



Muzzle Loading (Rifle, Pistol, or Shotgun)



Name _____

All Muzzle Loading activities must be done under the safety requirements of the *Trail Life USA Health and Safety Guide* and the *Shooting Sports Guidebook*.

Do all of the following requirements (1-4)

- _____1. Complete the Navigator or Adventurer Shooting Sports Orientation.
- _____2. Complete the basic trail badge (Rifle, Shotgun, or Pistol) for the type of muzzle loading fire arm you will use to complete the badge.
- _____3. Participate in a muzzle loading safety orientation that includes the Trailman doing the following:
 - _____a. Recite from memory the three rules of the *Gold Standard in Gun Safety* guidelines in the Shooting Sports Guidebook or Shooting Sports Supplement.
 - _____b. Explain the Rules for Safe Gun Use and Storage.
 - _____c. Describe or demonstrate the common Range Commands.
 - _____d. List the proper safety gear for muzzle loading shooting.
 - _____e. Describe how to safely verify whether a muzzle loading gun is loaded or unloaded.
 - _____f. Describe how to safely pick up a muzzle loading gun and carry it from one place to another.
 - _____g. Explain the importance of packing the powder tightly and describe how to verify that the powder is properly packed.
 - _____h. List the major hazards that may be encountered during Muzzle Loading shooting sport activities and describe how to care for them.
- _____4. Successfully complete the NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzleloading Shooting Course for the discipline chosen (Rifle, Pistol, or Shotgun).

Do three of the following requirements with a least one from each category (5-15)

Muzzle Loading Heritage (Do at least one)

- ____5. Research a Muzzleloading heritage topic and report your findings to your instructor in a concise written or oral form.
- ____6. Participate in a Revolutionary War Veterans Association (RWVA) heritage event (AppleSeed or LibertySeed). Note: If you attended an AppleSeed event for rifle shooting experience for the Rifle Trail Badge, the heritage part of the same event can be applied to this requirement.
- ____7. Visit a National Battlefield for which muzzle loading weapons played a significant role (Civil War and before). Describe several types of muzzle loading guns used in that battle and their effectiveness.
- ____8. Visit a military museum that includes a display of muzzle loading guns and describe what you learned.
- ____9. Attend or participate in a battle reenactment for a battle which used muzzle loading guns and describe what you saw.

Muzzle Loading Shooting Experience (Do at least one)

- ____10. Play one or more shooting range games that involves shooting a total of at least 25 muzzleloading rounds for each participant. Some example games are listed in the Shooting Sports Supplement.
- ____11. Participate in shooting sampler day and shoot at least 3 different muzzleloading gun types (e.g. TLUSA Recoil Rally in Georgia).
- ____12. Earn a Pro-marksman or higher Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification in any Muzzle Loading discipline.
- ____13. Shoot a round of Trap (15 birds) with a muzzle loading shotgun.
- ____14. Shoot a round of Skeet (16 birds) with a muzzle loading shotgun.
- ____15. Participate in a muzzle loading gun clinic or competition sanctioned by the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA), National Rifle Association (NRA), or National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF).

Trail Badge Mentor Signature

Date

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