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National Archery in the Schools Program State Championship to Be Held Thursday in Birmingham



The largest youth archery competition in Alabama, the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) State Championship will be held Thursday, May 1, 2008 in the North Hall of the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center in Birmingham. Over 900 young archers in Grades 4-12 from schools across the state will be competing in the event with hopes that their school's team will advance to the United States Invitational Championship May 10, in Louisville, Kentucky.

The NASP is a joint venture between the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and the Alabama Department of Education promoting student education and participation in the lifelong sport of archery as part of a school's physical education course and after school programs. Over 125 Alabama schools currently participate in the NASP and more will come on board with the program in the next school year. Scoring is based on Olympic style, target archery in three divisions – elementary, middle and high school. Competition is on team and individual levels.



The media is encouraged to cover Thursday's NASP State Championship. There will be two flights – 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. – and the awards ceremony at 3:30 p.m. To schedule a media interview or for media assistance, contact Rebecca Leigh White with the ADCNR Information and Education Section at 800-262-3151, 334-608-8400 the day of the event, or rebeccaleigh.white@dcnr.alabama.gov.

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The event could not be possible without the generous sponsorships of the Alabama Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Knight and Hale Game Calls, Summit Treestands, Morrell Manufacturing, The Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Foundation, The Alabama Wildlife Federation, and Academy + Outdoors.

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