



Florida's Archery in the Schools Program Newsletter

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2010 NASP STATE TOURNAMENT GOES LIVE

With two years of virtual tournaments behind us, it's time for the Florida NASP program to turn the corner and go live! Starting in 2010, the State Tournament will be held on one Saturday, February 27, at the brand-new Easton Newberry Archery Center of Excellence. Top NASP teams from around the state will compete head-to-head for trophies and medals in all three divisions (elementary, middle and high school). Now is the time to gather together your team of 16-24 students (at least 5 of which *MUST* be of the opposite gender) and start practicing for the big day! Invitations will be extended to schools competing in previous tournaments beginning in early November, 2009. If your school does not receive an invitation and would like to participate, please send an email to NASP@MyFWC.com before December 31, 2009. Registrations will be cut-off once 500 students have signed up.

Tournament rules, flight assignments and directions to the facility will be provided upon registration. For those of you requiring overnight accommodations, let us know ahead of time and we will contact the Alachua Tourist Development folks and look for a group rate for you (Newberry is about 15 miles west of Gainesville). We will have plenty of activities in which the students can participate, both fun and educational, and we invite their parents to attend and root them on.

Currently the program has trained teachers from 187 Florida schools, and will eclipse 200 very soon. Let's get the word out and have many more children enjoying the sport in their physical education classes. Locate and contact your NASP regional coordinator [here](#), and find out when the next Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) teacher training will be held in your area. If enough teachers express an interest, we will be happy to schedule one in your school district!



Cut'n up - Daniel Jenkins Academy, winning middle school teams in 2008 & 2009



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A tremendous amount of information about the NASP program was acquired at the recent State Coordinator's Conference. We would like to share with you both the NASP Mission Statement and Operating Principles:

NASP Mission

The National Archery in the Schools Program promotes instruction in international-style target archery as part of the in-school curriculum to improve educational performance in the shooting sports among students in grades 4-12.

Operating Principles

1. All NASP safety features must be followed to preserve archery's impeccable safety record. Archery's safety record is better than that of every ball sport taught in schools, except table tennis. The set up and operation of a safe archery range is thoroughly covered in the NASP "Basic Archery Instructor" training series.

2. NASP lessons are oriented toward target archery. Target archery is widely accepted as a safe, wholesome and non-controversial discipline. Founders designed the program so young people everywhere, whether urban or rural, could learn archery

skills and decide on their own how and where to apply those skills.

3. NASP lessons are presented to students in grades 4-12. Students in these grade levels are best able to use the universal-fit NASP equipment and adhere to all NASP safety features. The units of study were written for these grade levels.



4. NASP lessons are presented by NASP-trained instructors in accordance with their training. Range set-up and operation, equipment and training methods used in NASP are very specific and the same for every school in the program. No matter the prospective instructor's level of archery expertise, each must graduate from the NASP "Basic Archery Instructor" training series. Only NASP-certified trainers may present "Basic Archery Instructor" courses.

5. NASP lessons are presented by school faculty as part of the in-school curriculum. NASP lessons were co-written by educators and archers. They were designed to be compliant with core content standards defined by education departments. By aligning archery lessons with these standards, NASP

lessons are taught in school, during the school day, to every student. This in-school teaching emphasis provides opportunity for every student to discover their interest and aptitude for archery as opposed to attracting only existing archers to after-school-only programming.

6. Equipment used in NASP is standard and approved by NASP's board of directors. NASP uses equipment that is safe, universal fit, modern, affordable, durable, easy for the teacher and the student to learn to use and identical for every student. NASP archery lessons focus on the development of proper process over results. When every student uses identical equipment, the tendency to blame or credit the archer's "success" on equipment choices is eliminated.

7. Only entities approved by the NASP board of directors may coordinate implementation of the NASP in states, provinces and countries. Founders believe successful implementation of NASP requires institutionalization on a state, province or country-wide basis. The coordinating entity must be willing to adhere to NASP operating principles and be capable of delivering jurisdiction-wide implementation.



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Operating Principles

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8. After-school archery activities for NASP students should strive to be inclusive and suited to youth of all genders, sizes, abilities and economic backgrounds. In-school NASP experience is suited to a large number and variety of students. Most NASP students want to participate in after-school archery activities. Many new archers would be discouraged to encounter methods or equipment in an after-school program that made it difficult for them to participate.

9. NASP competitions should replicate, as closely as possible, the inclusive format used in the NASP National Tournament.

10. Funding partners and sponsors of the NASP and its participating schools and events should be appropriate for youth programming.

NASP TEAM UNIFORMS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

From Roy Grimes, NASP National President

About two years ago, when New York joined NASP® we received a suggestion that "archery" should have a uniform. While we realize that many NASP® archery teams wear custom shirts to NASP® events there is no standard. We think this is a good idea, especially if the

shirt can be especially made to "fit" participants in archery, be of hi-tech wicking material, and provide opportunity for school colors, names and logos. Working with a new partner of NASP®, the Remington Outdoor Foundation (ROF) we are pleased to announce an opportunity for archers to acquire custom designed archery-wear. Participation in this "uniform" program is completely voluntary of course.

The folks from the Remington Outdoor Foundation and from EOTAC gave a presentation during the 4th Annual NASP® State Coordinator's Conference in Flippin, AR. The EOTAC Shooting Sports Program for NASP® participants is ready to begin to accept orders for team shirts. There are two shirts that are currently available: a short-sleeve polo and a short-sleeve tee shirt. The shirts are discounted for NASP® members and come with screen printing for your individual teams at no additional charge. To order the shirts, you can either go to the EOTAC website and submit the order online or use the attached PDF order form. Here is the address for their online NASP® section of their site: <http://nasp.eotac.com>.

In addition to the special pricing and custom screen printing on the polo and tee shirt, EOTAC is passing along an additional discount to NASP® participants on the entire EOTAC clothing line. The discount is 40% off retail. To get the discount, simply use the NASP® discount code when you are in the checkout process of their online shopping cart. The discount code is easy to remember: NASP

A portion of the proceeds from the sales of EOTAC products to NASP® participants will be going towards supporting NASP®. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the president of EOTAC, Fernando Coelho. His email address is Fernando@eotac.com

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NASP DATA FOR 2009/2010

A survey was completed this year by Mark Damian Duda's research firm, Responsive Management out of Harrisonburg, VA. The survey was conducted in cooperation with Hilarie Davis, Ed.D. Florida students and teachers were among those included in the survey, along with students and educators in eight other states. The report is entitled, "An Assessment and Evaluation of the National Archery in the Schools Program". First, from Phase II Student Report:

- 83% of students surveyed liked the program
- 76% of students surveyed said their school archery program is exciting
- 26% of students surveyed feel better about participating in other sports and physical activities
- 53% are participating in archery since taking it in school
- 48% plan to participate in the future
- 33% say archery makes school better
- 50% learned to pay attention better

Data from the Phase I Instructor Report:

- 93% of instructors surveyed are satisfied with NASP
- 93% of instructors surveyed rate the program as effective
- 84% of instructors surveyed state archery has improved their students self-confidence
- 74% of instructors surveyed say archery has improved student behavior
- 73% of instructors surveyed say archery has improved student attitudes



Students teaching their parents to shoot at Davidson Middle School in Crestview

Contact Florida's NASP Program: NASP@MyFWC.com

Who is participating in NASP?
4.6 million students to date, 1,000,000 students this year!
5,400+ schools, 46 States, Victoria, Australia Nova Scotia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia South Africa, New Zealand,

STATES WITH 100+ SCHOOLS:
 Kentucky, Florida
 Michigan, Virginia
 Minnesota, Texas
 West Virginia, Ohio
 Oklahoma, Arkansas
 Alabama, Wisconsin
 Nebraska, Georgia
 Kansas, Mississippi
 Illinois, Tennessee
 Indiana, Colorado
 South Carolina

*The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) is a joint venture between state departments of education and wildlife. Several archery equipment manufacturers and organizations are also partners. The program promotes student education, physical education and participation in the life long sport of archery. The program's focus is to provide **International Style Target Archery** training in physical education classes grades 4 – 12.*