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DNR Announces State Virtual Archery Tournament Winners

The Department of Natural Resources today announced the winners of Michigan's Second Annual State Virtual Archery Tournament. More than 300 student archers enrolled at schools participating in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) competed in the recent tournament.

Team awards will be presented as follows:

High School Division

- 1ST Place-Laker High School in Huron County
- 2ND Place-St. Mary Cathedral School in Otsego County
- 3RD Place-Bark River-Harris Senior High School in Delta County

Middle School Division

- 1ST Place-Hartland Middle School at Ore Creek in Livingston County
- 2ND Place-Olivet Middle School in Eaton County
- 3RD Place-Portage Central Middle School in Kalamazoo County

Elementary School Division

- 1ST Place-Olivet Middle School in Eaton County
- 2ND Place-Hartland Farms Intermediate School in Livingston County
- 3RD Place-Palo Community School in Ionia County

The 2007 defending state champion, Mariah Kestila, 8th grade of Escanaba Middle School in Delta County maintained her position as the top female archer in the state by placing first among females in this year's tournament. Justin Licht, 9th grade of Laker High School in Huron County is the new male state champion.

The National Wild Turkey Federation provided trophies and medals for top ranking teams and individual winners. In addition, several archery equipment manufacturers donated prizes for tournament winners. First-place teams, qualifying teams and the top five male and female archers in each age division received an invitation to participate in the upcoming NASP National Tournament May 10 in Louisville, Ky.

"The state tournament is the culminating event for students and coaches participating in NASP," said Mary Emmons, coordinator of Archery in the Schools Program for the DNR. "Teams and individuals from 44 participating NASP states will be competing for college scholarships and other prizes at the national tournament."

For a complete list of tournament winners and scores, visit the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr/archery. For more information on Michigan's Archery in the Schools Program, contact Mary Emmons at (517) 241-9477 or e-mail her at emmomsm@michigan.gov.

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