

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



## October 2010 - 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 (2010):**

**November 30-December 1: at Chief Logan Lodge (Deadline to Register November 15).**

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. A block of rooms have been reserved at Chief Logan Lodge at (304) 855-6100 or [www.chiefloganlodge.com](http://www.chiefloganlodge.com)

**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 Jerry Westfall at (304) 558-2771 or [Jerry.A.Westfall@wv.gov](mailto:Jerry.A.Westfall@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 for a Short Time**

West Virginia has been allocated to give schools up to a \$500 equipment discount when purchasing AIS equipment through NASP. Several schools have already taken advantage of this opportunity, but there is still some money available in West Virginia's

total allotment (\$6,000). To qualify for this discount, the school must first contact the AIS Program Coordinator, Jerry Westfall, who will then alert NASP the school will qualify for an equipment purchase discount. **The school's AIS equipment order (a minimum \$2700) must be received by NASP before December 1, 2010!**

Schools considering ordering equipment should not hesitate to take advantage of the limited time grant opportunity. Contact the AIS Program Coordinator a.s.a.p. if interested.

### **2011 State Tournament Venue:**

The date and site of the 2011 Archery in the Schools (AIS) State Tournament has been selected. The upcoming state tournament is scheduled to be held Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the Veterans Memorial Field House in Huntington, West Virginia. Contract details are still being finalized with the Field House as of this writing.

It was the desire of the AIS Program to once again hold the state tournament at the Charleston Civic Center, but the Civic Center had scheduling conflicts for 2011. It may be possible to hold the 2012 state tournament at the Charleston Civic Center – the largest venue in the state – if there are no scheduling conflicts. It is exciting to note the rapidly expanding AIS Program's state tournaments now require the largest venues in the State!

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

It is not too early for schools tentatively interested in participating in the 2011 State Tournament to begin preparing now. A few lessons and suggestions from past tournament schools may be helpful for a schools who have never participated in a state tournaments.

**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 Chief Logan Lodge 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 2011 tournament to cheer on your team and to fill in as last-minute replacements.

### **Contact Us:**

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