

DSC Helps Boy Scout Troop Qualification for Shotgun Merit Badge

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In April the Shotgun committee hosted a large Boy Scout troop from Sterling Heights working on qualifying for their Shotgun proficient merit badge.



Their span of ages and abilities presented a challenge to the DSC volunteers as many had little experience in handling firearms or actual clay target shooting, but the team from DSC spent the day making this a safe and rewarding experience (for all of us) and their expression in their faces after they actually hit a target for the first time made it fun.

The more experienced of the Boy Scouts then had a shoot off and after the trophies were presented, they went right into the traditional Boy Scout cooking with roasted pheasant and biscuits for all.

This was a success and great exposure for the Club and the shooting sports....we understand they've asked to come back in September to do this again.

This was only possible by the DSC committee members who spent all day with the group starting with basic safety procedures, then learning the trap shooting sport, how to handle the firearms safely and how to break a moving target.

The core DSC team involved included Chris Tomkow, Randy Kazeta, Tom Hall, Rick Stover and Kent Jespersen and the many others that made this work.