August 2005 Newsletter

Hope everyone enjoyed their summer and is looking forward to the new school year…. With school beginning to start it may be too early for some of you to start thinking about getting your kids involved in the Archery in the School’s Program… So I’ll try to keep this as short as possible… As promised we wanted to develop a newsletter to update everyone as to where we are with the program; and hopefully, allow us to receive some feedback on how the schools are doing.

Where are we?
Currently, 66 physical fitness instructors from 47 schools have successfully completed the NADA Level 1 Certification program as required, to participate in our program. (See Table)

What’s New…
Check out our new website at www.wvdnr.gov... If you haven’t seen it in a while, you’ll like the changes… Information is now available on upcoming trainings and events, blueprints for the equipment box, participating schools, and of course we will be updating everyone on where we are with our first statewide archery tournament…

Summer Trainings……
We would like to thank the teachers who took time from their vacations to attend the trainings that were conducted over the summer. In June, with assistance from Boone’s Archery Shop, we were able to hold a training in the Parkersburg area; and in July, with a tremendous amount of help from Jeff Cassidy (teacher) we were successful in holding a training at Preston County High School (Kingwood). I would like to mention that the training conducted in Preston County was a perfect example how someone (Jeff) who has an interest in bringing this program into their school system was able to go out on their own and not only recruit enough schools in their area to allow us to host a training in their area, but was able to locate the necessary funding.

Trainings…
At this time we are working on hosting our next training in Southern West Virginia (possibly Logan County) sometime this fall. Also Cabela’s will be hosting a training at their store the first of January (which is a great location if you haven’t been there).

We understand that because of budget constraints, it may be impossible for your school to cover travel expenses to attend one of these trainings. Therefore, (as we did in Preston County) if there is enough interest in your area (at least 6 schools or 15 teachers) and a facility available (school), then it’s possible for us to host a training in your area at no cost.
Upcoming events…

September 24th and 25th…. National Hunting and Fishing Days Celebration at Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park… Open House – Shooting Demonstration and instruction… Stop by the tent and say Hello…

Winter… West Virginia’s First Archery in the Schools Program Tournament - Information on Tournament will be available in our next newsletter, which should be out in October…

Trained Schools

Ashford Elementary
Ashton Elementary
Beckley Stratton Middle
Braxton County High
Braxton Middle
Brooke High
Bruceton Middle
Cabell Midland High
Capital High
Central Preston Middle
Chapmanville Middle
Clay-Battelle High
Duval High
Elkview Middle
Fellowsville Elementary
Follansbee Middle
Harman
Herbert Hoover High
Madison Middle
Morgantown High
Nellis Elementary
Parkersburg Catholic High
Parkersburg South High
Petersburg High
Point Pleasant Middle
Preston High
Ravenswood High
Ripley High
Ritchie County Middle
Roane County High
Rowlesburg Elementary
Sissonville High
Sissonville Middle
South Preston Middle
Spencer Middle
Taylor County Middle
Terra Alta Elementary
Terra Alta/East Preston
Trinity High
Tygarts Valley High
University High
Valley Wetzel
Wahama
West Preston Middle
Westside High
WV School for Deaf and Blind
Wyoming East