

Informational Handout for the 20-21 Season

5th graders

The focus of our 5th graders is to teach them the basic fundamentals of shooting a bow, acclimate them to the rules and procedures of NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) and most importantly, get them excited about archery. Although they will not be attending competitions, we consider our 5th graders as an essential “feeder” program for our competitive MS and HS teams. We want them “ready to go” next year when they start competing in tournaments. **The cost for 5th graders is \$40 and includes a t-shirt.** Practices will be from 5-5:50 in the Intermediate School Gym. Practices will be held on Monday nights, the first practice being Dec. 7th. Our last practice will be Feb. 22nd. Facemasks will be required!

6th-8th

Last year our 7th and 8th graders made up our middle school team. Although we could have had our 6th graders shoot competitively, we weren’t quite ready for that yet in our first season of competing. This year we believe our 6th graders will be ready to join our Middle School team and we are excited to see what this group can do this season, after nearly qualifying as a team for the state shoot last year. **The cost for 6th-8th is \$60 and includes a t-shirt and entry fees to local tournaments (excluding the state shoot).** In anticipation that this group will be by far our largest, we will be **splitting them up for practices. 6th and 7th graders will practice from 6:00-6:50 on Monday nights, and our 8th graders will practice with the High School group from 7:00-7:50.** This is to balance our numbers out as we will be doing our best to social distance, and we also want to get as many arrows in each night. *We may still need to do some shuffling after our final registration counts are in, but this will be the plan up until that point. First practice will be Dec. 7th and will run up to the state shoot (date TBD) but last year was in early March. Facemasks will be required!

9th-12th

We are very excited about the potential of our High School team this season. Last year this was by far our smallest group, but with 4 state qualifiers on the Middle School team coming up to the High school team this year, and a few returning high schoolers who nearly qualified last year we could really get our HS program going strong. We need to get participation up in the HS so do your best to recruit your friends. **The cost for 9th-12th is \$60 and includes a t-shirt and entry fees to local tournaments (excluding the state shoot).** **9th-12th graders will practice alongside our 8th graders on Mondays from 7:00-7:50.** First practice will be Dec. 7th and will run up to the state shoot (date TBD) but last year was in early March. Facemasks will be required!

Parents

- Due to the fact that we have very limited space in our gym, and we need to do our best at maintaining separation, we will not be allowing parents to be in the gym during practice this year.
- We are strongly encouraging our 6-12th archers to purchase their own Genesis Original bow and a dozen Easton 1820 NASP arrows if financially possible. We are trying to avoid having kids share equipment and we do not have enough bows/arrows for everyone to use “their own.” If you would like to use a school bow/arrows for the season we are asking for a \$100 deposit check that will be held and returned following the return of the undamaged equipment.
- We will use a text based reminding app for announcements for tournament line times. To “sign up” send a text to 81010 and text the message @accf8g
- We have a Facebook page as well, follow [Central DeWitt Archery](#)
- We will be having a web store for Saber archery apparel through AdCraft. The store will run from Nov. 12th through the 19th. A link will be posted on our Facebook page.
- We will have a parent meeting for 6-12 archers about archery competitions in December (date will be announced later)
- sign up at the following [link](#)
- **Please make payment by November 6th as t-shirts will not be ordered unless payment is made.**
 - **send payment with child to give to your school secretary (HS kids can give directly to me) OR**
 - **mail to Central DeWitt Community Schools, % Ed Vance, Box 110, DeWitt IA 52742**