

WEST VIRGINIA'S
Archery
IN THE
Schools



January 2008 - Newsletter

Hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season and is looking forward to getting back to school. Just wanted to let everyone know about all of the things that have been going on and of some of our upcoming events.

September:

Provided archery instruction to approximately 200 students at an Open House held at Winfield High School (Putnam County).

Kris Grimes (Director) – with Centershot Ministries hosted BAI training at Teays Valley Christian School (Putnam County).

Provided Sacred Heart Ministries with archery instruction at an outdoor classroom located at Camp Virgil Tate (Kanawha County).

Met with Robert Shafer (Summersville Mayor) and Dot Persinger for site location of 2008 State Tournament.

October:

Presentation at Physical Education Conference hosted by WV Department of Education – Charleston Marriott.

Roy Grimes, National Coordinator for NASP – Guest Presenter at Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agency Conference hosted by the WVDNR at the Charleston Marriott.

Article in WV Bowhunters Voice featuring the DNR's success of the program.

November:

Finalized arrangements for the 2008 State Tournament and mailed information and registration forms to all certified BAI instructors.

Hosted BAI training at Chief Logan State Park (certified 21 teachers from 8 schools).

December:

Updated archery information on DNR's website.... www.wvdnr.gov which includes State and National Tournaments.



Upcoming Trainings (2008):

April 15th and 16th: Shepherd University (Shepherdstown)

July 8th and 9th: Sportsman's Refuge - Cheat Lake (Morgantown)...

Contact our DNR staff if you are interested in either training session and visit our website for updates.

Interested in hosting a training?

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

New Program Coordinator Hired.

On September 17, 2006, Jerry Westfall was hired to coordinate West Virginia's Archery in the Schools Program, as well as Hunters Helping the Hungry and National Hunting and Fishing Days. Jerry brings an extensive background as a Wildlife Biologist, Master of Science Degree in Wildlife, and nearly 20 years of experience working with youth and wildlife programs. Having lived and worked in numerous states, this native of Webster County is happy to be back in his home state and looks forward to finally settling down. Feel free to contact Jerry if you have questions concerning the NASP program.

TOURNAMENT....

The Third Annual West Virginia NASP State Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Summersville Armory (conveniently located in Summersville off Route 19). Driving directions are at: www.summersvillecvb.com/directions.htm Rules and applications were sent to previous BAI trainees in November. Only schools with individuals who have completed the BAI training may participate in the state tournament. Completed applications must be received in the DNR office by January 31, 2008, to participate in the state tournament. Application received after this date will not be accepted. Online copies of applications and tournament rules can be found by going to the DNR website at: www.wvdnr.gov/archery and then clicking the Up & Coming link.

Brass Nock Restrictions.

For safety and liability reasons, NASP is no longer recommending the use of brass nocks (also known as "nock locators") and is requesting everyone comply. While extremely rare, brass nock locators have been known to come off the bowstring upon release of the bowstring. NASP suggests archers remove the brass nocks and use a "tie-on" nock or the factory heat shrink nock. NASP Archers will be permitted to use a brass nock at the 2008 State Tournament. However, archers will not be permitted to use brass nocks at the 2008 National Tournament. To read the NASP brass nocks memo and an article on nock tying instructions, visit www.wvdnr.gov/archery and then click News\Links.

Future Newsletters

In an effort to keep costs down and to expedite information exchange, all future newsletters will be sent via email and posted on our website. So please notify Billie Shearer of any changes in your email address and visit our website for program updates.

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