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2012 STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

It's time to start selecting your school team and begin practicing for the 2012 Florida State NASP Tournament. Florida will once again offer both the "live" and "virtual" tournament formats, allowing all NASP schools to compete, even if they cannot travel to the culminating event.

The live tournament will be held at the Easton Newberry Sports Complex in Newberry, FL, on Saturday, February 25 and will feature a couple of changes for 2012. Both the gymnasium and the indoor archery range will have tournament flights conducted simultaneously, allowing for additional archers and schools to compete at the live tournament. Following the last flight, a "Coaches Challenge" will be conducted for school PE teachers to compete for a trophy. The challenge will be open to teachers with teams shooting in the live or virtual tournament. So coaches, you need to begin practicing along with your teams!

The window for shooting in the virtual tournament is February 6 – 18, with results forms due in the FWC office in Lake City by close of business on Monday, February 20. This will allow for all team and individual scores, both virtual and live, to be announced in Newberry on February 25. Awards will be presented to teams and individuals attending

the live tournament, all other awards will be mailed or delivered to the participating schools.



2011 Tournament awards ceremony at College Park Elementary in Ocala

If you are ready to confirm your school's participation in the 2012 Florida State Tournament, live or virtual, please call Karen Little in the FWC office, 386 754-1051 X-125 and we will place you on our mailing list. Letters to the schools with tournament regulations and registration forms are forthcoming.

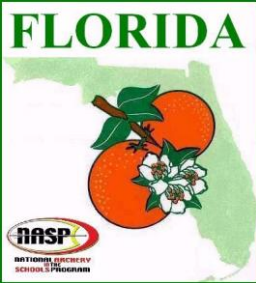
NASP Announces 2011-12 School Equipment Grants Program

The Easton Foundations (EF®) have again partnered with the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®) to provide \$300,000 in grant assistance for schools to enroll in this exciting program. Over

the next few months, each of the 47 NASP® states, 5 Provinces, and Washington DC will be allocated \$6,000. Last school year was the first time NASP® and EF® partnered to provide these equipment grants. While the grants were intended to assist 300 schools, 517 new NASP® schools actually received grants.

Once educators at a prospect school learn about NASP®, the next biggest obstacle to bringing archery instruction to their students is the purchase of the archery equipment kit. Thanks to very cooperative pricing by NASP® suppliers, the equipment kit costs a school far less than its retail value. Even so, it costs about \$3,000 to outfit a typical Physical Education archery class of 24-36 students.

NASP's equipment specifications are highly standardized in every school world-wide. Each school uses the same bow and arrow. The Genesis by Mathews Archery is a high quality universal-fit compound bow designed for sharing among several student archers. The Genesis arrow was specifically designed by Easton Technical Products to be safe, durable, and effective for the archery student. This principle of every student using the same equipment in archery class makes certain the focus of student learning is on mastering the process of safe



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and proper shooting. If different types of equipment were used the teacher's role would be more complicated, NASP's perfect safety record could be impacted, and the student's mastery of how to shoot could be short-circuited.

Most of the more than 8,800 schools that have joined the program to date have been able to purchase their equipment with little help from outside sources. However, many schools are unable to raise this money without assistance. Some schools raise money locally among civic organizations, conservation clubs or chapters of the National Wild Turkey Foundation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, or Safari Club International. Innovative teachers enlist the aid of parents to hold fund raising events to raise money for equipment. In many NASP jurisdictions the fish and wildlife conservation agency provides grants for the purchase of school archery equipment kit.

To help alleviate financial barriers we at NASP are excited about the generosity of the Easton Foundations (EF). EF is a non-profit foundation established by James L. Easton for the purpose of training and developing a pool of world class

archers able to compete at the highest levels. The strategy used to accomplish the Foundation's purpose is the creation or support of programs to develop archers at many levels in order to strengthen and deepen the available talent pool. The Easton Foundations have supported NASP Schools for a number of years with equipment grants directly to the schools, support of the NASP School Equipment Grant Program allows us to assist more schools and leverage the great work of the NASP organization and State Coordinators', commented Greg Easton from the Easton Foundations. For more about the Easton Foundations visit <http://www.eastonfoundations.org>



Archers and lane judges (FWC Officers) at the 2011 NASP Florida State Tournament

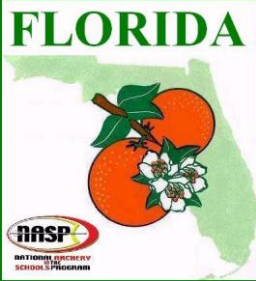
NOTE: Florida still has a few of these \$1,000 grants available. To qualify, a school must not have received a prior grant (FWC or NASP), and have a

current PE teacher that has attended (or is scheduled to attend) a Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) training course. If your school would like to receive one of these grants, please contact Steve Robbins at NASP@MyFWC.com or by phone at 386 623-3780 during business hours.

2012 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT MAY 11 - 12 , LOUISVILLE, KY

Go online [here](#) to read the rules and regulations for the 2012 NASP National Tournament in Louisville, KY. Florida State Tournament division winning teams will receive an automatic invitation. For all other schools: Elementary School qualifying score is 2,800 points. Middle School qualifying score is 2,900 points. High School qualifying score is 3,000 points.

Florida teams that qualify for the National Tournament should know about pre-registration, early registration, interpretation of Elementary Students in 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades, legal bows and accessories and many other topics pertaining to the event. Please visit the website and look over the regulations, also used for the State Tournament.



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ESDF & NASP® NORTH AMERICAN EQUIPMENT GRANTS SURVEY

NASP®, the Easton Sports Development Foundation, and the University of Florida have teamed to learn more about student attitudes regarding their archery experience(s).

The link below is designed for students to access at home with parent or guardian approval. Almost all of what we know about the effectiveness of NASP® has been obtained from surveys conducted among teachers and their students. You can access the survey [here](#).

FLORIDA NASP PROGRAM NOW ON FACEBOOK



Check out the new Facebook page called **Florida's NASP Program** and click on "like". Here you will find current information, photos and events from teams and individuals participating in the sport of Archery. Links to other state and national programs, as well as agencies, organizations and vendors that support our fine program can be found at this location. With the Olympics coming up, links to archery related events

will also be found on this page. Please urge your students to "like" **Florida's NASP Program** on Facebook, and help them get more involved in this wholesome life sport!

NASP® World On-Line Physical Education Tournament

From an education perspective a NASP® tournament is considered a culminating event. Such events are often used as rewards or goals to increase a student's interest and enthusiasm for a course of study. Opportunity to participate in an archery tournament increases interest and motivation among students and promotes mastery of NASP® lessons. Since NASP® emphasizes team participation, students recognize the archery competition will be suited and fun for everyone, not just the top archers.

Live NASP® State, Provincial, National and World tournaments are conducted annually. Because a live tournament involves travel and expenses, fewer than 5% of NASP® students attend live events. This tournament is offered so every NASP® student may join and be ranked in a world-wide competition. Students will be able to

measure their individual and team's progress compared to archery peers throughout the ever-expanding NASP® world! Check out the On-Line Tournament Website at <http://www.nasptournaments.org/Default.aspx>

Florida Teams at the 2011 NASP® World Tournament in Orlando

Team standings for Florida schools at the World Tournament: High School, Lakeland Christian - 13; Middle School, Robert H. Jenkins - 9, Union Academy - 16, Tomlin - 19; Elementary, Robert H. Jenkins - 10. Thanks to all for participating, we're proud of you!

Top Florida individual shooters at the tournament were Haley Fitzhugh, 7th grade, Union Academy middle school, 282 out of 300 and Michael Cothron, 6th grade, Robert H. Jenkins Middle School, 276 out of 300. Great shooting by our Florida NASP students!

The cultural exchange table was a huge hit from 6 to 8pm on Friday. Hundreds of competitors stopped by to sign flags. Four countries were represented at the tournament this year, USA, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand.

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PHOTOS FROM THE 2011 NASP WORLD TOURNAMENT IN ORLANDO, FL OCTOBER 7 & 8 AT DISNEY WORLD



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Remember to share the fun of NASP® with other schools and teachers in your district and athletic conference! Ask about our grant packages!

