

# Junior Archery

## at Houghton Lake Sportsmen's Club

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The Junior Archery program at the Houghton Lake Sportsmen's club started in the fall of 2009. To date we have trained over 100 students in Archery. We have eight members who are trained and certified to teach the National Archery in the Schools Program. We run the program from the start of school in the fall until the end of school in the spring, every Mon. from 3:30 to 5:30.

Our primary objective is safety as well as the eleven steps to archery success. These eleven steps will make even a good or experienced shooter a better shot. These eleven steps are stance, nock arrow, draw hand set, bow hand set, pre draw, draw, anchor, aim, shot set-up, release and follow thru/reflect.

We shoot at 80cm. bulls' eye targets from distance of 10 and 15 meters. At the Houghton Lake Sportsmen's Club we have kids as well as adults shooting in our program. The equipment we use is a Mathews Genesis bow with no sights and Easton aluminum arrows. The bows can be adjusted to fit most shooters. We also have games that we play such as a ping pong ball on a string that they shoot at from a distance of 10 yards. For every week that no one breaks the ping pong ball a dollar is added to the kitty, so you could win a little money if you shoot well.

The end of the year shoot for 2011 took place the end of May with 17 students. When the dust settled Devin Adair took first place followed closely by Andrew Cochran and Halie Stuhlman. There were only seven points separating first and third place shooters. After the shoot, trophies were awarded for the first three places. Everyone received a shirt with the archery logo of the Houghton Lake Sportsmen's Club and pizza and pop was enjoyed by all.

I would like to personally thank the Board of the HLSC as well as the instructors for all their time and effort in making this program available to students and adults of Roscommon County.



Students from the Houghton Lake Sportsmen's Club Junior Archery program. Mid-Michigan Safari Club International helps to sponsor this program and they send us their thanks.

