



## KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER

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## NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BREAK RECORDS WITH NATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN LOUISVILLE

**LOUISVILLE, KY (April 29, 2015)** – With another record breaking year projected, more than 12,000 archers will compete at the National Archery in the Schools National Tournament at the Kentucky Exposition Center Thursday, May 7 – Saturday, May 9.

The 2012 event was certified by Guinness World Records as the largest archery tournament in the world with 7,804 archers. Subsequently the 2013 and 2014 events broke the record. This year more than 12,000 archers represent 42 states and 763 schools.

Shooting flights begin Thursday and Friday at 9:15 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Saturday. In addition, a scholarship shoot-off and awards ceremony will follow Saturday's competition. The National Archery in the Schools Program will award scholarship money totaling \$129,500.

Back for the second year, in partnership with the International Bowhunting Organization, students will compete in an additional 3-D archery competition. Using the same equipment and distances as standard competition, the students will shoot at foam animals instead of targets. Tournament organizers are anticipating breaking the world record for the largest 3-D tournament with more than 3,000 archers registered.

New this year, the Olympic Archery in the School program will introduce a recurve bow (traditional bows) competition. This year's tournament will also introduce the first-ever National Archery Day on Saturday, May 9, which will be held the second Saturday in May each year.

The National Archery in the Schools Program offers students an opportunity to learn and practice outdoor skills. Started by Kentucky Departments of Fish & Wildlife Resources and Department of Education, the program has spread to 47 states and 14 countries. More than 2,000,000 students participate annually.

In addition to the competition, archery, outdoor and interactive shooting exhibits will be available. Tickets are \$8 per person (ages 8 and up).

Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.

For more information, visit <http://naspschools.org> and <http://www.nasptournaments.org>.

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### ABOUT THE KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER

One of the top 10 largest public facilities of its kind in the United States, the Kentucky Exposition Center

features 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space including Freedom Hall, an indoor arena which seats over 19,000 people. The facility's class "A" exhibit space totals 425,700 square feet and accommodates an amazing spectrum of events year round. The expo center is the permanent home for the Kentucky State Fair, the National Farm Machinery Show, and the North American International Livestock Exposition. For more information, go online to [www.kyexpo.org](http://www.kyexpo.org).

#### **ABOUT PARKING**

Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just five minutes south of downtown Louisville. The spacious grounds have 19,000 parking spaces and is accessible from six gates surrounding the facility. Gates are located off of Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.