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Hit the Archery in Schools State Tournament at the Kentucky Exposition Center

On target to break the state tournament record — 6,600 student archers to compete.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (March 22, 2018) — The National Archery in the Schools Program State Tournament aims to bring 6,600 student archers grades four through twelve to the Kentucky Exposition Center March 30-31. The record breaking registration makes the Kentucky NASP tournament the largest state archery tournament in the country.

NASP promotes archery as part of in-school curriculums, with the goal of improving motivation, attention, behavior, attendance and focus. It originally began as the Kentucky Archery in the Schools Program in 2001, and has grown to include 14,000 schools in five countries. More than a million students will have learned archery by the end of this school year.

The NASP Kentucky State Tournament runs 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily. A full schedule can be found online at www.nasptournaments.org.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 13-18). Children 12 and under, registered archers and coaches are free. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.

For more information about NASP and the tournament, visit www.nasptournaments.org.

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One of the 10 largest facilities of its kind in the U.S., the <u>Kentucky Exposition Center</u> (KEC) features 1.3 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space, including Freedom Hall, an indoor arena that seats 13,500 people. The facility's class "A" exhibit space totals 680,700 square feet and accommodates a wide range of events year round. KEC is the permanent home of the Kentucky State Fair, National Farm Machinery Show and North American International Livestock Exposition. For more information, go to <u>www.kyexpo.org</u>.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, KEC is easily accessible and just seven minutes south of downtown Louisville. Entrances to the facility are located off Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway. Parking is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.