Working within the team as an individual, I need to support and push everyone around me to be their best. We do better together than if we focus in only on ourselves.” ©





# shooters

## MIKAELA'S PERSEVERANCE & POSITIVITY

By Mikaela Marie Leach

Participating in shooting sports has sincerely shaped me as a person. It has taught me perseverance and positivity. I hope to apply these lessons in college, medical school and life. The first time I shot a 9mm I couldn't even hit the target and Ed from Glock had to tell me to aim at 2 o'clock to hit the targets. The first time I ever shot trap, I shot five birds during hunter's safety. I could not even get through those five birds without crying and I definitely did not manage to hit any of them. I was taught to hold the gun wrong. This resulted in an extensive amount of recoil coming back into the wrong part of my shoulder, creating a lot of pain. Several years later, after swearing to never shoot again, I shot at a local competition and hit 18 birds! I was ecstatic and willing to give shooting another try. I joined a team, that season I was lucky to hit double digits, most of my scores were twos, threes or zeros. Not the results I hoped for, but I stuck with it, stayed positive and tried my hardest to understand the fundamentals of shooting. I am very glad I persevered because if I had quit, I would never have earned three varsity letters in pistol and three varsity letters in trap, a national championship in pistol. Nor would I have had the most life changing experience at The Junior Olympic Development Camp.

My time at The Junior Olympic Development Camp shaped me as a person, causing me to be more positive, motivated and independent. This trip was the first trip I had ever taken without my parents and was definitely the furthest I have ever been away from home alone. I believe that it really helped prepare me for college. The camp encouraged me to meet new people and gain self-confidence and independence, without the security of my parents being nearby. I roomed with people I have never met before, which mimicked the experience I soon will have at college. The camp was also highly motivating! Around me, I saw how physically and mentally prepared the other athletes were. This made me realize that if I want something more than I want to sleep, I too can be as talented as the coaches and athletes there. This is valuable life lesson. Finally, the



most important lesson of all, I learned why it is crucial to remain positive in all aspects of our lives. During lunch, between shooting, we had little classroom lessons. The lesson with Terry Dewitt was dedicated to our mental game. Through this I learned a lot about positive self-talk. If we put ourselves down right before we do a task, we will most likely perform how we tell ourselves we are going to perform, much like a self-fulfilling prophecy. Applying what I learned from Ms. Dewitt, I think one step at a time and try not to over think. Before every shot I tell myself "you're going to break this one." I apply this same strategy outside of shooting. For instance, I previously told myself that no matter how hard I prepared for an assignment, I would not succeed on it. I have swapped this habit for a positive one including positive thoughts and motivation. As you can see, picking up that gun during hunter's safety has allowed me many valuable experiences like The Junior Olympic Development Camp. Through these experiences I have grown as a competitive shooter and also as a person.©



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# ROCK ISLAND

**By Andy Fink, Dave Furney,  
and Ben Moody (18)**

We were thrilled when we started receiving a variety of different 1911s and 2011s from Rock Island Armory for testing and review. We acquired quite a few over the last two years. These are exceptional firearms and a great buy for the price.

There are a few unique features to some of the pistols we received.

One, RIA has more 1911 High Capacity (double-stack magazines) pistols than anyone else, even STI. Don't get me wrong, STI 2011s are awesome, but at less than half the price, RIA makes an outstanding double-stack 1911! Two, they make an outstanding .22 TCM/9mm combo in both a single-stack and double-stack version (more on the .22 TCM coming soon.) The 1911 .40 S&W Pro Model, made for competition, is ready to go right out of the box and has an excellent trigger. All have adjustable rear sights for windage and elevation except for the GI model.

The most recent ones we just received were absolutely PERFECT right out of the box! More on that later.

The first two we received were a 1911 A1 GS Full Size (FS), which is a clone of the original Army GI-issued Colt 1911 .45 ACP, and a 1911 A1 FS in 9mm. These two guns were fantastic right out of the box, though we did polish the throat and feed ramp on the GI model to run JHP rounds reliably. These were covered in the Summer 2015 issue of *Junior Shooters* magazine (now available online at [www.juniorshooters.net](http://www.juniorshooters.net).) Both ran very well, and the GI model was extremely accurate, especially using the old fixed, military-style-type sights.

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We had a few problems when first shooting the gun right out of the box, though. It wouldn't feed JHPs reliably, though the round-nose cartridges worked fine. Once the barrel was throated and the sear and trigger stoned and polished, we were good to go. Thanks, Dave.

We had a blast on the range, and everyone really enjoyed shooting the 1911 XT combo. It was fun to shoot, very accurate, and now fully reliable. It handled very well and has a very appealing look. Here is what one of our juniors thought.

Ben Moody (16): "The 1911XT Combo comes with two compatible slides capable of converting between two calibers, .22 LR and .45 ACP. Included in the case were two .45 ACP magazines and five .22 Long Rifle (LR) magazines (normally just two). The advantage to so many .22 magazines is that you will be ready to shoot a match such as Steel Challenge out of the box. Shooting the .22 slide was very smooth and fun to plink with. The groups were also impressive. With the exception of one flyer, they stayed within a 2-1/2" circle when shooting fast shots offhand at 15 yards. The slides were relatively easy to change as long as you have a basic understanding of 1911s. With a much heavier slide and spring, the .45 ACP slide affects a difference in how the gun feels. The .45 was also able to group its rounds very well. We got a 1-1/2" 7-shot group with Black Hills 230-grain JHP. This was shot using a rest and slow, very controlled shots at 15 yards.

# 1911





# ND ARMORY



*RIA's 1911 .22LR/.45 ACP Combo.*

# 1911S



*RIA's 1911 A2 Ultra FS HC double-stack 10MM*



# RIA

In conclusion, the 1911 A1 XT is a fun combination of calibers and great to shoot.

I would like to thank *Junior Shooters* magazine and Rock Island Armory for letting me shoot this awesome firearm."

**Now, for the latest and awesome results!**

We received a bunch of new 1911s from RIA in 2017. They included:

- M1911 A1 .45 ACP GI model
- M1911 A2 Ultra FS HC (double-stack) 9mm
- M1911 A2 Ultra FS HC (double-stack) 40 S&W Pro
- M1911 A2 Ultra FS HC (double-stack) .45 ACP
- M1911 A2 Ultra FS HC (double-stack) 10mm

Notice the last one is a 10mm. Yes, a 10mm double-stack 1911!

WOW! All of these 1911s performed in an outstanding manner right out of the box -- excellent, smooth trigger pulls on each model. Even the GI model trigger was nice. They were all very accurate and performed flawlessly with a variety of ammunition.

We took two magazines and loaded one with ARMSCOR factory FMJ cartridges, and then the other magazine was loaded with a mixture of reloads with FMJ, flat-nosed and hollow-point rounds. Each gun functioned as it should while shooting all of these different varieties. That is an excellent accomplishment!

Shooting the .40 S&W Pro models was sweet. It seemed to shoot just a little bit smoother, and the trigger pull seemed a little smoother as well.

The 10mm. Wow! That was just fun. Three of us had a little competition and were banging steel plates at 120 yards on a consistent basis. How awesome is that?

We had six different people shoot these including two juniors. Each person was impressed and enjoyed the experience.

RIA 1911s – What a product for the money!©



*This excellent group was shot using Black Hills 230-grain .45 ACP from RIA's GI-1911. This gun is great for the Wild Bunch category in cowboy action shooting.*

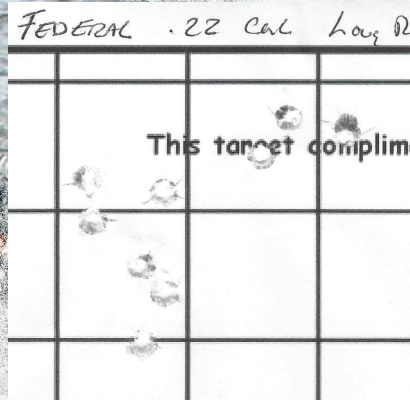
*The last batch of 1911s came in four different calibers 9mm, .40 S&W, 10mm, and .45 ACP.*







*RIA's 1911 A2 Ultra FS HC double-stack .45 ACP in the box. The foam was cut a little on the inside edges to accommodate a Blade-Tech holster (does not come with purchase) and one Blade-Tech double-stack .45 ACP magazine pouch.*



*RIA's 1911 .22LR/.45 ACP Combo with Federal 22 ammunition resulted in a 2-inch group firing off-hand at 15 yards.*

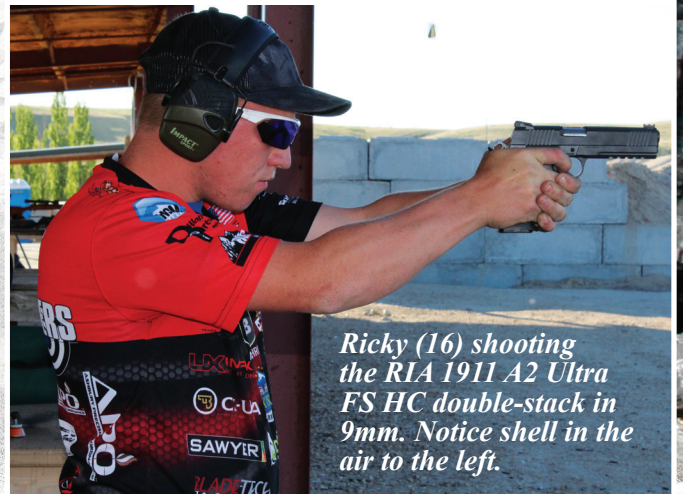


*Wyatt Irish at (16) shooting RIA's 1911 .22LR/.45 ACP Combo.*



*RIA's 1911 .22LR/.45 ACP Combo shown with 9mm from Black Hills Ammunition and .22 LR from Federal, Gemtech, and Lapua.*

*Typical loads for testing were one magazine with a mix of factory load FMJs and one magazine with a mix of reloads with FMJs, hollow points, and flat nose bullets in each caliber. Ones shown are 9mm.*



*Ricky (16) shooting the RIA 1911 A2 Ultra FS HC double-stack in 9mm. Notice shell in the air to the left.*

*Four different calibers 9mm, .40 S&W, 10mm, & .45 ACP.*





# BREAKING NEWS

## SPECIAL ALERT

# ALLEN EAGLES

By Jason Anderson



*2017 SCTP Texas State Champs*

Two dozen youth shooting teams and over 280 athletes from across the state converged on Ellis County Sportsman's Club in Waxahachie, TX May 5-7 for the Scholastic Clay Target Program's annual state shotgun championships. "Ellis County is one of the few venues around that can handle a tournament this size in a single weekend," noted Coach Rich Keele. "If the participation continues growing at this rate, we may have to look at other options." In fact, SCTP has already reserved a date for next year's regional tournament to be held at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio.

Sponsored by White Flyer, more than 65,000 targets and 2,600 boxes of shotgun ammo decided individual, squad, and team state champions in American Skeet, American Trap, and Sporting Clays. According to Head Coach Jason Anderson, "We were concerned about the sheer volume of shooters and time constraints. But, the volunteers at ECSC did a remarkable job of keeping the equipment running and targets flying."

Over 300 medals, 20 trophies, 12 belt buckles, and 2 shotguns were awarded to youth shooting athletes in grades 6-12 competing in their respective classifications. For most, this was the pinnacle of their season having battled the elements throughout the 6-month league season which started back in November. Many will compete in the Regional Invitational Tournament against each other along with athletes from OK, AR, and LA. Fewer still will go on to represent Texas at the SCTP American Team Nationals versus 3,000+ shooters from across the nation.

The Allen Eagles Competitive Shooting Team won the team championships in American Trap and Sporting Clays while placing 2nd in team Skeet. A perennial favorite, the Eagles also brought home the coveted High Over All Team Championship trophy with Southlake, Dripping Springs, Katy, and Ennis finishing 2nd thru 5th respectively. The Eagles will have to step up their game next year. The level of competition just keeps getting tougher with more and better teams competing. In poignant reflection regarding the 6 young men accepting top honors for Allen... "All seniors," Anderson lamented to the crowd at awards



*Lake - Brandon - Morgan - Jacob - Nick P - Isaiah*



# TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONS 5 YEARS RUNNING!



*Brianna, Bailey, and Morgan*



## 2017 TEXAS STATE CHAMPS

bringing about cheers of respect and hope for next year's honors.

Having qualified with a stellar performance in Waxahachie, the team is looking to carry the momentum into the Lower Midwest Regional (TX, OK, AR, LA) in June and on to the SCTP National Championships to be held in Marengo, Ohio this July. Among the Eagles who have already qualified for the All-State-Team representing Texas at Nationals are Brandon Stone (Skeet, Sporting Clays, Trap), Isaiah Irby (Skeet, Sporting Clays), Lake Bishop (Sporting Clays, Trap), and Jacob Wilkinson (Trap). The Eagles are set to bring home a 4th National Championship! ©



### SKEET

**Varsity Lady:**  
GOLD-Morgan Scott,  
BRONZE-Bailey Fannelly  
**Intermediate/Entry Squad:**  
SILVER-Jake Stephens,  
SILVER-Jack Duncan,  
SILVER-Garrett Koch  
**Varsity Squad:**  
SILVER-Brandon Stone,  
SILVER-Lake Bishop,  
SILVER-Jacob Wilkinson  
**Varsity Squad:**  
BRONZE-Morgan Scott,  
BRONZE-Isaiah Irby,  
BRONZE-Nick Platt  
**Skeet Team:**  
SILVER-Brandon Stone,  
SILVER-Isaiah Irby,  
SILVER-Jacob Wilkinson

### SPORTING CLAYS

**Intermediate/Entry Athlete:**  
BRONZE-Jack Duncan  
**Varsity Athlete:**  
GOLD-Brandon Stone,  
SILVER-Isaiah Irby,  
BRONZE-Lake Bishop  
**Intermediate/Entry Squad:**  
SILVER-Jake Stephens,  
SILVER-Jack Duncan,  
SILVER-Garret Koch  
**JV Squad:**  
BRONZE-Sean Packer,  
BRONZE-Tommy Keele,  
BRONZE-Grant Stelmach  
**Varsity Squad:**  
GOLD-Jacob Wilkinson,  
GOLD-Lake Bishop,  
GOLD-Isaiah Irby  
**Team:**  
GOLD-Brandon Stone,  
GOLD-Isaiah Irby,  
GOLD-Lake Bishop

*Right: Alex Squad*

### TRAP

**Varsity Athlete:**  
GOLD-Brandon Stone,  
SILVER-Lake Bishop  
**Varsity Lady:**  
BRONZE-Bailey Fannelly  
**Intermediate/Entry Squad:**  
BRONZE-Garret Koch,  
BRONZE-Griffin Sacco,  
BRONZE-Jack Duncan,  
BRONZE-Charles Watson  
**JV Squad:**  
GOLD-Tommy Keele,  
GOLD-Christian Hoffmann,  
GOLD-Grant Stelmach,  
GOLD-John Lyons,  
GOLD-Sean Packer  
**Varsity Squad:**  
GOLD-Jacob Wilkinson,  
GOLD-Nick Hawkins,  
GOLD-Lake Bishop,  
GOLD-Morgan Scott,  
GOLD-Isaiah Irby  
BRONZE-Carson Lewis,  
BRONZE-Bailey Fannelly,  
BRONZE-Kylie West,  
BRONZE-Pierce Mahan,  
BRONZE-Robert Beach  
**Team:**  
GOLD-Brandon Stone,  
GOLD-Lake Bishop,  
GOLD-Jacob Wilkinson,  
GOLD-Nick Hawkins,  
GOLD-Nick Platt

### HIGH OVERALL

**Intermediate/Entry Athlete:**  
SILVER-Garrett Koch  
**Varsity Athlete:**  
GOLD-Brandon Stone,  
SILVER-Lake Bishop,  
BRONZE-Isaiah Irby  
**Varsity Lady:**  
BRONZE-Morgan Scott  
**Team:**  
GOLD-Allen  
**Skeet:**  
Brandon Stone,  
Isaiah Irby,  
Jacob Wilkinson  
**Sporting Clays:**  
Isaiah Irby,  
Brandon Stone,  
Lake Bishop  
**Trap:** Brandon Stone,  
Lake Bishop,  
Jacob Wilkinson,  
Nick Platt,  
Nick Hawkins

**Coach Jason Anderson** took **BRONZE** in the coach shootout.

### SKEET DOUBLES

**JV Athlete:**  
BRONZE-Sean Packer





# 2017 Scholastic Clay Target Program Scholarship Recipients



Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation is proud to announce the 2017 recipients in its Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Scholarship Program. One hundred and five SCTP student athletes will receive scholarships totaling \$83,000. From 2013 through its 2017 distributions, SSSF has awarded over \$300,000 in scholarship funds benefiting over 300 student athletes in the Scholastic Clay Target and Scholastic Action Shooting programs.

Athletes who are graduating from high school in 2017 and will enroll in college this year were eligible to apply for this year's scholarships. Awards are based on SCTP/SASP participation, academics, need, essays and other factors. The scholarships are being funded by generous shooting industry sponsors, as well as supporters and donors who provide the SCTP with funds through national fundraising banquets.

***Congratulations to the 2017 scholarship recipients:***

## **\$1,000 Scholarships**

AZ Cameron Mathis Ben Avery Clay Crushers  
 AZ Robert Gauthier Tucson Shooting Stars  
 AZ Jessica Tweedley XCP Hotshots  
 CA Jack Gerstenberg Los Banos Tigers Trap  
 CA Tyler Yost Oaktree Junior Claybreakers  
 CO Erin Callahan Rocky Mountain Clay Busters  
 FL James Bible Young Guns of Quail Creek  
 FL Nicholas Blenker Young Guns of Quail Creek  
 FL Mathew Coleman Fish Hawk Dynasty  
 GA Ethan Bray Georgia Clay Busters  
 GA Mitchell McCraney Etowa Valley Mombas  
 GA Ansley Wallace Brookline Topshots  
 IL Jill Harmston Carroll County Longspurs  
 IL Joshua Jacobs Gateway Gun club youth shooters  
 IL Justin Lupa St. Charles Shot Crew  
 IN Benjamin Chambers Cass County Clays  
 MD Mathew Titus Mt. Airy Sharpshooters  
 MA Jordan Payne Fin Fur & Feather youth Trap  
 MA Hank Garvey Minuteman Sharpshooters  
 MA Molly Sheehan Minuteman Sharpshooters  
 MI Jacob Gieselman Davison Busters  
 MI Bretton Kooistra Lowell SCTP  
 IA Jacob Austin Ankeny Hawks  
 IA Alexander Austin Ankeny Hawks  
 IA Rebecca Tierney Charles City Trapshooting  
 IA Emily Luzum Turkey Valley Trap Shooting  
 IA Jacob Kaisand WSR Trapshooting Club  
 IA Ryan Kloetzer AGWSR Cougars  
 IA Cole Cameron Montezuma Shooting Sports Club  
 IA Elizabeth Worthington BGM Shotgunners  
 IA Clay Johnson GHV High School Trap Team  
 IA Isaiah Miller Maquoketa Youth Trap  
 IA Wesley Carlson Kennedy Trap Club  
 IA Hailey Schwenker Maquoketa Cardinals Varsity  
 IA Luke Hillegas Charles City Trapshooting  
 IA Daniel DeBoer Sibley  
 MO Ethan Boyer Wildcat Trap  
 MO Branden Laurent Team Henges  
 MO Megan Bischof Gateway Claybusters  
 NE Tara Webster Mariam High School  
 NM Alison Pimentel Los Alamos Young Guns  
 NY Jenna Coyne Orleans County Clay Crushers  
 OH Gabriel Kessler Claybusters Inc.

OH Austin Jacob Greene County  
 SC Julie Boone Richland Creek Top Guns  
 TN John Baggett Southern Shooting Sports  
 TN Joshua Girndt Clarksville Christian  
 TX Nicolas Hawkins Allen Eagles  
 WI Trevor Schwartz Wilmot Shooting Team  
 WI Mason Olson Lakeland Trap Team  
 WI Alexandria Mazurkiewicz Muskego Warriors Trap Club  
 WI Joseph Tate Racine Lutheran  
 WI Karly Krueger West Bend High School  
 WI Ben Schroeder Central Falcons  
 WI Kayla McHugh Laona Bird Busters  
 WI Tyler Dehn Kettle Moraine Lasers  
 WI John Dietz Central Falcons  
 WI Ashley Bong Flyway Clay Slayers  
 WI Meredith Bernau Burlington Demons  
 WI Lindsey Kreul Beaver Dam Trap Team  
 WI Mikaela Leach Ozaukee Scholastic Shooting

## **\$500 Scholarships**

CA Garrett Mazza Christian High School  
 CA Samuel Ferguson Christian High School  
 GA Charles Hyatt Lake Oconee Shotgun Team  
 GA Julianna Johnson Lake Oconee Shotgun Team  
 IL Raymond Nagro Golden BB's  
 IL Grant Kinscherff Golden BB's  
 MA Robert Lemmons Minuteman Sharpshooters  
 MI Andrea Gallagher Carson City Crystal Clay  
 IA Mathew Bahl Wahlert Catholic Trap Team  
 IA Mark Portz Wahlert Catholic Trap Team  
 IA Jason Herr Oskaloosa Shooting Team  
 IA Calton Davis Centennial Jaguars  
 MN Cole Wahlstrom Stillwater High School  
 OH Paige Hagerty Buckeye Elite  
 OH Michael Adkins Buckeye Chippewa  
 OH Summer Gobrecht Hancock County Young Guns  
 OH Cole Karnes Greene County  
 PA Jeremy Carlson Warren County Claybusters  
 PA Devin Dunkle Keystone Clay Dusters  
 PA Jordan Anderson Lake Edinboro Sportsmen  
 PA Dominick Diethrick Northern Area Trapshooters  
 PA Hunter Scott Hunting Hills Hawkeyes  
 TN Hunter Rowland Eagleville Clay Target Team  
 TN Rebecca Winstead Rossville Christian Academy  
 TN Alexandria Ferrante St. Agnes Shooting Stars  
 TN Kelsey Nelson Jefferson County Patriots  
 TX Christopher Jones Allen Eagles  
 TX Brendan Eaglen Red Oak Shotgun Team  
 TX Mary Tibbs Red Oak Shotgun Team  
 WA Tyler Burns Whatcom Claybusters  
 WA James VyVyvan III Whatcom Claybusters  
 WI Mathew Swortzel Random Lake High School  
 WI Nolan May Elkhorn Shooting Team  
 WI Rachel Herb Muskego Warriors Trap Club  
 WI Maria Huber Crandon Cardinals  
 WI Caleb Adams Kohler Trap team  
 WI Hunter Theisen Antigo Red Robins Shooting Sports  
 WI Joshua Wiemer Arcadia High School Trap Team  
 WI Collin Weltzien Arcadia High School Trap Team  
 WI Nathan Jostad Spartan Clay Busters  
 WI Mathew Lovdahl Racine Lutheran  
 WI Jacob Kuhne Mukwonago High School  
 WI Ryan Confer Mukwonago High School  
 WY Madison Waidelich Cody Clay Crushers



# RACKING UP THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# CZ 612 TRAP

2016 MISSOURI STATE FITASC PRELIM CHAMPION  
 2016 TEXAS DOVE HUNTER ASSOCIATION HOA - 100 STRAIGHT!  
 2016 POWDER CREEK CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP M1  
 2015 BENELLI INVITATIONAL SPORTING CLAYS RUNNER UP  
 2015 MISSOURI STATE SPORTING CLAYS CHAMPION HOA  
 2015 MISSOURI STATE FITASC CHAMPION  
 2015 MISSOURI STATE SPORTING CLAYS PUMP CHAMPION  
 2015 MISSOURI STATE SPORTING CLAYS 12 GAUGE CHAMP  
 2015 IDAHO STATE SPORTING CLAYS OOS RUNNER UP  
 2015 US OPEN PUMP EVENT  
 2014 NEBRASKA STATE SPORTING CLAYS CHAMPIONSHIP  
 PUMP EVENT - 100 STRAIGHT!  
 2014 NSCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PUMP  
 EVENT CHAMPION



- 32" PORTED BARREL
- RAISED RIB
- TURKISH WALNUT STOCK WITH MONTE CARLO
- EXTENDED, KNURLED CHOKES
- TUNED TRIGGER

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## Scholastic Clay Target Program



**Check out all the opportunities we offer our teams, athletes & coaches!**

You can be part of any and all other youth programs, the SCTP does not discriminate!

The SCTP placed four of our athletes on the US National Junior Team last year as a result of the National Competition we held in Colorado Springs, CO. last summer! This is the first time ever that this has happened and we are proud that it was done through our program!

We hope that you and your schools team will consider being part of the largest youth program in the world, the Scholastic Clay Target Program!

We welcome you to contact us with any questions you might have!

**By Tom Wondrash**  
 SCTP National Director



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