NASP® IMPACTS EDUCATION

NASP® is the largest youth archery program in history and currently serves 2.23 million student archers. NASP® continues to grow at about 1000 schools per year, due to its ever-increasing relevance to promote student success and academic emphasis.

In 2016, NASP® will award more than $300,000 in cash scholarships to state, provincial, and national tournament winners. These funds will be spent providing assistance with post-secondary tuition costs. This opportunity is made obtainable by participation in, and paid for by, archery.

NASP® archery is currently taught in ~70% of the more than 14,000 NASP® schools as part of the physical education curriculum. The other ~30% of NASP® schools make it a part of math, science, language arts, social studies, health, etc. In some of the most successful NASP® schools, teachers collaborate in interdisciplinary teams to provide theme-based lessons that build on the enthusiasm students have for in-school archery. Engagement is the key, and NASP® engages students!

Perhaps for anyone that is considering adopting NASP® for their school, they should consider recent comments from NASP® advisory council students describing their NASP® experience. They were quoted as saying:

» “I don't know what I would be doing if it weren't for NASP®.”
» “Archery has opened my eyes to a lot of people and a lot of things.”
» “NASP® has done so much for me. I love it!”
» “I have no idea where I would be without NASP®.”
» “Archery has done more for me than I could ever explain.”
WHAT IS NASP®?

Educators are looking for ways to improve student motivation, attention, behavior, attendance, and focus. Teachers strive to achieve state and national educational standards regarding development of micro/macro motor ability, listening, and observation skills. They hope to engage each student in the educational process and develop relationships to promote graduation.

In addition, wildlife conservation agencies are concerned too many young people are forgoing learning outdoor skills that will inspire them to spend more time with wild things in wild places. Natural resource professionals are convinced that learning target-shooting skills will result in character and self-reliance development that will serve the future of wildlife conservation well.

The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®) was developed to achieve these specific educational and conservation purposes. NASP® was co-created by the Kentucky Departments of Fish & Wildlife Resources, Department of Education, and Mathews Archery in the late summer and fall of 2001.

NASP® is a target archery program designed to be taught during the school day in the gymnasium. The program is highly standardized to maintain archery’s “best in sports” safety record and be easy to teach and learn by people of nearly every ability and background.

The program was launched in 21 Kentucky middle schools on March 3, 2002. Originally called the “Kentucky Archery in the Schools Program”, the effort’s goal was to enroll 120 schools and teach target archery skills to 24,000 students each year. Kentucky gave itself three years to achieve this goal. Within the program’s first year the 120-school goal was achieved and because of neighbor-state interest, “National” replaced “Kentucky” in the program’s name. NASP® also expanded its participation standards from just Middle School to include students in 4th-12th grade. Shortly afterwards, NASP® was granted 501 c(3) non-profit educational foundation status. Today there are 47 states and 11 countries participating in NASP®.

NASP® is overseen by a volunteer board of directors. Every state, province and country enrolled in NASP® has a “Coordinator” in charge of leading the program in their jurisdiction. For a complete list of participating states, provinces, and countries, their coordinators, and contact information see: www.naspschools.org.

WHAT DO STUDENTS THINK AFTER NASP®?

- 83% Like Archery
- 77% Were New To Archery
- 70% Like Their Teacher Better
- 65% Intend To Be Life-Long Archers
- 53% Like Themselves Better

WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED?

The NASP® equipment kit is comprised of the following APPROVED, wholesale priced, archery gear.

- Bows (standard Genesis) 12
- Bow Rack 1
- Arrows 10 Dozen
- Backtop Net 1
- Maintenance Kit 1
- Morrell, Field Logic or Rinehart Target

HOW DOES A SCHOOL JOIN NASP®?

1st Contact your NASP® Coordinator at www.naspschools.org
2nd Attend & pass an 8-hour Basic Archery Instructor certification
3rd Buy a NASP® equipment kit