

Youth Newsletter

Izaak Walton League of America

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The Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) youth program teaches local youth how to safely handle firearms in a hunting environment. The main focus of the program is safety and education. When the group meets, the practices are lead by coaches who teach in various categories of shooting and hunter safety training. The members of the program practice and train all year to compete in the Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC). This competition tests eight different categories including rifle, archery, muzzleloader, shotgun, orienteering, hunter safety exam, hunter safety trail and wildlife identification. The youth athletes better themselves and their communities everyday.



Youth Athlete of the Month



Michael Anfang is going into his fourth year of competition of the YHEC event. He is 17 years old and admires his wall of ribbons. In his first year in competition he came in 4th in orienteering and the hunter safety exam. Year two he came in 2nd for the hunter safety exam and 2nd in overall senior team. In the past competition Michael achieved 4th in the hunter safety exam, 4th in muzzleloader, 2nd in the hunter safety trail, and was a leading force in the senior team coming in 1st overall. When he is not shooting, Michael enjoys eating tacos and playing chess. He currently has three younger brothers in the program, John, Mathew, and David. Michael is becoming someone that new member's can look up too and admire.

Schedule

No Practice

We Will Follow the FCPS Schedule, Closed Until the 24th

Shotgun



There are several different ways to compete in shotgun. Some ways people compete are: trap, skeet, sporting clays, and 5 stand. The youth team competes in a 5 stand course at YHEC. This is when shooters go to 5 different stations to shoot at different sequences and types of sporting clays.

Videos for new shooters: [Video #1](#) [Video #2](#)

Coaches Corner

Coach Rick Terselic joined the Izaak Walton League in 2017. His son, Anthony, registered for a Hunter Safety Field Day and that led them both to join the club. Coach Terselic lived between Montgomery and Frederick counties ever since he moved from his birthplace in Cleveland, Ohio as a child in the early 1960's. He has been involved in agricultural conservation and nutrient management for about 25 years and has also worked as a construction contractor for over 40 years. Coach Terselic achieved the title of Certified Agricultural Conservation Steward (FSCAP) in 2013 and has enjoyed a very diverse career in custom building, restoration and fabrication. His favorite type of shooting is Punkin' Chunkin'. He's been a member of team "Chunkin' Up" operating an air canon that does target and distance shoots for about 15 years. Distance shots in World Championship Punkin' Chunkin' Association competitions have typically exceed 3,500'. He certified as a RSO (Range Safety Officer) in 2017 and joined the IWL Board of Directors in 2019.

