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National Archery in Schools Program Returns to In-Person Tournaments with the Eastern Nationals at the Kentucky Exposition Center

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (May 10, 2022) — The National Archery in the Schools Program Eastern National Tournament aims to bring 11,700 student archers to the Kentucky Exposition Center May 12-14. The event generates an estimated \$7.1 million in economic impact for the Commonwealth.

"The National Archery in the Schools Program has a long standing tradition of safe, well attended events at the Kentucky Exposition Center. "We are extremely excited to be conducting in person events there again and believe that 2022 will be a great year for the return of competition in Louisville," said Tommy Floyd, the President of the National Archery in the Schools Program.

The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®) partners with the International Bowhunting Organization to present the 3D Challenge, which is held during the tournament. More than 5,000 students are set to compete in the challenge, where archers take aim at foam animal targets that include a turkey, mountain sheep, deer and bear.

Students who compete at the national tournaments can advance to the NASP® Open Championship Tournament held June 23-25 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. At the Open Championship competition cash scholarships totaling \$84,000 will be awarded to the top individual and team archers.

NASP® will award 120 additional \$500 bullseye scholarships to randomly selected tournament participants. Winners may use the scholarships for post-high school education, including university, college, technical school and military training.

The completion runs 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. each day. A full schedule is online at www.nasptournaments.org. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 13-18). Children 12 and under, registered archers and coaches are free. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$10 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.

The National Archery in the Schools Program gives students an opportunity to learn and practice outdoor skills. Started by Kentucky Departments of Fish & Wildlife Resources and Department of Education, the program has spread to 47 states and numerous countries. More than 1.3 million students participate annually.

For more information about NASP and the tournament, visit www.nasptournaments.org

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