

WEST VIRGINIA'S
Archery
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Schools



September 2011 - Newsletter

We would like to welcome everyone back from their summer vacations. Just wanted to let everyone know about some of our upcoming events and opportunities.

Upcoming Training (2011):

November 29-November 30
Gander Mountain – Charleston WV
(Deadline to Register November 11).

Due to the hands-on training involved in Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) certification, classroom size will be limited to the first 25 teachers registered. So, if you are interested in getting your school involved in the Archery in the Schools (AIS) Program, you need to register for training before these classes are full.

Please note this training costs \$25 for all school employees and \$50 for non-school employees. This fee is paid to WV DNR – Archery in the Schools Program (via check, money order, or exact currency only) during the first morning of the training. Teachers are responsible for their lodging, travel and meals.

Because schools often need more than one instructor, currently certified instructors are encouraged to alert other interested individuals about this training.

Also, because schools interested in participating in the upcoming state tournament must have a registered instructor, schools are encouraged to register one or more teachers for this training. **To register for this training**

please contact **Krista Snodgrass** at (304) 558-2771 or Krista.R.Snodgrass@wv.gov.

New AIS Coordinator

On August 16, 2011, Krista Snodgrass was hired to coordinate WV Archery in the Schools Program, as well as National Hunting and Fishing Days and WV Wildlife. Krista has a Master of Science degree in Integrated Marketing Communications from WVU.

Krista has over 10 years' experience working with the 4-H youth and Putnam County Fair. Krista looks forward to her new adventure. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Krista at (304) 558-2771 or Krista.R.Snodgrass@wv.gov.

Interested in hosting a training?

Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a training. We're pretty flexible and can move anywhere in the state, but you'll need a minimum of 15 PE teachers and/or coaches.

Those wishing to host a training must ensure an adequately-sized facility is available, adequately staffed, open to us for a 3-day period (during the week), and is free of charge. Also, they must fill out the BAI Attendee Enrollment Form (Excel Spreadsheet on our website) and send this to the program coordinator as an email

attachment. This form has cells for contact information (name, school, position, school and home telephone numbers, home mailing address, and school and home e-mail addresses) needed to start registering attendees.

NASP Grant Available

West Virginia will be providing (6) \$1,000 grants to help purchase equipment. To qualify for this discount, school must receive the BAI training. Money is to be used by NEW schools that haven't purchased any equipment. Matching grant and schools must be able to document other sources. Schools have until December 1st to apply, but awards will be given to the first 6 schools.

Schools considering ordering equipment should not hesitate to take advantage of the limited time grant opportunity. Contact the AIS Program Coordinator, Krista Snodgrass if interested in applying.

2012 State Tournament Venue:

The date and site of the 2012 Archery in the Schools (AIS) State Tournament has been selected. WV will be hosting its 7th Annual State Archery Tournament Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the Charleston Civic Center, 200 Civic Center Dr., Charleston, WV.

Tournament information/registration packets regarding this year's will be mailed out to all BAI certified instructors and posted on our website in November.

Starting a Fall AIS Program (with Thoughts of Tournament Participation):

It is not too early for schools tentatively interested in participating in the 2012 State Tournament to begin preparing now. A few lessons and suggestions from past tournament schools may be helpful for schools who have never participated in a state tournament.

1) Prepare in fall if possible. Because of Holidays and numerous snow days, many schools in the past waiting to prepare for state tournament after the New Year's, found they had insufficient time to train -

and could not attend. (Tournament registration deadlines are often in February). Therefore, we would like to encourage schools to consider training earlier in the school year. Ideally, AIS begins first in PE classes early in the fall so as to expose as many kids as possible to the sport. Later in the fall, if certain kids show aptitude and want to continue, a school division team could be formed for State Tournament competition through try-outs.

2) Train more than one instructor. In the past, several teams wanting to attend the tournament found their sole instructor had scheduling conflicts, and could not attend the tournament. We strongly suggest schools have more than one instructor trained to avoid scheduling conflicts. If necessary, schools should consider the upcoming Gander Mountain AIS training (see above).

3) Prepare and bring alternates. Many school divisional teams, without alternates, often show up at the tournament missing one or more students from their team, and therefore could not compete as a team. In addition to your co-ed divisional team of 12, consider training and bringing up to 6 co-ed alternates to the 2012 tournament to cheer on your team and to fill in as last-minute replacements.

Contact Us:

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