

Ohio's National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) 2008 Update

This past year has been an amazing one for Ohio's program. We added an additional 94 schools to our program since last March. We now have 256 NASP certified schools in Ohio, and there are still several trainings scheduled before the end of this school year. We may have 300 certified schools in our program by the start of the 2008-2009 school year.

We are happy to announce this past year we had our first major metropolitan school system become a part of Ohio's NASP. Cleveland Municipal Schools will introduce NASP into the physical education programs in many of their schools next school year. Congratulations to the Cleveland Municipal Schools.

This year's final reports and program evaluations are in the mail to all of our currently certified schools. These forms will provide vital information regarding Ohio's program and help us determine participation numbers for the past school year. We hope that each school will take a few minutes of their time to complete these forms so we can maintain accurate information on our program in Ohio.

The National NASP board, in partnership with several states, including Ohio, is sponsoring a national program evaluation and survey to gather information and evaluate how the program is doing nationwide. Some of Ohio's participating schools may be contacted by the company conducting this research. If any of our schools have questions regarding this research project please feel free to contact me.

We held our second Ohio NASP State Tournament on February 29, 2008 where 659 Ohio students participated in a day of archery and interaction with fellow archers from other NASP participating schools (There were a total of 439 students at last year's state tournament, which means we had an approximate 50% growth). Congratulations to all of the students, coaches, and schools that participated in this year's state tournament. Complete results from the event are posted on our website. www.ohionasp.com

The 2008 NASP National Invitational Championships will be held May 10 in Louisville, Kentucky at the Kentucky Exposition Center, South Wing, Halls B & C. This year's Nationals will see 1,920 archers participate from all over the country. Ohio will have a tremendous representation at this event. As of right now there are 252 students (11 teams and two individuals from 13 schools) registered for this year's NASP Nationals. Congratulations to all of the Ohio students, coaches, and schools that will be participating in this year's NASP Nationals. We wish all of you the best. For more information on the NASP Nationals visit www.archeryintheschools.org