



2009 State Tournament

Mark your calendars--The 2009 Texas-National Archery in the Schools Program (TX-NASP) Tournament will be held at the Waco Convention Center on February 27, 2009. The Waco Convention Center is much larger than previous venues held in Temple. This allows Texas tournament participants to shoot at 10 and 15 meters just as in the National tournament. There will also be more room for spectators to attend.

Waco has many attractions near the Convention Center which may be an option for schools to visit before or after shooting. Check out the Waco Convention Center Web site, <http://www.wacocvb.com/>, for area attractions, directions and more.



Waco Convention Center

Tournament registration information will be sent in late November or early December 2008.

2008 Texas Fall Statewide Virtual Tournament

The first TX-NASP virtual archery tournament is being planned for fall 2008. This concept has been conducted in other NASP states for several years. A virtual tournament

allows a school to conduct a tournament at its campus within a determined time period and send in the scores to be compared with all other participating schools. The format, age divisions and equipment are basically the same as at the state tournament--the school just doesn't have to travel! Virtual tournaments provide several benefits to schools; competing in a tournament keeps students interested and challenged, schools can see how their scores compare with other participating schools across the state, and schools can get ready for the state tournament. After the tournament, scores will be announced and awards will be sent to the top archers. Every student that submits a scorecard will receive a participation ribbon or wristband. The top five male and female archers in each division will be awarded place ribbons. The top overall teams in each division will receive a target for their school archery program. The top overall male and female archers will receive a Genesis compound bow.

Conducting a virtual tournament at your school is also a good way to raise money and interest in your archery program!

Basic Archery Instructor Milestone in Texas

The Texas-National Archery in the Schools Program conducted its first training in September 2004 with six Basic Archery Instructors (BAI) and 17 Basic Archery Instructor Trainers (BAIT), then called NAA Level I and Level II Instructors. In summer 2008, the TX-NASP reached a milestone of more than 500 Basic Archery Instructors trained. This instructor group is comprised of 187 NASP formal educators and 330 non-formal educators. The 187 formal educators represent approximately 138 schools. There are also 115 formal and 63 non-formal educators from the original NAA cadre of Level I instructors. There are 52 trainers and 10 specialists in Texas.

Newest TX-NASP Trainers

The latest three-day trainer course was hosted at Texas A&M University May 29, 30, and 31, where five new trainers (pictured below) taught their first instructor course to 11 new instructors. Trainers are noted in the picture margin.



Burnie

Brandon
Robert
Chelsea
Kayla

Pictured L-R are (standing): Cliff Rhodes (Boy Scout Trainer and Range Officer, Houston), Amy Behlen (East Central ISD, San Antonio), Chad Gohlke (East Central ISD, San Antonio), Kasey Gohlke (East Central ISD, San Antonio), Kenneth Marrero (Bryan ISD, Bryan), Amber Magnuson (Bryan ISD, Bryan), Elizabeth Sealey (Bryan ISD, Bryan), Vicki Walling (Bryan ISD, Bryan), Robert Schultz (Homeschool Educator, Austin), Chelsea Martin (Texas AgriLife Extension, Texas A&M), Brandon Green (Pro Football (former) and Youth Development Leader, Navasota),
 (Kneeling/Seated): Keely Reeves (Bryan ISD, Bryan), Burnie Battles (Baylor University, Waco), Leon McNeil (City Kids Adventures, San Antonio), Leticia McNeil (City Kids Adventures, San Antonio), and Kayla Perkins (Campfire USA, Midland)

TX-NASP Students Compete in Kentucky

On May 10, 2008, 128 TX- NASP archers competed in the largest archery tournament in history. The following Texas schools had either teams or individuals attending the tournament: Argyle High School, Ennis Junior High and High School, Stephenville High School, St. Mary’s Catholic School (Sherman), Lucille Nash Intermediate (Kaufman), St. Stephen’s Episcopal School (Wimberley) and Lexington Middle and High School.

There were 2,856 archers at the tournament, representing 195 schools from 24 states. The single shooting line was 814 feet long with 162 targets. Up to 640 archers were shooting during each flight.

The parents, coaches and students worked hard to raise money for transportation, lodging and meals, and all the expenses of a big trip to Louisville. Most of the teams chartered buses for the trip. Can you imagine riding 16 hours in a bus and competing in the National Tournament within hours of arriving? The students did exceptionally well despite the long drive and lack of sleep. Burnie Kessner, archery coordinator, was lucky enough to be stationed among the Ennis Junior High team, who was shooting in the same lanes with a former national championship team. The students from Ennis shot an impressive 3,033 as a team score.

Among the 128 archers representing Texas, the following students had the highest scores in their respective divisions:

Elementary Division	Marshall White, Lucille Nash Intermediate- 268 Faith Racine, Lucille Nash Intermediate- 216
Middle School Division	Cshamari Reed, Ennis Junior High- 265 Ashleigh McAnnally- 258
High School Division	Cory Washburn, Argyle High School- 273 Courtney Grey, Argyle High School- 272

All 2008 National Tournament scores can be found at: <http://nasparchery.com>, click on “News and Events.”



St. Stephen's Team in
Louisville



The long
Shooting Line



The Ennis Team
meets a mascot

TX-NASP Participant Survey

The 2007-2008 school participation survey will be sent via email on August 18. **Schools receiving equipment through the TPWD Pilot School Agreement are required to report participation data.** Instructors and trainers will have until the end of September to submit the report. Names of everyone who submits a report will be put into a drawing for a choice of a box of Genesis 1820 arrows or a Morrell NASP target. Burnie Battles was drawn for the arrows last year.

Highlights from the 2006-2007 School-Year NASP Survey:

28 (23 percent return rate) formal educators reported conducting archery with 2,025 K-12 grade students in 2006-2007.

21 (7.6 percent return rate) non-formal educators reported conducting archery with 4,791 K-12 students in 2006-2007.

The Formal Educators reported that 66 percent of their archery students were male and 34 percent were female.

The non-formal educators reported that 67 percent of their archery students were female and 33 percent were male.

Upcoming Events

Basic Archery Instructor Courses:

Aug 8, 2008: Hill Country Middle School, Austin

Aug 21, 2008: Brownwood Intermediate School, Brownwood (full)

Aug 22, 2008: Mansfield ISD (tentative)

Sept 2, 2008: Camp Allen, Navasota

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