



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
RACINE COUNTY



WELCOME TO RACINE COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY 2022 West Allis Bowmen

To all 4-H Archery Project Members,

ORIENTATION: There are two dates scheduled for orientation and safety. **The sessions are held at West Allis Bowman (11601 County Truck G, Franksville). It is mandatory for all first-year participants to attend one of the orientation and safety sessions before their first time shooting at 4-H archery.** To participate in the Racine County 4-H archery project you need to be at least 8 years of age and in at least 3rd grade by the first shoot. Members that feel they need a safety refresher may attend. The orientation sessions will be outdoors. **Orientation begins at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16th or Wednesday, May 25th.**

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. If you do not know how to purchase equipment, we can help you that evening. Equipment is available to use if you do not have your own equipment based on first come basis. If you are unable to attend or have scheduling conflicts, please call Kris Nissila, Archery Site Coordinator, at 262-620-7072 or another leader listed below.

There are over 50 members in our archery group, so please be prompt to your shooting line. It is important to be signed in, have your equipment ready, and your cases set aside appropriately before your assigned time to shoot. Your full cooperation is needed. We have several certified instructors, and it helps if they are able to focus on instructing. Project leaders or parents are encouraged to volunteer to keep score.

The registration fee for the Archery Project is \$10.00 per archer with a maximum of \$20.00 per family, per discipline, (archery, air pistol, .22 pistol, .22 rifle, air rifle, muzzleloading, and shotgun) per year. This fee helps to cover expenses for the Shooting Sports Project. Please make the check payable to **Racine County 4-H Leaders Association.**

Please mail the Archery Project Registration Form along with a check before Tuesday, May 10th to: Extension Racine County, 1072 Milwaukee Avenue, Burlington, WI 53105.

Make sure to sign up for the Archery Project under Shooting Sports on your fair entry form on the Racine County Fair website at <http://www.racinecountyfair.com>. We will not be shooting archery at the fair. **Racine County Fair ribbon distribution will be addressed by the Racine County Fair at a future date. Typically, ribbons can be picked up at the Youth Building office at the Racine County Fair starting on Monday of fair week.**

The outdoor shooting lines begin at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on:

Monday, June 06	Wednesday, June 08
Monday, June 13	Wednesday, June 15
Monday, June 20	Wednesday, June 22

CERTIFIED ARCHERY INSTRUCTORS:

David Kupper 262-930-1158
Randy Henderson 262-210-0265
Kris Nisslia 262-757-5139

Julie Kupper 262-930-3082
Matthew Kupper 262-930-3508

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 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 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. They must be good reasons, not just other fun. You do not have to be an exceptional shooter to enjoy this project.

It is very important to be on time and this means signed up and ready to shoot by your designated time. If you are late, you will be put on the line and will 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.

EQUIPMENT

Bow, 6 arrows, finger tab or release, side quiver, bow case, and arm guard. Check eye dominance. We use burlap animal targets for shooting outdoors.

RULES

- There will be no fooling around at any time. 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 it is 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.