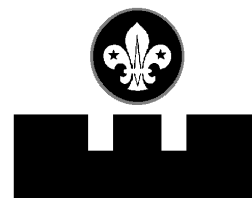


THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL SCOUT RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS
BISLEY, 18th – 20th October 2013



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Dear Team Captain,

This is the final information pack for the event. Please read through very carefully and brief your teams. Changes this year are minimal but as ever, there are a few differences from last year. Any requirement set out in this letter is part of the competition Rules.

Between now and 18th October:

Remember that it is your responsibility as the person in charge of the team to satisfy yourself that each entrant is able to cope with the competition and to obtain and bring written parental permission to take part for all entrants under the age of 18. Take particular care over any "last minute" substitutions.

If you are bringing any of your own guns to the competition, you will need to bring your DC's permission letter with you unless your DC has recorded permission by signing your entry form. The case of each rifle or pistol is to be labelled with the type and serial number of the gun and the owner's name and Group **and when and by whom it is to be used**. A list showing this information for all guns to be handed in is to be prepared in duplicate – one copy for you and one for the Armourer. This letter constitutes your written permission from me, the NRA and NSRA for you to bring those rifles and pistols onto the site.

Please complete a car pass for each vehicle (photocopy if necessary) and issue one to be displayed in the windscreen of every vehicle from its arrival at Bisley Camp and throughout the weekend.

Please ask Scouts to bring a needle and blue thread with them so they can sew the event badge onto their uniforms to wear at the presentation ceremony. The badges can be worn on uniform for three months afterwards. Please ensure your Scouts wear correct uniform at the presentation ceremony in case someone wants to take their picture! Pictures of Scouts in scruffy part-uniform are of no use for PR purposes. This is a National Scout Event and Scouting is on display to the many other people who will be at Bisley this weekend.

You are recommended to check the event website <http://www.scouts-shoot.org.uk/nsrc2k13> for any late information. The camp maps can be downloaded. Squadding info is published on the web so you may make personalised sheets for your teams and this is recommended. For privacy reasons all age information has been suppressed.

Don't forget your Nights Away Notification. Bisley Camp is NOT a Scout-owned site! The Surrey Heath DC is Peter Golden, email dc@surreyheathscouts.org.uk or p.golden@ntlworld.com; phone 01276 65489; address 39 Verran Road, CAMBERLEY Surrey.

On arrival at Bisley Camp display a car pass. Go along King's Way and turn Left to the reporting point and check in. The enclosed plans show where you will be camping. You will be directed to the car park. Within 30 minutes of arrival send a representative to the Lord Roberts Centre to:

- Confirm details of all persons on site, Connaught Team allocation etc.
- Register any Range Officer qualifications not already recorded (bring photo copy certificates) and
- Collect your badges and competitor wristbands for the competition, one for each shooter. **Wristbands are marked with competitor numbers and MUST be issued to the right competitor! Write the competitor's name on the band. In the case of a substitute, write the name of the substitute – NOT the original entrant. Wristbands must be shown when reporting for each shoot and this means that no-one can shoot until the team has registered their arrival.**

Bring the "Guest Day Forms" for cartridge rifle shoots and your parental permission forms in respect of all shooters aged under 18. The booking in point will close at 2300hrs. If you arrive after that time, check for any late instructions posted at the reporting point, pitch camp considerably and complete the admin formalities at the Lord Roberts Centre between 0805hrs and 0950hrs on Saturday morning. Remember that for safety reasons we need to know who is on site and we also need the opportunity to see parental permission forms.

Reasonable vehicle access to campsites **for unloading** is permitted but **unloading must be prompt and continuous and the vehicle returned to the car park directly afterwards. No vehicles may remain on camp sites.**

- **Rifles and Pistols for "Own Gun" events** are to be taken to the Lord Roberts Centre, either before 2245hrs on Friday or at the first opportunity on Saturday morning. Bring both copies of the list of firearms to be handed in.

One copy will be returned to you. If you arrive late on Friday night, the overnight storage of airguns concealed in a locked vehicle, preferably with a vehicle alarm set, is acceptable for one night only as the most secure option available.

Squadding details are given on an enclosed sheet. **Please ensure that every competitor knows their competitor number** – you get just one chance to put the correct wristband on their wrist! They will need to copy it on their targets and scorecards. Please check the details very carefully for correct spelling of names, right ages, Connaught Teams, any conflict over shared “own guns” etc. and to see that I have not tried to put anyone in two places at once. If there are any problems, please declare these when reporting in.

Safety Briefing:

There will be a safety briefing for all Leaders and Competitors on the grass of the 50m outdoor range of the Lord Roberts Centre at 0800hrs on Saturday morning. Bisley is an operating high power rifle range complex and everyone must attend to be briefed on safety. Enter via the side gate.

There are over 800 shooters taking part. This means that everybody will have to be very time conscious throughout the weekend.

There is enough time for everybody to do everything they are registered for but only if the ranges run to time. This means that everyone must turn up at the right place at the right time with the right kit. Whilst on the subject of kit, apart from the classes identified below, all shooting takes place on indoor ranges or under a covered firing point: **no boots or muddy footwear will be permitted anywhere indoors within the Lord Roberts Centre**. Clean outdoor footwear is OK. The following are outdoor events: **Summer Biathlon** - starts on the 50m range outside Hall E. **Full-bore shooting** - takes place on Century Range and **Advanced (or Hunter) Field Target** - on the Bisley Field Target (BFTO) Range. Century and the BFTO range are well away from the Lord Roberts Centre (see map of the Camp) and shooters will need outdoor clothing as appropriate to the weather.

All shoots are time limited. Locations, time limits and other details follow:

Main event 6yd “paper target” classes will be fired in **Hall E, the Malcolm Cooper Range**, on the ground floor. Automatic target changers eliminate the need to go forward of the firing point. This range will operate continuously from 0900 to 2130 on Saturday and from 0830 to 1245 on Sunday. Shooters are permitted 15 minutes for 20 shots (Rifle) or 15 shots (Pistol) including target changing. Also in **Hall E** will be **Archery** and the briefing areas for **Field Target** and the **Summer Biathlon**, both of which are fired onto the 50-metre range outside.

6yd Own Rifle, Vintage Rifle and Own Pistol and will be in the adjacent **Hall D**. These are shot using the same types of target card as the corresponding main event class (Air 7 & 8). Time limit is 15 minutes. Competitors must take care to ensure that their cards for these classes are clearly marked “**OR**”, “**V**” or “**OP**” respectively. The best 8 Own Pistol shooters will qualify for an Olympic Final, which will be shot upstairs in Hall B on **10m electronic targets** at 1345hrs on Sunday. Compliance with NSRA Rules, in particular the requirement for a minimum 500g trigger pull weight will be checked before the Pistol Final, which will be a 10-shot “pre-2012 style” finals match.

The Knockout (both Senior and Junior) will take place upstairs in **Hall A**. Two minutes for up to 10 pellets at five “knockdown” targets. Please remind your shooters that success is achieved by calm, methodical and accurate shooting, not by rushing. Competitors may be disqualified for doing anything unsafe or which is liable to damage the equipment. After the first round the progress of a knockout competition is unpredictable and winners of each tie must check the time of their next round and identify their next opponent before leaving the range. Clashes with other events may occur so competitors still in the tournament may need to arrange to shoot paper target events at times different from those squadded in order to find a time compatible with their next round opponent. There is little room in Hall A and so it is not possible to accommodate spectators until the semi-final and final rounds.

Field Target is accessed from **Hall E**. Competitors score for each other, but should avoid scoring for a shooter from their own Group or District. Both shooter and scorer must sign the completed score-sheet as correct and the scorer must record his/her competitor number on the sheet. The shoot consists of five “stands” each of two minutes in which four shots are to be fired. The time allowed for each lane change during the shoot is 30 seconds. One further minute is allowed for movement onto the range at the start and one minute to change firers or clear the range at the end of the shoot. This makes the total of four minutes for movement. Although the firing points are under cover, they could get wet if it is raining hard.

The **Summer Biathlon** (also accessed from **Hall E**) comprises three shooting stages: standing, kneeling and prone respectively, each of five shots at reactive targets, separating four running stages, each of approximately 400 metres. For each target missed a penalty of 1 minute is added to the competitor’s time. Competitors will be “counted out” after 25 minutes (elapsed time excluding penalties). Biathletes will get wet if it is raining and the firing point can get very muddy. The squadding allows time for biathletes to shower and change before their next shoot.

Ten-metre events are on the first floor in **Hall B**. These are 10m Rifle (Sporter & Open), and Three-Position Air Rifle. Those shooting Sporter Rifle should ensure that their rifles comply with the [Sporter Rifle rules](#)¹ as compliance will be checked. The 10-metre Rifle and Own Pistol classes culminate in Olympic Finals, which will be 10-shot “pre-2012 style” finals matches commencing at 1345hrs on Sunday. Spectators are welcome. Come and see how the sport is practised at the highest levels.

Own gun competitors should report to the **Armoury** at least 15 minutes before their allocated time to collect their equipment. Remember that by Law, entrants aged under 14 are not permitted to have unsupervised possession of an airgun and if they are to carry it themselves must be supervised by an adult over 21 when collecting their gun. Alternatively it is permissible for a Scout over 14 to carry it for them.

Advanced Field Target takes place on the **BFTO Range** (see Camp map). Shooters should note:

- This is an own gun and own pellets competition; however two shooters may share one gun but will be each have be assigned to a separate detail.
- A shooting mat or groundsheet is desirable as it may well be muddy.
- Telescopic sights may not be altered or adjusted in any way after the first shot has been fired
- All rifles shall be unloaded between lanes; magazines removed if fitted
- There will be mandatory kneeling and standing shots
- Some part of the shooter’s body must touch the lane peg when firing.

Small-bore takes place on the 25 yard range set up at the extreme left-hand end of the 50-metre range. Access from **Hall E** – take special care as this is immediately behind Field Target Range. Outdoor clothing may be needed. Timings are 0900-1615 on Saturday and 0845-1200on Sunday. Competitors in Classes A & X should arrive 20 minutes earlier than their detail time in order to get kitted out.

Full bore rifle takes place on Century Range. Outdoor clothing will be needed. Century Range is very exposed and can be very wet! **This is a “Reverse Echelon” weekend, with shooting from 600 yards on the left-hand side of the range, nearest to the clubhouses. It is ESSENTIAL to follow signs when approaching this range, go behind the 600 yard point and to wait in the signed marshalling areas.** Competitors should arrive 20 minutes earlier than their detail time in order to get briefed and kitted out.

NSRA Showroom. On the **Ground floor**, will be open on Saturday and Sunday mornings; an ideal opportunity to enhance your Group’s (or your own!) kit. Air Rifles & Pistols, Pellets, Targets, Clothing, Accessories and Publications will all be available, as well as a range of souvenirs.

Photography

The normal guidelines for photography at Scout events apply. See Factsheet 295428.² In addition, photography within the Lord Roberts Centre and its grounds (as distinct from on the remainder of Bisley Camp) is controlled by the NSRA and only those specifically accredited may take photographs there. You can register for accreditation and receive the appropriate wristband by signing up to the NSRA policy on this subject on arrival.

Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet will be in the “Inns of Court Pavilion”. Follow the path to the West from the Lord Roberts Centre.

Touring Bisley Camp. Scouts are free to move around most of Bisley Camp (specifically the areas shown in white on the site plan) in a careful and responsible manner and to enjoy its unique atmosphere. This year our Championships coincide with the “Trafalgar” historic firearms meeting and the camp will be exceptionally busy. Adherence to range safety rules and respect for other users of the camp are essential and any offenders will be severely dealt with (see competition Rule 3). Scouts may visit the areas shown in yellow on the plan if accompanied by an adult Leader or by a member of the National Scout Rifle Squad wearing the squad sweatshirt. Areas shown in red on the map are out of bounds. All clubhouses are out of bounds, except to their existing members. **For security reasons, Scouts should wear their Scout scarf when around the camp.** Please check the enclosed site maps and ensure that everyone knows where everything is.

NRA Range Shop is open 0800 – 1630 each day. It also stocks a range of souvenirs.

Recreation Area. The tent sites are adjacent to the main access roads to the camp and ranges, will be tightly packed and **ball games and the like may not be played there.** The grassed area known as “Maple Acre” between “Club Row, “Century Way” and “Marjorie Foster’s Way” is available for letting off steam. Although it is a fairly large area, care is needed - there are roads and buildings with glass windows all around it!

Catering. No wood fires (even altar fires). Barbecues are permitted but the only acceptable fuel is charcoal. Gas or liquid fuel pressure stoves are strongly recommended. Remember that it may be too cold for butane stoves to work.

¹ http://sporter.homestead.com/3P_SAR_Rules~UK~ver3~20-Oct-2007.pdf

² <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/docs/fs295428.doc>

Snack Bars. The Lord Roberts Centre “1901” Snack Bar (now with a new and more extensive menu – now published on the event website) and “Jenny’s” will be available.

Duties. Events such as Pistol, Field Target, Biathlon and the Cartridge Rifle discipline are very popular additions to the weekend but they do require intensive supervision by qualified Range Conducting Officers and competent assistants. Over 100 qualified people are contributing to this; most are also Unit Leaders. All entrants aged 18 and above and all members of the National Scout Rifle Squad are rostered to assist on a range or as a scorer for one of the sessions. Designated Range Officers paying the discounted entry fee are rostered for two sessions. For Range Duty purposes, all “session times” are of 4½ hours and are as follows: Saturday 0845 – 1315; Saturday 1300 – 1730; Saturday 1715 – 1930; Saturday 1915 – 2145; Sunday 0815 – 1245. Details are on the squadding lists. **The safety of the event depends on adequacy of supervision. If you are assigned for duty then undertaking those duties is a precondition for having your scores counted and will be monitored. Make sure that you sign in for your duties and avoid risk of disqualification!** If a “domestic emergency” concerning a team member inhibits your range duties, send a substitute if possible and let the scorer’s office know about the situation as soon as you can.

Adult Leaders, especially Range Officers and identified Assistants are asked to come to the Lord Roberts Centre on Friday evening if possible, to shoot their six-yard targets for both main and “own airgun” events in advance and to be advised of any updates. The ranges will be open from 1800hrs onwards.

General

The paper target events will result in over 30,000 shot holes to be scored and checked so please be patient with the scorers. My thanks to all the Range staff and scorers, without whom the competition would not be possible. The need for all Leaders to commit time to running ranges emphasises the need for the Scouts to be organised and to look after themselves and each other. Shooters on the whole are a self-disciplined bunch – the nature of the sport itself requires this – but **it is important to make clear to all Scouts that their good conduct throughout the weekend is relied on and that they are responsible for their actions both on and off the ranges. Draw their attention to the rules. Even the youngest Scout will be assumed to know them.** This weekend is an opportunity for PLs and Explorer Scouts to lead.

Last year’s competitors once again earned many favourable comments from the NRA, the NSRA and other range users for their conduct around the camp. Thank you – please pass this on. For those new to the event, the standard we expect is simply that defined by the Scout Law. In particular, please remind your Scouts that the campsites are close together, that a good night’s sleep is necessary before a successful shoot and that noise late at night is neither friendly nor considerate! **Silence is to be observed on the campsites after 2330hrs on Friday night and 2300hrs on Saturday.** Remind your shooters that there is an early start each day; the introductory briefing is at 0800hrs on Saturday and some shooters will need to be on the ranges ready to start by 0830hrs on Sunday.

National Scout Rifle Squad. During the weekend, look out for people wearing the distinctive black sweatshirts of the National Scout Rifle Squad. Many will be working on running the ranges or escorting parties of Scouts around the Camp. This squad competes very successfully at Bisley in small-bore and air rifle and pistol against the Cadet Forces and in Open competition. It has been the development route for many of Britain’s Junior International shooters. If you have any rimfire rifle shooters in your team please introduce them to me during the weekend. These Championships and the Inter-County Airgun Shoot (next at Aldersley, Wolverhampton on Sunday 12th April 2014) are the main qualifying events for invitations to join the squad.

I look forward to seeing you at Bisley this year and wish you and your team “Good shooting”.

Next year’s event (the 38th) is scheduled for the weekend 17th – 19th October 2014. Please impress on your Scouts that we have been granted a great privilege in holding our Scout Championships at Bisley, the traditional World Headquarters of Target Shooting, and that being able to do so again next year depends upon them.

Yours sincerely,



Enc: Squadding times – these are formatted so that they may be photocopied for team management then cut up and issued individually in wallets or laminated.
Safety & Admin Instructions
Site Maps
Car Passes

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Safety and Administration

Emergencies: **999**

Fire

Fire buckets and other fire precautions must not be misused.

Anyone discovering a fire must:

- a) If minor, try to put it out, calling on everyone nearby to help
- b) Dial 999 and call the Fire Brigade
- c) Inform NRA offices
- d) Inform the Scout Championships Organiser

DO NOT ENDANGER YOURSELF OR OTHERS

Hospitals

Frimley Park (Signed from M3 Junction 4) GU16 7UJ. Grid Ref SU877585. Phone 01276 604604
Royal Surrey, Guildford. (Near A3) GU2 7XX Grid Ref SU 973500. Phone 01483571122

Chemists

Darbys 13, The Broadway, Knaphill 01483 472328
Hewitson 3, Gosden Road, West End 01483 473714

Taxi

Alpha Taxis 01483 476655

Shop

Sainsbury's Redding Way, Knaphill 01483 799601

On-Camp Contacts

NRA: 01483 797777; NSRA 01483 485522; Scout Championships Organiser 07940 718924

Full-bore Ranges

Ear defenders must be worn in close proximity of shooting

No closed gates, fences or live firing signs to be passed at any time. If unsure keep to tarmac roads.

All ranges are out of bounds during shooting hours, except to those actually shooting.

Motor Vehicles

Speed limit 15 m.p.h. Provisions of the Road Traffic Act are to be observed.

All vehicles entering must be fully insured

Vehicles must only park in designated parking areas

Off road driving is at the individual's own risk. Fines will be charged for recovery.

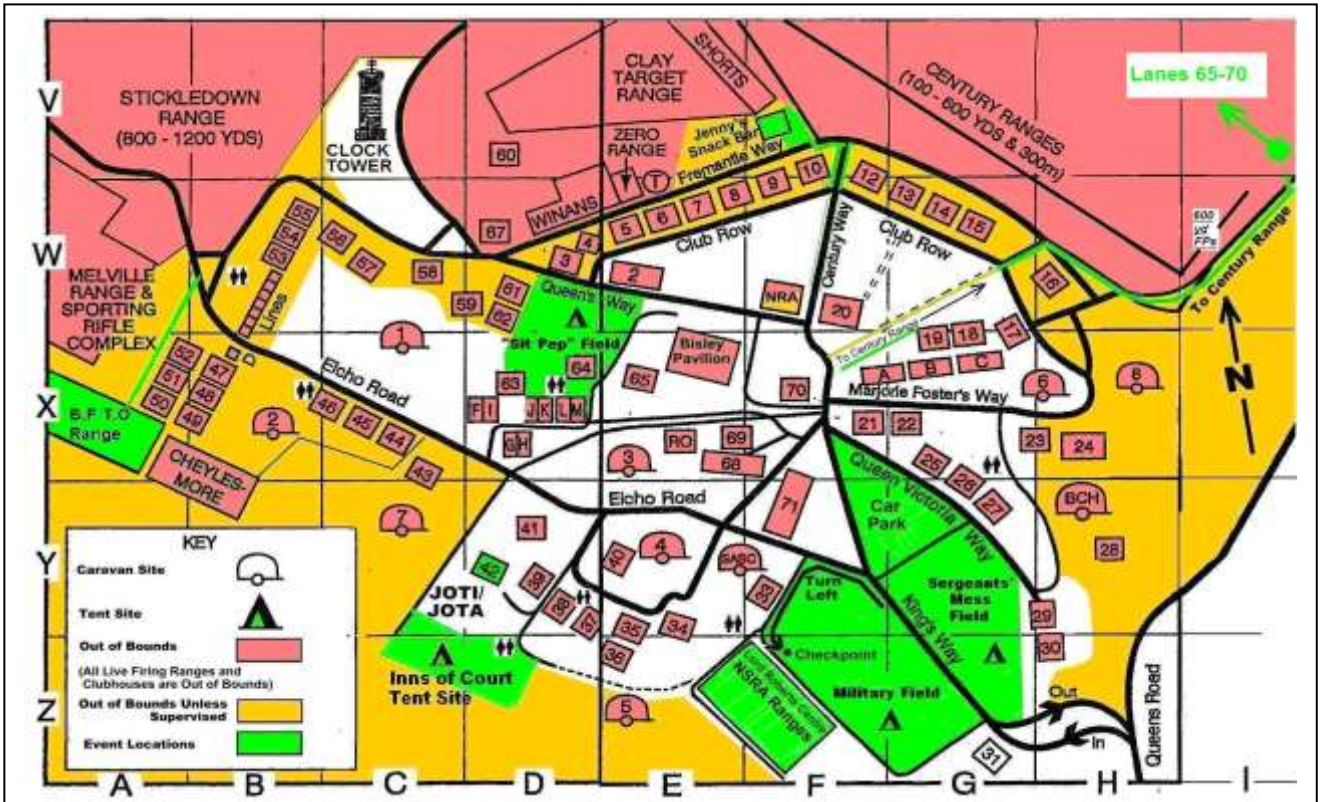
General

All rubbish is to be disposed of carefully in the bins provided

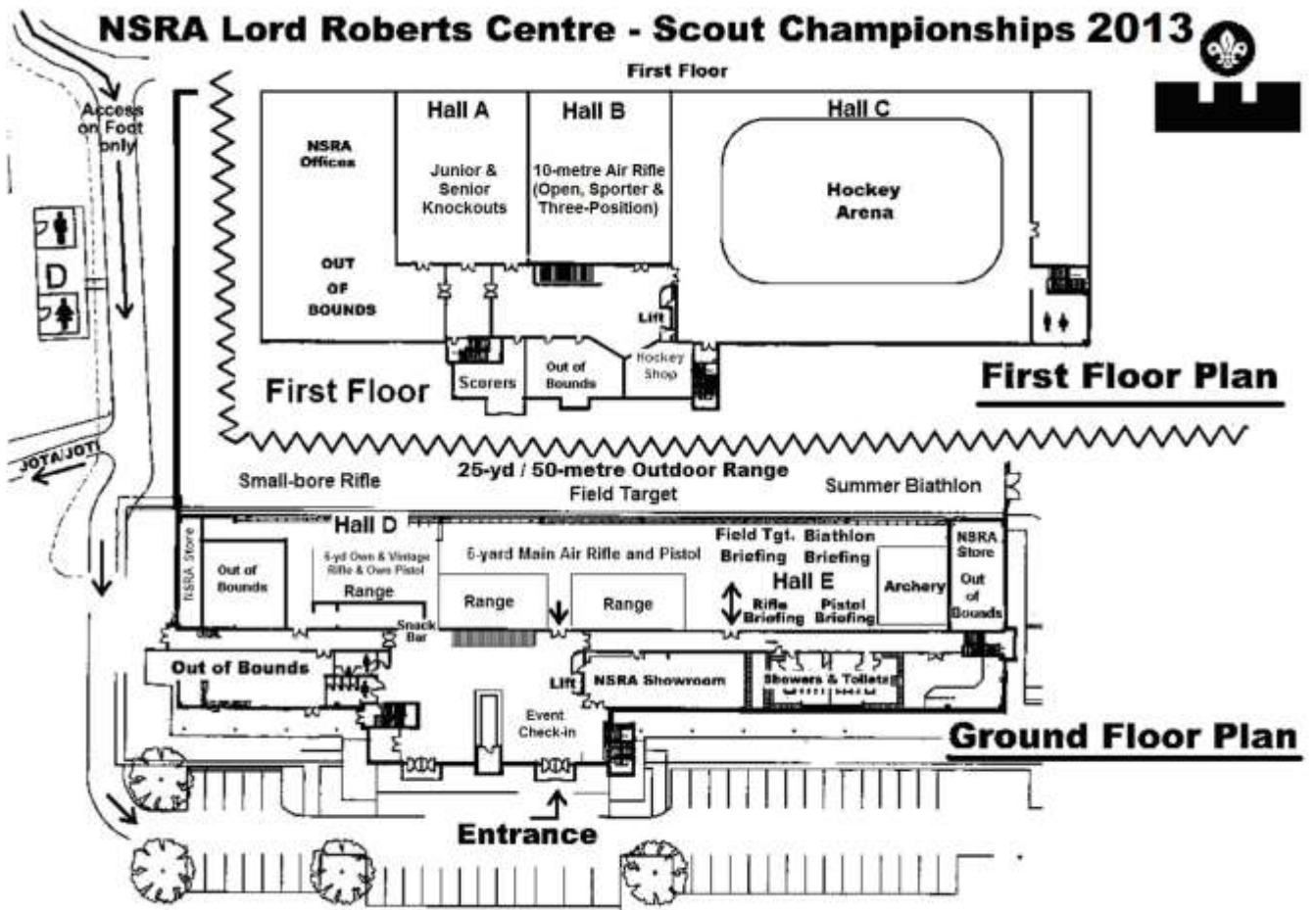
No animals to be brought to Camp.

Personal property is your own responsibility. Secure your valuables. Note that although the NRA Estate is enclosed private property, the entrance is open at all times. Camping areas should not be left unattended.

Bisley Camp:



Lord Roberts Centre:



Camp Sites

