

TACTICAL TRAINING SPECIALTIES TRAINING BULLETIN - DECEMBER 2011

KEEP YOUR FRONT SIGHT ON CHRISTMAS!



From our family to yours, we wish you a safe and peaceful holiday. As you can see at left, Santa does make house calls and Fiona caught him at our house for a hug a few years ago! But above all, let's remember the "reason for the season:"

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 KJV

GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE:

1. **Individual Certificate for CCW1** \$90 (save \$10)
2. **Training Partners:** two people attend CCW1 together for \$175 (save \$25)
3. **Continuing Education:** any course beyond CCW1 is \$125 (save \$25)



CCW1: Carrying a Concealable Firearm \$100

- **Saturday, December 10th**
- **Saturday, January 14th**
- **Saturday, February 11th**

As we enter our NINTH year of offering CCW classes, we pause to say THANK YOU to each of you who has chosen to accept responsibility and take the time to prepare for an event we hope we never have to face.



Crisis Casualty Care \$150

Saturday, February 4th , 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

This is NOT first aid...it is much more! These are life-saving skills everyone should know and they are based upon military medicine. No prior training is necessary! The registrations are already coming in for the February course!



Thoughts About Christmas Giving

1,000 cool points goes to our daughter Farley who asked that some of her Christmas gift fund go toward a Hydrad BioSand Water Filter for those in countries who struggle for clean water to drink. Please see www.umc.org (United Methodist Church) and search for the May 2011 article "Lay Speakers Give Haitians Clean Water." Jeff Baker is a good friend who lives here in Boone County and he is heavily involved with this project. He is in Haiti installing these filters as I type this article. Farley brought her idea home after seeing a presentation at school. Also by request I have reprinted the "30 Useful and Useable Christmas Ideas" on page two. Enjoy!

More Information: <http://www.tactical-specialties.com>

30 Useful and Useable Christmas Ideas



1. An open and honest relationship with yourself, your family, and God.
2. **Firearms training gift certificates from Todd Burke**
www.tactical-specialties.com
3. Sleeping bag and closed cell foam ground pad for each family member
4. Country Living Grain Mill www.readymaderesources.com
5. Food dehydrator and/or vacuum sealer
6. Electrical generator and a few new heavy-duty extension cords
7. Cast iron fry pan, griddle, dutch oven for open fire or pit cooking
8. G.O.O.D. Backpack, surplus ALICE pack from ArmyGear.net
9. Family size and personal water filters www.directive21.com
10. Pressure cooker for canning foods in mason jars. Easy skill to learn!
11. Gore Tex rain parka and pants and warm polypro liners. Buy large enough to get layers underneath, donate your old ones to charity.
12. Quality pistol, rifle, and shotgun. Ammunition. Remember Powder Horn Gun Shop, Target Masters, and ZK Guns are all in Columbia.
13. High intensity white light fighting tool (flashlight) with spare batteries
14. Hand tools: shovels, axes, rakes, hoes, sledgehammer, wheelbarrow, etc.
15. A German Shepherd puppy (or a rescue animal from Humane Society)
16. A Taser (usually in stock at TargetMasters on Rangeline Road)
17. Wool blankets www.sportsmansguide.com
18. Folding knife and utility tool such as Multiplier®, SOG®, or Gerber®
19. Insulated and waterproof work gloves www.DuluthTrading.com
20. Fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and a family plan for how to use them - ***I challenge you to conduct a family fire drill!***
21. "Tactical Knowledge" book shelf resources
22. CHOCOLATE! (How about putting together a S'mores Kit?)
23. Secondary heat source (we just bought a "Big Buddy" by Mr. Heater)
24. Canned fruits and vegetables (#10 cans in the 1-gallon size are available at Sam's Club for around \$3)
25. 4 walkie-talkies on same frequency and metal ammo can to store them in for protection. AA rechargeable battery powered.
26. An American flag www.united-states-flag.com
27. A CD of traditional Christmas music (or the Irish Tenors)
28. AM/FM/Weather band radio with hand crank back-up for batteries
29. "Crave Case" of 30 White Castle burgers. Can be frozen!
30. John Wayne or Clint Eastwood DVD set