



What is Mason Archery?

Mason Archery is based on the format and curriculum of an International program linked to the National Archery in Schools Program. You can find it on the Internet by searching for NASP archery. Through this program, International Olympic Style target archery is taught to 4th -12 graders.

How do I sign up?

This year there will be two classes. The first class called "**Basic archery**" is for students brand new to archery. This class teaches students how to safely shoot a bow at an archery range.

The "**Basic archery**" session will run from **Sept. 17th – Oct 19th** with no class the week of parent teacher conferences. The cost is \$20 per shooter. The \$20 covers our team's equipment, repair and purchase of strings, cables, arrows, rests, and targets. If your child has never shot a bow with the Lee's Summit archery program **they must sign up for the first month of Basic archery.** **Basic archery:** Your child will shoot **one** day a week, you will have two days to choose from, either Tuesday or Thursday. We will also be offering a parent (Basic Archery Instructor) BAI training. Once you have passed the training and have completed the districts background check you will be able to assist with practices and work with our new archers.

WHAT TIME:

The 4th and 5th graders will practice Tuesday or Thursday after school from 5:00-6:10.

PART TWO:

Session Two or "Intermediate archery" will run from Nov.1 – mid. Jan. The cost for session two is \$30, a MASON ARCHERY t-shirt comes with every paid enrollment. Shooting days and times will remain the same. **You must have previously shot with Lee's Summit archery or taken basic archery to be able to enroll in this session.** Please understand that we share our gym with the rest of the school and may, at times, lose shooting time due to other events that share the gym. **NOTE:** If school is not in session there will be no practice.

WHERE:

All practices will take place in the Mason gym. After school archers will enter the building through the East doors and pickup will also be at the East doors of the building.

Team Configurations:

4th and 5th graders compete in the Elementary division while 6th-8th graders compete in the Middle School division. This means our 6th graders will practice and compete with the 7th and 8th graders. Future plans include a combined Middle School team of 6th-8th grade students. Teams will be honed down to 24 shooters per team through a process of tournaments in November, December and January. **NOTE:** I may only Register 24 students on our team so I will continue to build the best highest scoring team.

Why Mr. Lanier as Coach?

Fourteen years ago I became a certified NASP/archery instructor, and have since gone on to receive a level 3 coaching certification from the USA Archery Association. I've worked hand in hand with the MO Dept. of Conservation ever since we held the first Missouri NASP State Tournament Twelve years ago. I have served on the state tournament committee and have served on a small National committee to write and create training module for NASP coaches. As an archer, I have been a Missouri State Champion in the outdoor field competition in the Bowhunter Freestyle class. My personal shooting has been decreased over the years as I have chosen to put more of my time into our school teams rather than my own shooting. However, my passion for archery extends beyond my personal competition. My goal for all Lee's Summit archers: is for all my students to become safe, confident, proficient archers. In the short term, my goal is for our clubs to compete and place in the top five at the Missouri NASP State Tournament and also to

qualify for the National tournament. This year's State competition will be held at the Conference Center in Branson, MO near the end of March of 2019. My long term goal for this club is to teach the skills and instill a love for target archery thereby planting the seed of a lifetime sport. I also want to see as many of our Lee's Summit archers reach the podium, at State, Nationals and the World tournament.

What if I want more opportunities for my child?

If you and your child would be interested in more shooting opportunities outside of school, the Independence Bowhunters indoor range in Raytown is offers private and group lessons. Their info can be found at IndependenceBowhunters.org. In the past they have offered discounted rates for students and they also have some equipment that may be rented. BassPro Shop in Independence has an indoor range where you may shoot, however, they charge by the hour for shooting time and you will have to share the range with customers that are test driving a bow. Finally, Archery Excellence has NASP certified coaches who could work with your child. They are located South of I-70 on Noland road.

IMPORTANT

What is the commitment I am making?

In February, I will post the 24 archers who have made the team. This takes more than just A high score. Other factors will be taken into account when deciding team make-up. If your child makes the school's team they will continue to practice for the state tournament in March. It is further expected that he/she will travel with you and the team to several tournaments across the state. There is no way to replicate the feeling of shooting for a score in a tournament. I've found the more exposure our archers have to this type of setting the better they are able to handle tournament pressures. They must shoot in the regional tournament in February and the State tournament March 22-23, 2019 held in Branson, MO. The registration fee for that tournament will be \$15. If the team qualifies for the National tournament at the state tournament, it is an expectation that you and your child will travel to Louisville, KY with our team to compete in the National Tournament over the Mother's Day weekend in May. The registration fee for that tournament will be approximately \$30. This event is the BIG SHOW. There will be nearly 15,000 students shooting from all across the nation seeking top awards.

May I buy my own equipment?

Yes, some families chose to purchase their own Standard Genesis bow and Easton 1820 aluminum arrows. This is the only bow and arrow combination that may be used for this program. **Please check with Lanier first** to verify you're purchasing the correct equipment. Why buy your own? It is easier to monitor your own equipment than use the loaner equipment offered by the school that many shooters use and adjust differently.

Behavior expectations:

Please understand the expectations for this club are set for the safety of all involved and the integrity of the program itself. While coaching, I am unable to monitor behavior as my attention is on the shooters and not the observers. Therefore your children must be able to be in control of themselves and not be a distraction or safety concern. If this is an issue for your child I will ask him or her to stop or sit out. This is a one time occurrence. If a behavior continues to be disruptive or a safety concern your child will be asked not to return and your session fee will be forfeited to the team. Finally, your child must also remain in good academic/behavioral standing at Mason.

Our program is beginning

As you might imagine we are still acquiring our equipment. We have had some help with a grant from the MO. Dept. of Conservation, as well as financial support from the Lee's

Summit Archery Association. However, if you or your business would like to donate to our club, any donation will be accepted.

The end:

I hope this wasn't too much to read and absorb. I am so proud of this program as it has literally exploded in popularity and participation over the past 12 years. I am happy to say that Lee's Summit is known on the State, National and World circuit as the home of some of the best archers in the Nation. I am so excited to bring this opportunity to the students at Mason. I firmly believe we are positively changing kids' lives one arrow at a time.

Please return completed form to the office.

- My Child _____ has permission to join the Basic Archery class at the Mason Elementary gym. I understand and will support the behavior policy.

Parent(s) Signature

Student's Signature

Please make your \$20 check to **Mason Tiger Archery** and return your form and check to the office at Mason

- **Elementary school archers please circle one practice day** that work best for your family.

Tuesday 5-6:10 pm

Thursday 5-6:10 pm

In case of emergency I can be contacted at: _____

PLEASE EMAIL COACH LANIER AT SLanier1961@gmail.com

Include: your child's name, grade, and gender. If you would include all the emails you'd like to receive information it will be easier for me to set up a communications list.

_____ My child name

Male Female (circle one)

4th grade 5th grade

_____ Teacher's name

Session TWO (circle one)

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