

WEST VIRGINIA'S  
**Archery**  
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**Schools**



## May 2009 - Newsletter

*One final newsletter before everyone starts enjoying their summer vacation. Just wanted to let everyone know about all of the things that have been going on and of some of our upcoming events.*

### **January:**

Worked with John McCoy, sports editor Charleston Gazette, to advertise upcoming Archery in the Schools training and discuss Program information.

Received coverage in several area newspapers concerning the March 2009 training at North Bend State Park.

Promoted the Archery in the Schools Program at the DNR booth through flyers and other material at the West Virginia Hunting & Fishing Show (Charleston)

### **February:**

Developed a scoring system manual for the new Apperson scanning system to be used at West Virginia 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Archery in the Schools State Tournament. Gave training to DNR employees and West Virginia Bowhunter Association volunteers.

Coordinated with several conservation organizations (West Virginia Bowhunters Association; Appalachian Bowhunters Association; West Virginia Trophy Hunters Association; West Virginia Hunter Education Association; West Virginia Chapter – Wild Turkey Federation and Beyond the Backyard to provide volunteers at the March 2009 State AIS Tournament

Submitted a grant application to the WV Trophy Hunters Association (WVTHA) for partial funding of the WV Archery in the Schools Program. Good news! WVTHA will be presenting us a \$2,000 check this summer. This money will go a long way to ensure our continued success.

Contracted with Byron Ferguson, archery trick shooter from Alabama, to do an Archery in the Schools promotional advertisement at West Virginia's Celebration of National Hunting & Fishing Days, on September 26-27, 2009.

### **March:**

Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) training given at North Bend State Park (Cairo, Ritchie Co., WV). Trained 25 new coaches. Including the school already in AIS, 17 new schools were trained – bringing the total in the AIS Program to 183 schools!

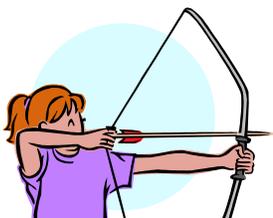
4<sup>th</sup> Annual WV Archery in the Schools State Tournament held at Summersville Armory. Approximately 41 teams (from 31 separate schools) and 430 students participated. Tournament results are posted on the website. Again, WVDNR would like to thank the Summersville CVB, and the volunteers who made this event possible. In fact, because of their commitment, we were able to host the largest indoor archery tournament event ever held in West

Virginia. Not bad for a program only 5 years old!

Attended WV Bowhunters Association Banquet. Jerry Westfall and Scott Warner recognized for their contribution to the West Virginia's AIS Program.

### **April:**

Interviewed by John McCoy, sports editor Charleston Gazette, to highlight State Archery Tournament and regional attendance. Discussed opportunities for more participation by Kanawha Valley teams.



### **Upcoming Training (2009):**

**July 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>:** at Cabela's (Wheeling) (Deadline to register July 6).

Due to the hands-on training involved in 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 AIS Program, you need to register for training before these classes are full.

Please note this training will cost \$25 for all school employees and \$50 for non-school employees. This fee will be paid to WV DNR – Archery in the Schools Program (via check, money order, or exact currency only) during the first morning of the training.

All teachers wanting Continuing Education Hours (CEH's) for this training should coordinate with their principle/administrator prior to the training and before the end of the school year.

**To register for this training please contact Billie Shearer at (304) 558-2771 or [billieshearer@wvdnr.gov](mailto:billieshearer@wvdnr.gov)**

### **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.

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 via email. 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.

### **New FAQ Sheet:**

To address WV Archery in the Schools Program questions, a new Fact Sheet (FAQ) has been developed. This FAQ sheet is posted on our website at: [www.wvdnr.gov/archery/documents/FAQs.pdf](http://www.wvdnr.gov/archery/documents/FAQs.pdf)

This FAQ sheet will be updated frequently to provide the latest information on the Archery in the Schools Program. It will answer many of the basic questions asked by school administrators, teachers and coaches interested in starting an AIS Program, and those already in the program. But please continue to feel free to contact us directly.

### **Contact Us:**

For information updates visit our website at [www.wvdnr.gov/archery](http://www.wvdnr.gov/archery) or call (304) 558-2771:

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