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## **Faxon Firearms and MidwayUSA Foundation come together to host ARAK Academy and Support Youth Shooting Sports**

**Cincinnati, OH** - The MidwayUSA Foundation, in collaboration with Faxon Firearms and key industry sponsors, is proud of the overwhelming success of the 2025 ARAK Academy. This exclusive event, held in June, generated a record-breaking \$243,750 in support of youth shooting sports. Hosted at Faxon Firearms' headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, the ARAK Academy offered participants a hands-on, immersive experience unlike any other. Donors not only toured the manufacturing facility but also assembled their own custom ARAK-21® XRS rifle, gaining a deep appreciation for the craftsmanship and innovation behind American-made firearms.

"From the beginning, Faxon Firearms has been about more than just making great firearms," said Bob Faxon, President & Founder of Faxon Firearms. "We're here to protect and grow America's shooting sports culture, and that starts with supporting the youth who will carry it forward. The ARAK Academy allows us to empower the community that empowers them while expanding one of our key focuses at Faxon – The Fellowship of Firearms."

Funds raised during the ARAK Academy were directly contributed to endowments held by the MidwayUSA Foundation, where they will support youth shooting teams with long-term, sustainable funding. This remarkable \$243,750 will help provide essential equipment, training, travel, and competition opportunities for thousands of youth athletes. The event also included training from industry experts and shooting instruction from Avery "TOTES" Woods, reinforcing the Foundation's mission to grow and sustain shooting sports through education, safety, and opportunity.

"The ARAK® Academy is one of the most inspiring programs we've ever been a part of," said Dustin Wallace, Director of Sales & Marketing at Faxon Firearms. "It was a privilege to host individuals who not only support the next generation of shooting sports athletes but also believe in building a strong future for our sport and industry." Sarah Hall, Project and Events Manager at the MidwayUSA Foundation, added, "Faxon's ARAK® Academy was more than an event—it was a powerful demonstration of what's possible when passionate people come together to support youth shooting sports." Check [MidwayUSAFoundation.org](https://MidwayUSAFoundation.org) for future events.

**About Faxon Firearms** - Faxon Firearms is a family-owned and operated manufacturer of firearms and firearm components dedicated to producing innovative, high-quality American-made products. Faxon Firearms is also committed to promoting and protecting America's shooting sports culture through initiatives like the ARAK Academy.

The MidwayUSA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity working to sustain and grow youth shooting sports by providing long-term funding to youth shooting teams. Every donation is tax-deductible and allows the Foundation to assist in expanding and enhancing the leadership skills, confidence, and discipline of today's youth through shooting sports activities. The Foundation supports all shooting disciplines. For more information about how the MidwayUSA Foundation is changing the future of youth shooting sports, please visit [MidwayUSAFoundation.org](https://MidwayUSAFoundation.org) or call 1-877-375-4570.