

Kiwanis and Rum River Camps

To try new BB-Guns and Archery Finger Savers

Cub Scouts and their families are warmly welcomed to the Council's Scout Camps. And at camp one of the most sought after activities is the shooting sports. But the small Cub Scouts may be challenged while learning archery and BB Gun shooting. First the BB Guns the camps currently use are designed for older boys. The smaller Cubs may find the stocks too long to fit them correctly, their eyes may not properly align with the existing sights. So when these are combined it makes it very difficult for the small boy to "WIN" and hit the bulls-eye. And when it comes to archery — the boys may fumble with finger tabs or gloves that may not fit the small hands and are very confusing to use. To help the small Cubs enjoy their camping experience Ten Ring, a Northern Star Council Chartered Organization, provided special BB Guns equipped with red dot sights and installed finger savers, sometime called No Gloves, on all the bows at Rum River and Kiwanis scout camps.



No Gloves or Finger Savers are special rubber tubes designed for bowstrings. They eliminate the need for finger tabs or gloves. Best of all they're always there and slip softly over the finger tips when released.

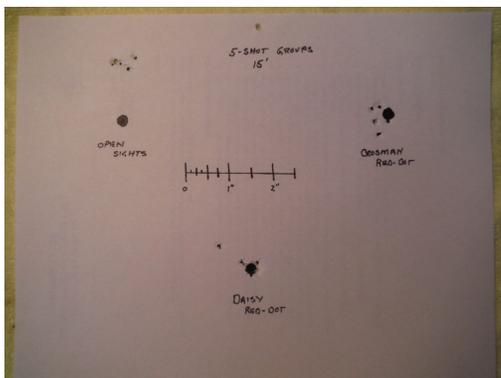
The Daisy "Model 10 Carbine" BB Gun will fit most small Cubs for length of pull and hand position. A red-dot type sight and custom rail has been added. Red-dot sights are more forgiving for eye alignment and their use is easily understood. The sights were intentionally forward mounted to promote the use of both eyes. These are not precision air rifles or sights. They are intended to get the small Cubs shooting more easily and to help them achieve success. Later they can move up to the regular Daisy 845s with target sights.



Red-Dot sight picture



Model 10 Carbine with Red-Dot sight



Accuracy check after 1000 rounds



Savannah testing prototype for eye alignment

The BSA National Shooting Sports Manual requires a parent or adult partner with each Tiger Cub on the range.

Cocking a BB Gun can be difficult for a small Cub. In this case a parent must be present and should perform the loading and cocking functions.