

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

Matthew Anfang has been in the Izaak Walton League Youth Program for over two years. He is currently 11 years old and homeschooled with his siblings. Matthew also enjoys eating lasagna. Last year was his first year in the YHEC competition. He helped the team achieve first place on the hunter safety trial event. Matthew has an interest in carpentry and hopes to pursue his passion by going to carpentry school after he graduates high school. Matthew Anfang is an asset to the IWLA Youth Team and a great person to be around.



Schedule

No Practice

We Will Follow the FCPS Schedule, Closed for rest of School Year

Hunter Safety Test



During the YHEC event, the first competition for every team is the hunter safety test. The test consists of 30 different, multiple choice, questions regarding Maryland hunter safety. Questions could ask about hunting laws and regulations. They could also ask about proper gun loading, storing, and handling. This event is one of the most important events in the competition. An ethical hunter should know all regulations when hunting to be as safe as possible. The hunter safety test is also the tiebreaker for all other events.

Coaches Corner

Coach Mike Money Penny grew up in West Virginia. He started hunting when he was 11 with his dad. As he grew up he continued to hunt and fish with his friends. In 1980 he started to work for the army until 1989. Soon after Mr. Money Penny started to work for the Department of Defence (DoD). His work in the Department of Defence led him to leave West Virginia and travel to Korea and Germany. Coach Mike joined the Izaak Walton League Frederick Chapter in 2008. He had two kids in the program, Cameron and Sarah, who both went on to win multiple ribbons and trophies in the Maryland state YHEC event.

