



# Shotgun Merit Badge

*To prepare for the Shotgun Merit Badge class, please read the day before class starts.*

## Safety:

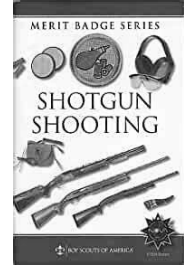
**ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.**

**ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**

**ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.**

**Commands:** Cease Fire

Store guns and ammunition properly.



**Gun Parts:** Barrel, Stock, Action, Trigger, Trigger Guard, Receiver, Safety, Release, Comb, Butt, Grip, Fore Arm, Magazine, Muzzle, Rib, Bead

**Gun Action Types:** Pump, Hinge, Semiautomatic, Bolt, Lever, Rolling Block

**Cartridge Parts:** Case, Wad, Primer, Powder, Shot

**Shot Sizes:** Slug to No. 9 Shot

**Cartridge Sizes:** 10, 12, 16, 20, 29, 410

## Firing Sequence:

Firing pin strikes primer  $\Rightarrow$  Primer ignites powder  $\Rightarrow$  Powder gasses expand  $\Rightarrow$  Expanding gasses push the wad and shot out of the barrel

**Malfunctions:** Misfire, Hangfire, Squib

**You need:** Knowledge, Skills, and Attitude to shoot a moving target with a moving gun.

**Personal Protection:** Safety Glasses, Hearing Protection, Wash hands after shooting and cleaning.

**Fundamentals:** Stance, Gun Ready, Swing to Target, Trigger Pull, Follow-through

**Cleaning:** Cleaner, Oil, Rods and accessories, Bore Snake

**Selecting a gun:** Budget/Quality, Fit, Use

**Merit Badge Scoring Qualifications:** hit 12 out of 25 targets twice (doesn't have to be done all at one time)