



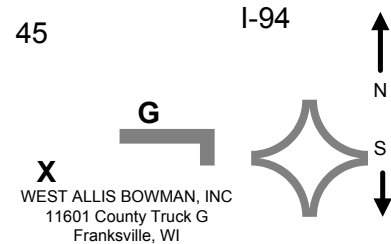
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WELCOME TO 4-H ARCHERY 2017

Dear 4H Archers:

SHOOTING LOCATION: West Allis Bowman



ORIENTATION SHOOTS

There are three dates scheduled for orientation/safety. **The sessions begin at 5:00 p.m.** It is **mandatory for all first-year participants to attend one of the orientation/safety instructions before their first time shooting at 4-H archery.** We would like at least one parent to attend with the archer.

All archery members are invited to attend these orientation sessions. Shooting may be indoors or outdoors depending on what the weather allows. All members (beginners and advanced) are encouraged to attend to warm up for the Outdoor League.

Orientation dates are: Monday, May 08
Wednesday, May 10
Monday, May 15

At each **orientation session** we will go over safety rules, expectations, equipment needs and proper use of that equipment. There will be demonstrations. If you have equipment, please bring it with you and we will check to make sure it is properly set up for you. Some will be outgrowing their equipment and it will be available for sale that night. If you don't know how to purchase equipment, we can help you that evening.

If you are unable to attend, please call Gary Martin 262-492-0309.

GENERAL INFORMATION

There are about 107 members in our archery group, so please be prompt to your shooting line. It is important to be signed in, your equipment ready, and your cases set aside appropriately before your assigned time to shoot. Your full cooperation is needed. **The aid of any Jr. Leaders who can help score and coach the Beginner line would be greatly appreciated.** Parents are encouraged to help keep score at all of our shoots, your assistance is appreciated. We have several certified instructors and it helps if they are able to focus on instructing.

We ask a \$10.00 donation from each archer to help cover expenses. The Racine County UW-Extension Office has included a registration form and a code of conduct form. The **archer and parent must fill out and return to the UWEX office by May 1st.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOOTING

An outdoor league will be held during the summer with 4 shoots used to determine your average. Your ribbon placing will be based on how **your fifth score** compares to your own **average from the animal targets used in the outdoor league.** Everyone has a possibility for a blue ribbon.

Four scores are required to make your average from the outdoor league (animal round). You will be docked one ribbon placing for each score missed. Please contact a certified leader to check options available in an emergency situation. (Must be important reasons other than sports conflicts.) You may shoot more than 5 scores.

OUTDOOR LEAGUE Dates are...

The Outdoor Shooting dates are:

Monday, June 05 Wednesday, June 07

Monday, June 12 Wednesday, June 14

Monday, June 19 Wednesday, June 21

Make sure to sign up for archery on your fair book entry sheet by June 15 and mail to the Fair Office. We will NOT be shooting at the fair.

There will not be another mailing – enter these dates on your calendar!

Extra copies of the dates will be available at the registration table.

LEADERS: Gary Martin 262-492-0309
 David Kupper 262-930-1158
 Roger Tiarks 414-546-1385
 Randy Henderson 262-210-0265
 Julie Kupper 262-930-3082

LEAGUE INFORMATION

We will have a three week outdoor league at West Allis Bowman. That enables you to shoot a possible 12 times. The leagues will be on **Monday's and Wednesday's with a 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. shooting line.** You will need 5 scores from the outdoor league. The first 4 scores are averaged and you compete against your own average, not against the other shooters for your award. Complications may be discussed and worked out with the head leader. But must be good reasons – not just other fun. You do not have to be an exceptional shooter to enjoy this project. There are other shoots for you to compete and enjoy. See a leader for information.

It is very important to be on time, this means signed up and ready to shoot by your designated time. *If you are late, you will be put on the line and start shooting the same round as the rest of the line.* If there is time when the line is done shooting, you can make up the rounds you missed.

We use burlap animal targets for shooting outdoors.

EQUIPMENT

Bow, 6 arrows, finger tab or release, side quiver, bow case, and arm guard. Check eye dominance.

RULES

- There will be no fooling around at anytime. If you are caught fooling around you will be dropped from the archery project. We don't want anyone to get hurt.
- Your bow must be in a case when being transported
- No shooting is to begin until the whistle is blown once. Always remain behind the shooting line until the whistle is blown twice to go pull your arrows from the target. If the whistle is blown multiple times STOP SHOOTING, there is a problem.
- Straddle the shooting line
- Never dry fire a bow
- Never pick up a dropped arrow
- No pulling arrows until the leader scores them

9 STEPS TO SHOOTING

1. Stance – left side to target (or right side to target if you are left-handed shooter)
2. Grip – “shake hands” with your bow
3. Nock your arrow – cock feather. Learn cock feather direction for your set up. The arrow should “click” onto the bow string. Nock arrow with the bow up and down – not sideways, so they don't hit other archers or their equipment.
4. Draw with first three fingers (there are other styles, this is for beginners)
5. Anchor (corner of mouth or release) head straight, don't bow to string or tip head back
6. Aim – sights or instinctive – no looking down the shaft
7. Release – relax fingers or trip release. More details when shooting
8. Follow through – hold bow up and still until arrow reaches the target
9. Check Equipment