



Archery Tournament Provides Lifetime Memories for Family

PIERRE, S.D. - A sixth grade student from Murdo represented South Dakota at the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky.

After winning the top award in his division at the South Dakota NASP Tournament, Jacob Birkeland had the honor of representing the state at the national NASP tournament. The national tournament was held on May

10-12.

"It was an overwhelming experience with all the people there," Birkeland said. "I started archery so I could learn how to shoot a bow and go deer hunting and now I'm shooting with 10,000 other kids in a national tournament."

NASP is sponsored by the Game, Fish and Parks Department.

"Game, Fish & Parks congratulates Jacob on his out-

standing performance at the national NASP tournament," Jason Kool, GFP NASP Coordinator, said. "Jacob exemplifies the type of young ambassador for our state that everyone can be proud of."

When asked about his future in archery, Jacob said "I want to continue to participate in state, national and maybe even the world tournament and I still can't wait to go deer hunting!"

The national tournament

was a family affair for the Birkeland's. Jacob's mother, father and brother also traveled to Louisville to watch him compete. "We made memories to last a lifetime," said Jacob's father Jeff. "It was a great learning experience for the kids and a great little vacation for mom and dad."

Jacob competed at the highest level at the Louisville tournament. With approximately 10,000 archers com-

peting in the national event, Jacob finished in the top three percent of all age divisions with a score of 282 out of 300. In the elementary division, Jacob placed 25th and 18th among all sixth graders.



More information on NASP can be found on the web at www.nasparchery.com

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New Option To Complete South Dakota Bowhunter Education

PIERRE, S.D. - A new online bowhunter education course is now available to help South Dakotans improve their archery skills.

"This new, totally online option teaches safety in-the-field, bowhunting basics, shot placement and recovery techniques through easy-to-understand information, instructional videos and detailed illustrations," Jason Kool, hunter education administrator for the Game,

Fish and Parks Department, said.

All archery big game licensees ages 11-15, all first-time archery big game licensees regardless of age and all archery elk licensees are required to possess bowhunter education certification prior to obtaining an archery license.

"This new training opportunity meets the national and state bowhunter education

requirements and allows students to learn at their own pace," said Kool.

This new online course is a partnership between GFP, the National Bowhunter Education Foundation and Kalkomey Enterprises allowing students to study for free, paying only \$30 when they pass the online course.

Students wanting to complete this new online South Dakota bowhunter education course can

visit <http://www.bowhunter-ed.com/southdakota/>.

For those who are looking for a more personable approach to their completion of bowhunter education, the in-person classroom option is still available for free. Class listings can be found under the Outdoor Learning section on the Game, Fish and Parks website www.gfp.sd.gov.

Proper Disposal Of Deer Carcass Important Part of Hunt

PIERRE, S.D. - Deer hunters have enjoyed mild weather and beautiful scenery this fall, but successful hunts also bring a responsibility to care for the landscape.

"Mission accomplished, your deer is dressed and ready for transportation, but there is still cleanup to take care of," said Emmett Keyser, assistant director for the Game, Fish and Parks Division of Wildlife. "Now you have a large gut pile, and if you process the deer yourself, you'll have legs, hide, bones and other leftovers to dis-

card. How do you handle those remains?"

Keyser said the answer begins with respect for the land and landowners.

"Hunters hunting on private land should never assume they are OK to leave offal and other remains from big game in the field. Discuss it with the landowner before starting your hunt. He may be comfortable with scavengers cleaning up the gut pile, but then again he may ask that you leave no trace of your hunt behind," Keyser said.

Never leave cleanings from a big game hunt where

people can see them.

While it is permissible to field-dress deer on public hunting areas and leave cleanings, leaving deer carcasses near boat ramps, along roads or dumping them at public hunting areas is not only unethical but illegal.

"Legally, you cannot dump the carcass along the side of a roadway, near a boat ramp, in a creek or on public property," Keyser said. "This is criminal littering, and you can be cited for it. Sometimes, people think it is OK to dump the carcass because it is an animal, but it is considered

littering."

Dumping deer carcasses in that manner also reflects poorly on hunters.

If you live in town and need to dispose of your deer carcass, you do have options.

Many communities allow disposal at landfills. Check with your local landfill to see if it is allowed, and if it is, how best to bag the remains for disposal.

Another option for hunters is to have big game processed through a wildlife processing facility.

State Park Entrance Licenses Available For 2014

PIERRE, S.D. - The 2014 annual park entrance license for South Dakota's state parks and recreation areas will be available for purchase Oct. 1.

The 2014 park entrance license is valid from Oct. 1, 2013, through May 17, 2015.

An annual park entrance license is \$30. Purchasers of one license can also buy a

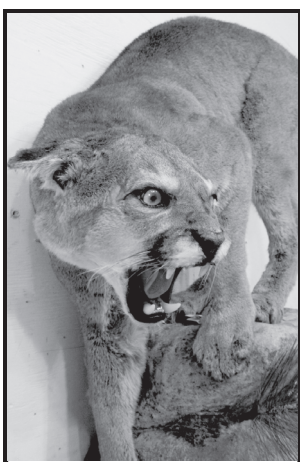
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The license is required for entrance into designated state parks, recreation areas and lakeside use areas, although it does not cover camping costs or additional fees.

Entrance licenses can be purchased online at [\[2\]www.campsd.com](http://www.campsd.com), at local

state park offices or by calling the SD Division of Parks and Recreation at 605-773-3391.

The 2014 annual entrance license features a tent camped at Lake Thompson Recreation Area.



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