

Frequently Asked Questions

Free Community Youth Shoot

Byron Sportsmen and Conservation Club

What ages can participate?

Parents make that decision. We have had children as young as 6, and as old as 18 participate.

How long will it take?

Plan on being at the event for 2 hours in order to shoot all eight stations, plus lunch.

If you arrive later in the afternoon (after 2:00 PM) you will avoid earlier crowds.

Will my child be supervised?

Yes. We have over 60 volunteers assisting the on-site certified shooting instructors to ensure that your child has a safe and enjoyable experience.

Every participant will have one-on-one supervision while handling a firearm or archery.

All shooters receive individual instruction in safe firearm (and archery) handling.

Does my child need a Firearms Safety Certificate (Hunter Safety) to participate?

No. This event is designed for the beginner, and no prior experience or training is required.

We do have certified Firearms Safety Instructors on site who can provide information about classes in the area (see: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/firearms/index.html>)

Can I drop off my child?

No. We ask that each participant have a parent or responsible adult (designated by the parent) present during the shoot.

All parents/ responsible adult must sign a guest "Waiver of Liability."

Parents will follow their child through the various shooting courses and watch them participate in each shoot. If time allows, we encourage parents (and grandparents) to try their hand at one or more stations – kids love to see their parents shoot.

What do we need to bring?

Nothing! BSCC provides everything your child will need for this shoot: guns and ammunition, bows and arrows, ear plugs, youth-sized ear muffs (for the rifle range), youth-sized safety glasses, and a lunch afterwards (parents too).

Some parents bring a small folding chair or stool to use while waiting for their child's turn at each of the stations, a cap, and sunscreen. Or you can sit on the grass in the shade of the trees or shade canopies on our beautiful 115-acre property.

What is BSCC?

Byron Sportsmen and Conservation Club is a non-profit group of over 400 members. We have a beautiful property on 115 acres of rolling woods and grassland along the Zumbro river, 5 miles northwest of Byron. We provide members and their families a beautiful, safe, and congenial facility for shooting, archery, fishing, camping and other outdoor activities.

What are the shooting stations?

We provide eight different stations to introduce youth to the shooting sports:

- “Laser Shot”
A firearm training simulator. Introduction to safe gun handling in a virtual marksmanship shooting gallery
 - Courtesy Rochester Optimists Club
- BB-Gun Station
Self-contained BB-gun shooting gallery
 - Courtesy Rochester Optimists Club
- Clay-Pigeon Stations
Three different shotgun stations using low-recoil shotguns and ammunition. Kids love shooting these flying clay pigeons. Stationary targets and 22 birdshot for little ones.
 - Station 3 courtesy of Pheasants Forever
- .22 plinking gallery
Shoot stationary and spinning targets with .22 rifles at 25 yards
- Rifle Range:
Shoot targets with low-recoil .223, and 17 HMR rifles from sturdy rifle rests at 50, 100, and 200-yard ranges!
- Archery Station:
Shoot 3D targets, balloons, and bulls-eye targets with youth-sized archery equipment
 - Courtesy Scheels and Archery Headquarters

What are the Costs?

Nothing! Free means free!

BSCC neither solicits – nor accepts – donations for the Free Youth Shoot. All expenses covered by merchant donations and by Club fundraisers.

Who can I call for more information?

- Scott Sendek, Youth Shoot Chair. 421-2198. scottsendek1@gmail.com
- Henry Schultz, BSCC Director of Communications. 254-1315. communications@bsconline.com

How would a person become a member of BSCC?

There usually a Wait List for membership. Check out the membership page at bsconline.com. Membership fee (\$100) includes free access to the BSCC ranges (pistol, rifle, sporting clays, and archery) as well as the hiking trails, fishing on the Zumbro River, and camping.

What are some events sponsored by BSCC?

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- **Sporting Clays**

Every Thursday May – September at 5:00 PM. Shoot 50 targets for \$15.00. Different presentations every week, including the “Wobble Trap.”

- **Family 3D Archery Shoots**

June 30-July1, 2018. A 1-mile walking course designed for beginners and experienced shooters alike. 3-D Rinehart targets in hunting situations on our beautiful grounds.

- **Annual Youth Shoot**

Introduction to the shooting sports for boys and girls from the area. BSCC provides everything: guns, ammo, safety eye/ear protection, adult supervision, and a picnic lunch.

- **Wild Game Feed and Cabin Fever Fun Night**

Best Darned Game Feed Around! Sample various types of big game, upland game, fish, and exotics during a fun game night.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

- **Highway Cleanup**

Every spring BSCC highway cleanup crews patrol the ditches of roads north and west of Byron beautifying and maintaining the right of way.

- **Boy Scouts**

Another community service – Byron Boy Scout Troop 42 and other area scouts camp, fish, and maintain bluebird and wood duck houses on the property. The Club maintains a fine campsite on the west side of the property with a shelter, firewood, and access to the Zumbro River.

- **Conservation**

The Club works closely with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to furnish wildlife habitat. It is a game sanctuary with a large resident population of deer, turkey, pheasant, and ducks. BSCC is affiliated with the Minnesota Conservation Federation, and maintains several acres of native prairie grasses.