

# Starting a NASP program in KY

Since NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) is an in-school program, the first step to starting a NASP program in your school is to get the school administration to agree to offer the program in the school during the school day (typically as part of a gym class). There is a lot of information available on our website (<http://fw.ky.gov/Education/Pages/NASP.aspx>) that explains why NASP is a good option for schools.

Once the school has agreed to offer NASP style archery, the next step will be to get the instructor(s) trained. NASP Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) trainings are offered regularly throughout the year at many locations around the state. You can find a current list of classes on our website at <http://naspbai.org/ClassSearch.aspx?country=US&state=KY>. If you do not see a class that meets your needs, you can contact your regional coordinator or the state NASP coordinator ([patrick.oconnell@ky.gov](mailto:patrick.oconnell@ky.gov)) to request training. You can find a list of NASP regional coordinators at (<http://fw.ky.gov/Education/Documents/naspregoncontacts.pdf>). If possible, it is always a good idea to train multiple people at a school. In addition to the teacher that will be teaching the archery class in school, you can also train interested parents, coaches (for an afterschool program/team), and other faculty at the school. This training will show you how to safely set up the range, teach the program and will answer most of your questions. The current cost for training is \$80 per instructor trained and includes the training packet fees.

Once you have the training, the next step is to get your equipment. The equipment can be ordered directly from NASP (<http://naspschools.org/ordering/>). A good way to start is to purchase a standard archery kit. This kit will cost about \$3100 depending on the equipment selected. This will allow up to 10 archers shoot at one time. It is purchased directly from the national NASP office at a substantial savings over retail pricing. The standard kit includes 10 right-handed bows, 2 left-handed bows, 5 targets, 120 arrows, 1 safety curtain, 1 bow rack and one equipment repair box. The order forms can be found at <http://naspschools.org/ordering/>.

For a lot of schools, funding the kit can be an issue. With school budgets very tight, it can be very difficult to find the money to fund your equipment purchase. Always check with your local sportsman's organizations to see if grants are available. A list of organizations can be found at <http://naspschools.org/archery/> under "POSSIBLE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR AREA". Also consider hosting your own archery tournament to raise funds. A lot of established NASP schools are more than willing to assist you in getting started. You can also consider charging an activity fee for your afterschool program. At certain times of the year, KY NASP is able to offer discounts for new programs that are starting the NASP program and are ordering a full kit. You can check with your regional coordinator to see if any discounts are currently available.

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