

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.



Archery

A bow and arrow are one of the first ranged weapons. The first known uses of a bows and arrows were in 2340 BC by the Babylonians but evidence of arrowheads in Africa can lead us to believe that bows and arrows have been used for over 15,000 years prior. Archery was introduced to the Olympics in 1900. In 1904 archery was the only woman sport in the Olympics. In the Maryland State YHEC competition each participate takes two shots at each 3D target. The area the arrow hits the target can determine the amount of points given. If the arrow hits the target in the body it's 5 points, if hit in the lungs it's 8 points, and if the arrow hits the target in the heart the participate is awarded 10 points. The event can have the shooter fire from many different platforms including a tree stand, a hunting blind, a canoe, and more. This part of the YHEC competition is one of the most exciting events due to the realistic environment and the occasional ziplining 3D target.

Schedule



No Practice

Author Notes

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