



NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

IN NORTH CAROLINA



GET IT FOR YOUR SCHOOL

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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission District Boundaries



WHAT IT IS

The National Archery in the Schools Program is a joint venture between state education and wildlife agencies. In North Carolina, that is the public schools and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

WHAT IT DOES

The program promotes learning, fun, health and fitness, and participation in the lifelong sport of archery. Students shoot at bulls-eye targets in a gym, with special backdrops and safety restraints. Equipment used is state-of-the art and designed to fit every student. Thanks to support from the archery industry, the \$6,000 equipment kits can be purchased by schools for \$2,800 to \$3,000.

HOW IT WORKS

The program is offered through physical education classes for **grades 4–12**. Core content covers archery history, safety, technique, equipment, mental concentration, physical fitness and self-improvement.



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WHY IT IS GOOD (AND GOOD FOR STUDENTS)

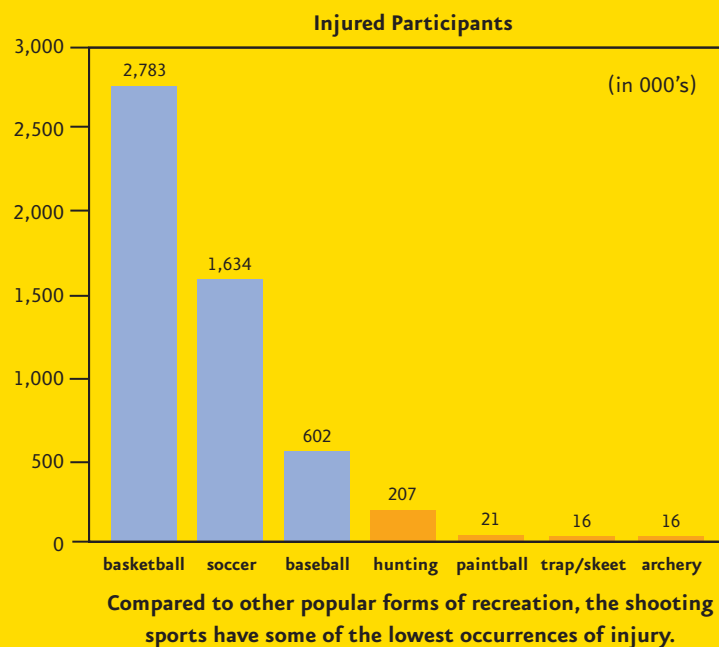
Archery is safe, according to the National Safety Council, and there has never been an archery accident in NASP. The program builds math skills, teaches history and culture, stresses responsibility and encourages social interaction.



Sports Injury Study, Total Injuries Ranked by Sport

Sports Total	Total Sport Participants	Injured Participants	Percent of Total Injuries	Injuries per 100 Participants
Total Injuries	211,202	20,145	100.00	9.5
Basketball	36,584	2,783	13.8	7.6
Running/Jogging	35,866	1,654	8.2	4.6
Soccer	17,641	1,634	8.1	9.3
Football (tackle)	5,783	1,084	5.4	18.8
Baseball	10,402	602	3.0	5.8
Bicycling (recreational)	53,524	445	2.2	0.8
Tennis	16,353	415	2.1	2.5
Ice Hockey	2,612	415	2.1	15.9
Skateboarding	12,997	399	2.0	3.1
Walking (recreational)	84,986	384	1.9	0.5
Golf	27,812	291	1.4	1.0
Hunting	16,471	207	1.0	1.3
Gymnastics	5,149	149	0.7	2.9
Ice Skating	14,530	105	0.5	0.7
Swimming (recreational)	92,667	73	0.4	0.1
Bowling	53,160	50	0.2	0.1
Paintball	8,679	21	0.1	0.2
Shooting (trap & skeet)	3,696	16	0.1	0.4
Archery	3,696	16	0.1	0.2
Canoeing	10,933	11	0.1	0.1

Source: American Sports Data, Inc.—A comprehensive Study of Sports Injuries in the U.S.



N.C. OPERATIONS

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A mobile unit to carry required equipment was donated to the Division of Enforcement by the N.C. Bowhunters Association in February 2007. The mobile unit carries 12 bows, 60 arrows, and a portable archery base that can store and carry necessary supplies. Funding was led by the N.C. Bowhunters Association, with additional help from the National Wild Turkey Federation and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

FAST FACTS ON NASP SUCCESS

- NASP has successfully taught more than 3.2 million students during school hours.
- Interest in the outdoors creates financial and public support for wildlife conservation.
- NASP involvement improves classroom performance and reduces dropout rates.
- Survey results show 94 percent of students enjoyed the program; 53 percent said they liked themselves better after learning archery; and 49 percent said they liked school better.
- NASP has been adopted by more than 5,000 schools in 46 states, Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand.
- International Style Target Archery methods, just like the Olympics, are used.