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## This Holiday Season, Give Ladies the Gift of Self-Defense

## Registration Opens for Hillsdale College's Shooting Camps for Ladies and Couples

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College today announced the upcoming dates for its 2016 Ladies for Liberty and Couples for Liberty shooting camps and seminars.

Ladies for Liberty takes place June 5-9, 2016. The \$1,200 enrollment fee includes lodging, meals, lessons, and receptions at the Dow Conference Center on the Hillsdale College campus. Couples for Liberty is offered Sept. 11-16, 2016. The \$2,785 enrollment fee includes lodging, meals, receptions and lessons for two attendees. Seminars are held at Hillsdale College and its John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center, a 112-acre state-of-the-art shooting facility. National Rifle Association-certified instructors, Sheila Hoekstra and Bart Spieth, provide training and instruction.

"What better gift can someone give this holiday season than the gift of security and confidence?" said Bart Spieth, range master at the Halter Shooting Sports Education Center. "We developed the Ladies for Liberty camp for women of all experience levels, to help them learn the fundamentals of firearms safety and to refine their skills. The camp provides a safe and collaborative atmosphere that I think allows women to feel comfortable, enabling them to ask questions, learn best at their own pace."

As an additional benefit, participants attend lectures by Hillsdale College faculty members on topics related to the Constitution, including the Second Amendment.

Training topics include:

- An introduction to handgun function and operation
- Self-defense at home and away
- Comparison of semi-automatic pistols and revolvers
- How to select self-defense accessories
- "Refuse to be a victim" courses
- An introduction to clay-target shooting

Shooters ages 21 and up of all experience levels are welcome at either course. Attendees may bring their own firearms after approval by event staff in advance. Light-recoiling handguns will be available.

Winchester and Smith & Wesson are sponsors for these camps. Hillsdale College is thankful for their continued support.

For more information, go to www.hillsdale.edu/ladies-for-liberty.

To enroll, contact Spieth at 517-610-5593 or <u>bspieth@hillsdale.edu</u>, or Kim Gehrke at 517-607-2569 or <u>kgehrke@hillsdale.edu</u>.

## What others are saying about the Ladies for Liberty Shooting Camps:

"Many thanks go to all our great instructors, to a wonderful group of participants and to Hillsdale College, an absolutely amazing school!"

— 2014 participant

"I'm feeling really good now about being able to protect myself. They've had some very good lectures, and it's a great group of women."

- Alice M., 2015 participant

"Some of my preconceived notions are vanishing, so I'm really happy with this experience." — Cindy B., 2015 participant

## About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College, founded in 1844, has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an educational outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 2.9 million.

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