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Point Blank Range Announces Return of Summer Shooting Program Aiming to Teach Lake Norman Teens the Importance of Gun Safety

Mooresville, NC-- Point Blank Range, nominated by the National Shooting Sports Foundation as "Range of the Year," is pleased to announce the return of Teens on Target – a series of fun self-paced courses of fire designed to introduce new shooters to safe firearms handling.

Teens on Target, was first introduced last summer and was met with great success. Modeled after the overwhelming success of the range's Women on Target program, Teens on Target is a version of the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program designed to take shooters from beginning skill levels (Pro-Marksman, Marksman) through intermediate levels (Marksman 1st Class, Sharpshooter, Expert) all the way up to a nationally recognized skill level -- Distinguished Expert. Director of Training Mike Denney states, "Teens on Target is a safe, supervised, and structured program designed to introduce young adults in the community to safe gun handling. Last summer, over 30 teens participated, and we graduated 7 Distinguished Experts. "

Lisa Blankschen's 13 year old son participated last summer, with plans to return again. Blankschen shared, "I love the Teens on Target program. The staff is very knowledgeable and professional and my son learned so much!"

According to General Manager, Dave Driscoll, "With the increase in concealed carry and gun ownership in general across our society, training and competent firearms skills for new guns owners is paramount, and starting with our youth at an appropriate age creates responsible gun owning adults."

This year Point Blank Range will also be offering a RIFLE program. Teens will receive Point Blank Range certificate of achievement awards with similar six advancement categories as pistol.

Driscoll further states, "For anyone who wants to learn how to shoot, understanding gun safety rules and proper handling is crucial. To know and follow these rules goes hand in hand with practicing and developing these skills under the guidance of experienced, NRA certified instructors. "

Teens on Target begins June 11th and will take place each Wednesday through August 28 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm for teens ages 13-17. Parents will be required to complete a waiver in order for their teens to participate but do not need to be present for the event. Participants will learn on .22 caliber pistols, with the range supplying the firearms, Instruction from NRA Certified Instructors, targets, achievement certificates, eye/ear protection. Fee per night is \$28.00 per participant.

Dedicated to American ideals, personal safety, and family values Point Blank Range is committed to providing the Lake Norman area with an unparalleled shooting sports experience. Recipient of the National Shooting Sports Foundation's (NSSF) highly coveted 5-Star designation, the facility contains fifteen 25-yard lanes for pistol, rifle and shotgun use, a cutting edge targeting system and climate controlled range. A licensed "Class 3" firearms dealer, Point Blank Range stocks an impressive collection of the most sought-after hand-guns, modern sporting rifles and personal defense shotguns, as well as ammunition, optics and other accessories. Point Blank Range is also the home of Patriot Gun Club and **Shooting After Dark™** - an exclusive after-hours access program for Club members. For more information on memberships, training and corporate events please visit www.PointBlankRange.com.