COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is intended for the shooter who has chosen the lever action for practical or defensive purposes or to increase their overall knowledge of firearms handling. This course will cover techniques in handling the lever action rifle that will enable to the shooter to operate and employ the lever action rifle in the most efficient and effective manner.

NOTE - Although not a tactical course, the student should plan for themselves and their rifle to get dirty and scratched. The student and their rifle will roll around on the ground and lay in the dirt frequently during the course. The shooter should be capable of the following.

- Standing or walking for fifty minutes at a time.
- One hundred deep bends per hour.
- One hundred pushups per hour.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The shooter should bring to class the following:

Modern manufacture lever action rifle. Winchester 1892, 1894, Marlin 1894, 1895, 336 (series) in one of the following calibers. The rifle should be well broken in and zeroed at 100 yards. Iron sights, Mini red dot sights (MRDS) and scope may be used. MRDS and scopes must be zeroed. Zeroing rifles is not part of the curriculum.

Although the course material is appropriate for all lever action rifles, the teaching tools used will be limited to the listed rifles and calibers:

- .357 magnum
- .44 Magnum
- .45 Colt
- 30-30 Winchester
- .45-70

The student may bring a second rifle of a different model and caliber for limited use on the second day of the course. Antique rifles are NOT recommended due to the rough treatment they are likely to receive. Failing to bring a rifle as outlined above will severely reduce the learning opportunity presented in this course.

Dummy rounds or snap caps (minimum 10 rounds)
Electronic ear muffs
Batteries for ear muffs
Knee pads
Shooting/Safety glasses - wrap around style recommended.
Ball cap or hat
Two point sling
Shirt – long sleeve recommended.
Pants - with cargo pockets.
Gloves, padded, fingerless.
Lightweight jacket
Rain jacket
Sun screen
Folding chair
Ammunition carrying device(s) - any and all types. The student is expected to be able to carry 25 rounds on their person at all times.
Ammunition - 500 rounds (minimum) for primary rifle. 200 rounds for secondary rifle, if required.

EXPERIENCE - This is NOT a basic course. The student should be an intermediate or advanced level shooter.

MENTAL - There is a participation assignment and homework.

RIFLE - The rifle and the student MUST be capable of hitting within a ten (10") inch circle at 100 yards, 100% of the time.

EXPECTATIONS

Instruction is intermixed with classroom and range practical. Frequent breaks will be taken transitioning between instruction styles. At the end of the day you will be physically tired and mentally exhausted. Please plan to bring your own lunch and snacks each day. Bottled water will be provided.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Instructor: Jerry Cannon has been an instructor for over 30 years with qualifications from the U. S. Navy and various state and federal law enforcement agencies. Jerry has been a freelance magazine writer in the firearms industry for over 25 years and has been published in many well-known national publications. Additional information can be viewed on his website.

Students may be interested in attending the Leather Holster and Advanced Leather classes scheduled for the two weeks preceding the Practical Lever Action Rifle shooting course. Put your leather projects to actual use over the weekend. You may want to consider completing one or more of the following leather projects:

- Butt stock ammunition cuff.
- Ammunition bandolier (25 rounds minimum).
- Ammunition belt (25 rounds minimum).
- Belt slide (open, flapped or fold down).
- Double sided loading strip.