

## MoNASP Bullseye And 3D State Tournament To Be Held

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation are hosting the tenth annual Missouri National Archery in Schools Program (MoNASP) state tournament on March 23-24 at the Branson Convention Center, 200 Sycamore St. About 2,500 student archers from schools around the state will compete in the state tournament.

New this year, the bullseye and 3D archery tournaments will be at the same venue this year and on the same days. Be sure to register for both tournaments while registering at [nasptournaments.org](http://nasptournaments.org). The public is welcome to attend to support the participants. This year's tournament will have a gate fee of \$10.

MoNASP is coordinated through MDC and the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) in partnership with about 620 participating schools and numerous supporting organizations throughout the state. More than 170,000 Missouri students participate in the program. MoNASP is an affiliate of the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) and promotes education, self-esteem, and physical activity for students in grades 4-12 through participation in the sport of archery.

"Missouri is a great place to hunt and fish, and a great place for shooting sports such as archery," said MDC MoNASP Coordinator Eric Edwards. "MoNASP not only teaches students the lifelong skills that come from archery, but it also helps them excel in the classroom."

More than 12,000 student archers around the state have competed so far this winter in local tournaments with the hope of qualifying for one of the 2,500 spots at the state tournament. Student archers, who shoot qualifying scores at the state tournament, will earn spots at the NASP national tournament this spring in Louisville, Ky.

For more information on MoNASP, including participating schools and communities, visit <http://bit.ly/2FzQo9E>.