

Gate City Sport Shooting Association APPLICATION FOR DISABLED VETERAN MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

Veterans with at least a 40% service connected disability rating who reside in Bannock county or a bordering county are eligible to receive a free lifetime membership to the Gate City Sport Shooting Association (GCSSA), which allows access to the Oregon Trail Shooting Range. Documentation of the service connected disability and residency in Bannock county or a bordering county is required to determine eligibility.

If you qualify for a free disabled Veteran membership, please follow these instructions.

1. Complete and sign the attached APPLICATION FOR DISABLED VETERAN MEMBERSHIP form.
2. Read the attached Range Rules.
3. Attach a **Benefit Summary Letter** from the VA documenting your service connected disability rating of 40% or more.

To generate this letter go to <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/manage/documents>, then click "VA Letters." Log in or register for an account. After logging in, click "Benefit Summary Letter" (uncheck "Include recent periods of military service" and "Your current monthly award amount"; click "Generate Benefit Summary Letter," then click Print icon in upper right corner of the screen window).

4. Mail your completed application form and your Benefit Summary Letter to:
GCSSA
P.O. Box 4862
Pocatello, ID 83205
5. After verification, you will be contacted to make arrangements to pick up your key-card/membership card, or it will be mailed to you. This process can take up to 30 days as it is done by volunteers who have other full-time employment.

Please include your email address on the application form. **Your email address will only be used for GCSSA communication and will not be given to or made available to any other persons or organizations. Your Email address is used to ensure timely delivery of GCSSA information and updates. If you choose not to provide your email address, you agree to opt out of any official range communication including notices of meetings, events, and range closures.**

Thank you for your service.

**Gate City Sport Shooting Association
Application for Disabled Veteran Membership**

Key Card #: _____
(GCSSA use only)

As a member of the Gate City Sport Shooting Association (GCSSA), you and your immediate family (spouse and children under 18) may use the **Oregon Trail Shooting Range** facility located off 2 ½ Mile Road during any daylight time (except during previously scheduled events). Members will be provided a key card/membership card to open the gate. Members agree to ensure non-member guests follow all range rules and pay the required \$5.00 per day guest fee. NOTE: This membership does not authorize members to conduct commercial training on range property without prior authorization from the Board of Directors.

COST: FREE TO QUALIFIED DISABLED VETERANS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

*Last Name	*First Name	Middle Initial
*Street Address		
*City	*State	*Zip Code
*Phone	Email Address (primary method for GCSSA communication)	

*** Indicates REQUIRED information.** Applications with missing required information will not be processed and any associated key-cards will be deactivated. Please include your email address on the application form. Your email address will only be used to ensure timely delivery of GCSSA information and updates and will not be shared. **If you choose not to provide your email address, you agree to opt out of any official range communication including notices of meetings, events, and range closures.**

With my signature on this document I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue, and hold harmless from any and all liability, claims, costs and expenses whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury that may be sustained in participation in activities at the Gate City Sport Shooting Association facilities, its affiliates or consigns for the duration of my membership. **I agree to follow all range rules while using the facilities, and have my key card / membership card on my person when using the range.**

Signature of Applicant

Date

Approved By (GCSSA use only)

Falsification of membership information is grounds for revocation of membership / range access.

Welcome to the Gate City Sport Shooting Association

Thank you for purchasing a membership to the GCSSA Oregon Trail Shooting Range. We appreciate your participation and support in maintaining a safe, clean, and courteous environment where our community can participate in the freedoms provided by our Second Amendment. The GCSSA is a non-profit organization whose Board of Directors consists entirely of unpaid volunteers.

The provided key-card serves as both your key and your membership card. Please print your name in the center strip and sign your name on the lower left (you may need a fine tipped Sharpie for this).

Your membership allows you to:

- Access and use the range during daylight hours
- Bring your spouse and children under 18 to the range for free
- Accompany guests who pay a guest fee of \$5 per day
- Participate in membership meetings held on the third Thursday of each month (except December) at 7:00 pm in the Larry Allenbaugh Clubhouse (large metal building)
- Be eligible to run for a position on the Board of Directors and vote in the election of Board Members (January membership meeting)

Your membership does not allow you to:

- Use the range to conduct commercial training (training for a fee) without prior approval from the Board of Directors
- Allow others (besides your spouse) to use your key-card to access the range

Using the range:

- The provided key-card will open the gate when you touch it to the keypad. There is another keypad on the other side of the gate that opens the gate when you leave the range. You should scan your key-card rather than follow other members through the gate. You do not need to wait for the gate to close to scan your card, and doing so will reset the timer allowing you time to pass through.
- If a member is bringing guests, it is best to wait for all parties at the gate and have them follow the member through the gate. The accompanying member should ensure all guests sign in and pay the \$5 guest fee at a pay station.
- Members and their guest should sign in at one of the pay stations **BEFORE** they start shooting. If a member scans their key-card when entering the range, they are considered to be signed in. Guests still need to sign in and pay applicable guest fees. Instructions for payment can be found at each pay station.
- Target "H" bases and cardboard target backers on 1x2 legs are provided for member and guest use. The backers are found in tarp covered bins, and the bases are stacked next to the bins. When finished using the bases and backers, please return them for others to use and cover the bin with the attached tarp to keep the cardboard from getting rained on. Please do not throw the bases when returning them. Bases should not be used as holders or shelves for other targets and should not be intentionally shot at. Firing shotshells at the cardboard backers is prohibited, as it destroys them quickly.

What we expect from our members:

- We expect each member to know and follow the range rules, and ensure their guests follow the rules
- We expect members to be courteous to other members and to representatives of the GCSSA
- We expect each member to do their part in keeping the range clean, including picking up shotgun hulls, returning target bases and backers, and picking up trash and placing it in the trash containers
- We expect that members will present their key-card as verification of membership if asked by a representative of the GCSSA
- During peak times of range use, we expect individual bays to be shared where practical

Key-card policies:

- Key-cards remain the property of Gate City Sport Shooting Association, and may be repossessed by any Board member for violation of range rules
- Key-cards may be deactivated if members omit required contact information and/or a signature from their application
- Key-cards may not be loaned to non-members
- Only the member and their spouse (associate member) may access the range using the membership key-card. Dependent children under 18 are covered under the membership, but must be accompanied by an adult member.
- If a Board member finds someone accessing the range using another person's key-card, they may repossess the key-card
 - Key-card repossessions may be appealed to the Board of Directors at a general membership meeting.
 - If the Board finds that the key-card was loaned to a non-member in violation of the rules, the member may face sanctions that could range from forfeiture of current membership to denial of future membership or access to the range property.

Key-card replacement: (annual or lifetime)

Members who lose, misplace, or have their card stolen should notify the GCSSA by one of three methods:

1. Email gatecityssa@gmail.com
2. Attend a GCSSA meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm
3. Send a letter by U.S. Mail to:

GCSSA
P.O. Box 4862
Pocatello, ID 83205

Notification should explain the circumstances of the loss, and include the member name and key-card number. Lost, stolen, or misplaced key-cards may be replaced at the discretion of the Board of Directors for a fee that is equal to one-half the current annual membership rate. If the Board agrees to replace the key-card, instructions for submittal of the replacement fee will be sent to the member, or payment will be expected at the Board meeting attended. The old key-card will be deactivated.

In the event that an issued key-card is defective, and there is no physical damage to the card, we will replace the key-card at no cost to the member. If you have a key-card that will not open the gate when touched to the keypad, please email us at gatecityssa@gmail.com to make arrangements to get a replacement key-card.

RANGE RULES
Gate City Sport Shooting Association (GCSSA)
Oregon Trail Shooting Range

THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS A RIGHT — RANGE MEMBERSHIP IS A PRIVILEGE
SAFETY IS A REQUIREMENT — COURTESY IS AN EXPECTATION

Firearm Safety Rules:

1. SAFETY is rule ONE
2. ALWAYS keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.
 - a. Firearm muzzles will be pointed down range or up (vertically) at all times when on the firing line.
3. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
4. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
 - a. Firearm actions must be open or flagged, and muzzle pointed in a safe direction when not on the firing line.
 - b. Use of gun racks behind the firing lines is encouraged.
5. ALWAYS know your target and what is beyond
 - a. On the main firing line, all targets must be placed immediately in front of berms.
 - b. With the exception of birdshot (#6 or smaller), aerial shots or shots over safety berms are prohibited
6. ALWAYS remain behind the firing line if not shooting. Exception is one coach per shooter.
7. NEVER handle firearms after a cease fire is called. If remaining on the shooting line, step away from any firearms.
8. NO ONE is allowed forward of the firing line except when a cease fire is called and all shooters on the firing line acknowledge a 'cold range'
 - a. On the main firing line, the cold range bell/strobe shall be engaged before moving downrange
9. Eye and ear protection must be worn by everyone on the firing line or within 20 feet of the firing line.
10. Anyone under age 18 must be supervised by an adult.

Using the Range:

1. Members and their guests are required to sign in **BEFORE** shooting.
 - a. There are sign in stations at each individual shooting bay and (3) on the Main Firing Line.
 - b. If a member scanned their key-card upon entering the range, they are considered signed in.
2. Non-member shooters (guests) must be accompanied by a member and must sign in and pay a \$5 per day Guest Fee. It is the member's responsibility to ensure their guests sign in and pay.
3. Scheduled events have priority for use of shooting bays or the main firing line. Scheduled events are posted online at the GCSSA website www.gatecityssa.org/calendar.html.
4. Keep the range clean.
 - a. Place all trash in the trash receptacles.
 - b. Shooters are responsible for cleaning up shotgun hulls and items used as targets.
 - c. All targets and target stands are to be returned to their storage areas after use.

Target Use:

1. 2x4 target bases, cardboard backers on 1x2 legs, and OSB backing boards are to be used as intended.

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RANGE RULES (Continued)

- a. 2x4 target bases and cardboard backers on 1x2 legs are the property of GCSSA and are not to be removed from the range.
 - b. Using 2x4 target bases as a shelf to place targets (other than the cardboard backers on 1x2 legs) is not allowed.
 - c. Intentionally shooting at 2x4 bases, or supports (posts and cross rails) for OSB backing boards is prohibited and will be treated as vandalism.
 - d. Shooting shotshells at OSB backing boards and cardboard target backers on 1x2 legs is prohibited. These are not intended to be shotgun targets and will be destroyed with only a few rounds.
2. Shooting at objects made of glass is not allowed
 3. Member owned steel targets may be used at the range if the following criteria are met:
 - Steel targets must be made of steel that is of an appropriate hardness and thickness for the application, and must be free of dents or pitting that could direct fragments back toward the shooter and/or bystanders
 - Steel targets must be angled so that bullet fragments will not be directed in unsafe directions
 - No ammunition with steel components in the projectile may be fired at steel targets, including steel core, steel jacketed, or steel shot
 - Steel targets must be placed at a safe distance as determined by the target manufacturer
 - If the manufacturer has not recommended safe distances, see the GCSSA website for guidelines
 - Both shooters and bystanders must wear wraparound style, impact rated eye protection when steel targets are in use.

Prohibited Activities:

NOTE: Members and/or guests who are found to be engaging in any prohibited activity may have their key card confiscated or deactivated, their current membership revoked, future membership denied, lose any fees paid, be trespassed from range property, and/or prosecuted, based on the severity of the violation.

The following acts/activities are expressly prohibited:

1. Allowing guests to shoot without paying the guest fee
2. Allowing others (not in your immediate family) to use your key card to access the range
3. **Consuming alcohol on range property.** An exception may be granted for Board approved activities such as picnics and/or barbeques when the range is not in use.
4. Conducting commercial training (training for a fee) on range property without prior authorization from the Board of Directors.
5. Intentionally damaging range property. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Intentionally shooting at 2x4 target bases or intentionally trying to damage or destroy OSB target backers or their supports.
 - b. Shooting at any range property that was not intended to be a target.
6. Shooting after dark. Shooting hours begin ½ hour before sunrise and end ½ hour after sunset. The Board may approve night shooting activities as part of a sanctioned event if deemed safe.
7. Use of tracer (incendiary) ammunition
8. Use of exploding targets
9. Hunting or shooting at wildlife (rattlesnakes excluded) within the range boundaries
10. Failing to comply with Range Rules or obey a command from a designated Range Officer, Board member, or other GCSSA representative

The GCSSA bylaws are available for your review on the GCSSA website at www.gatecityyssa.org
GCSSA also has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GateCitySSA