



KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER

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WORLD-RECORD NUMBER OF ARCHERS TO COMPETE AT THE KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER

LOUISVILLE, KY (May 7, 2014) – The National Archery in the Schools Program National Tournament returns to Louisville, bringing a record-breaking number of archers to the Kentucky Exposition Center on Thursday, May 8 – Saturday, May 10.

In 2012, this event was certified by Guinness World Records as the largest archery tournament in the world with 7,804 archers. In 2013 they broke their own record with 9,426 archers. This year more than 10,800 archers are registered, representing 39 states including Alaska.

Shooting flights begin Thursday at 4:45 p.m. and start at 8 a.m. on Friday and 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 to five boys and five girls totaling \$77,000.

New this 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.

The National Archery in the Schools Program gives 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.

Tickets are \$5 per person (ages 8 and up). Also archery, outdoor and interactive shooting exhibits will be available. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle.

For more information, visit <http://naspschools.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 indoor space and accommodates a wide variety 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. 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. For more information, visit www.kyexpo.org. Also like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/kyexpocenter> and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/kyexpocenter.