



Sarasota Military Academy Air Rifle Team Update



The SMA Rifle team and prospective members attended the Civilian Marksmanship Program's Air Rifle Camp in Anniston, Alabama July 26-30, 2010. Camp was followed by early tryouts this year which started August 10, 2010. With the implementation of these two changes to previous years, our team's success will reach levels which have not yet achieved.

Twelve cadets from SMA including four Precision and eight Sporter attended the weeklong camp along with Warrant Officer Hobson and our chaperone and team president Annette Kenny.

The precision team consisting of; two seniors (Seth Day + William Wutzer), a junior (Josh Yoder) and sophomore (Tyler Lambert), looks promising for the 2010-2011 Air Rifle competition year. This was clear after the culminating 3 x 20 match at the end of camp and SMA taking 1st and 2nd place individuals in Josh Yoder and Seth Day respectively.

Our sporter shooters included two incoming ninth graders and a tenth grader who is new to the team. This year is a rebuilding year for our sporter shooters and will be the foundation for the future. The following results proved our excellence in marksmanship in the 3 x 20 match at camp; 1st place Dylan Olree, 2nd place Hana Kenny, and 4th place Robin Chastain. Dylan Olree has since moved on from the Rifle team to prepare for his future beyond high school, as this is his senior year and will graduate at its conclusion.

Some thirty five incoming cadets showed up for rifle team tryouts. As their peers were having their last few days of sun and fun, these cadets were present for Marksmanship Training and Testing, followed by hands on shooting at our range at SMA.

When the last pellet was fired, our team was established for this year. In addition to our 1 each Senior, Junior and Sophomore for sporter, we picked up 8 freshmen and 1 sophomore. Our team make-up is a nice fit to go along with our 2 seniors, 1 junior and 1 sophomore in the precision class.

The Sporter Team includes the following: Senior Thomas Myers; Junior Robin Chastain; Sophomores Chris Conlon, Hana Kenny, Emily Petrecca, and Erin Smith; Freshmen Joe Bein,



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Alex Blake, Savannah Cochrane, Kevin Casey, Dalton Jenkins, Paige Miller, Jacob Meyer, and Nate Yoder.

Our Precision Team will include the following: Senior coming into his fourth year and Team Co-Captain William Wutzer; third year and top precision shooter last year Seth Day; third year on the team and last year's top sporter shooter in a close race with Wutzer is Junior Josh Yoder; and finally, sophomore and second year team member Tyler Lambert.

Dedication, Sacrifice, and Commitment is our guide to success...