

2008 National Archery in the Schools Program National Championships

The 2008 NASP National Championships took place May 9th and 10th in the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Students from 24 states, 2,856 in all, including 11 students from Alaska, participated in this event. It was the largest youth archery tournament ever held in the United States. The event was an incredible experience for both archers and spectators. A single shooting line over 800 feet long with 162 targets was an impressive sight. But the approximate 648 archers in each flight (assigned shooting time) made the scene complete. With half of those students shooting at one time (324), a sound resembling thunder would rumble through the hall each time the arrows began hitting the targets. But that sound could only be heard for a short time before the roar of the cheering fans and other students would drown it out. Make no mistake this was a sports event complete with athletes, judges and fans, but this event had more athletes than any event I have ever attended.

Ohio was strongly represented by 14 teams and 2 individual archers from 16 schools. A total of 309 Ohio students displayed their team spirit, demonstrated sportsmanship, and represented Ohio with integrity and pride. All of the students earned their way to the event through their dedication to improving on the skills they learned in their school's physical education program. Those skills earned many of them awards and one team a National Championship.

Ohio has its first NASP National Championship team. Meigs Intermediate School Elementary scored 3,178 points to take the national title in the elementary school division at the 2008 NASP National Championship Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky. The team's effort topped the performances of 31 other elementary schools from across the U.S. Maysville Elementary School from Muskingum County finished third in the division.

Middle School Team Division - Maysville Middle School team won third place.

High School Team Division - Maysville High School won second place.

Ohio teams occupied four of the nine podium positions at the National Tournament.

In the Individual standings 13 Ohio students finished in the top 10 in their divisions:

Elementary Female Division;

Mallory Spring from Maysville Elementary finished second with a score of 279
Miranda Manley of Meigs Intermediate finished ninth with a score of 270.

Elementary Male Division;

Taylor Rowe from Meigs Intermediate finished second with a score of 285
Adam Landerman from Maysville Elementary finished fifth with a score of 281
Kahler Smith from Maysville Elementary finished seventh with a score of 280
Jerry Huggins from Maysville Elementary finished eighth with a score of 278

Middle School Female Division;

Kassandra Mullins from Meigs Middle School finished fifth with a score of 280

Alexis Hayes from Maysville Middle School finished ninth with a score of 278

Middle School Male Division;

Trey McKinney from Meigs Middle School finished eighth with a score of 284

High School Female Division;

Kelsey Taylor from Morgan High School finished second with a score of 287

Malisa Spring from Maysville High School finished sixth with a score of 285

Kassidie Smith from Maysville High School finished ninth with a score of 280

High School Male Division;

Matt Good from Maysville High School finished third with a score of 296

All Scores were out of a possible 300

All of the students that participated in this event had the opportunity to meet and talk to students from all over the country. Congratulations to all of the schools, students, volunteers, and coaches that had the opportunity to participate in the National Archery in the Schools Program 2008 National Championships.

For a complete listing of all the scores visit www.archeryintheschools.org