

## 2026 Barron County 4-H Archery Project Information

### TRAINING DATES, LOCATIONS, AND TIMES

**Location:** Rice Lake - Cedar Mall (2900 S Main St, Rice Lake) - in the large space next to Tactical Escape will serve as our training center. All sessions will be held at the Mall on MONDAY and THURSDAY nights.

#### **Dates:**

##### **MONDAYS**

JANUARY 26 (new members only)  
FEBRUARY 2  
FEBRUARY 9  
FEBRUARY 16  
FEBRUARY 23  
MARCH 2  
MARCH 9  
MARCH 16  
MARCH 23  
**MARCH 30 FAIR SHOOT**

##### **THURSDAYS**

JANUARY 29 (new members only)  
FEBRUARY 5  
FEBRUARY 12  
FEBRUARY 19  
FEBRUARY 26  
MARCH 5  
MARCH 12  
MARCH 19  
MARCH 26  
**APRIL 2 - FAIR SHOOT**

**Times:** In an effort to allow for adequate spacing, we will be offering 3 different shooting sessions each night. If these times don't work, you can start and end anytime between 4:00 and 8:00.

#### **Set up: 3:30**

##### **Session 1**

4:00

##### **Session 2**

5:15

##### **Session 3**

6:30 PM

#### **Take down: 7:30**

It is recommended that all project members participate in a minimum of five training sessions to be eligible for competing at fair shoots; beginner shooters must attend 5 practices. \*You are NOT expected to attend both nights. Fair shoots may be done prior to the listed Fair Shoot dates if needed. (Exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances.)

### **FAIR SHOOTS**

**Indoor Shoot** - Rice Lake Cedar Mall

**Monday, March 30 or Thursday, April 2**

**Outdoor Shoot** - Brill Area Sportsmen's Club: **Saturday, April 16 or Sunday, April 17**

### **Project Fee \$20/individual or \$30/family**

Please bring to first session, along with Registration form.

**CANCELLATION:** IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER OR ANY OTHER REASON NOTICE WILL BE Posted on the website (<http://barron.extension.wisc.edu>), EMAIL or SOCIAL MEDIA BY 4:00PM. (Our Texting system is not working, PLEASE check online and use your best judgement—if you are not comfortable driving, don't come).

**For questions and concerns contact :**

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## EXPECTATIONS AND RANGE PROCEDURES

Remember that we are guests at the training center. Please make sure:

- The floor of the center is swept and restrooms and entry way are left clean.
  - Chairs, tables, and brooms are returned to their original location
  - **Do not throw targets away at the church** – take them home with you!
  - You express your appreciation for the use of the facility
  - Sign in upon arrival at the training center and help set-up.
  - Bows brought to the training center must be cased and remain cased until the range has been “set up” for shooting. Bow cases should be kept out of the way of doors, bathrooms, etc.
  - Everyone help clean-up.
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## IMPORTANT NOTES

- Any time anyone calls **CEASE FIRE or STOP**, shooting must absolutely **STOP** immediately because something has become unsafe. Any time anyone sees something that may be unsafe that person must call **CEASE FIRE or STOP!**
  - Arrows must always point down range when nocking and drawing.
  - Never cross in front of the firing line for any reason until you hear the commands: “The line is closed - you may inspect your targets.” Never attempt to retrieve an arrow or equipment dropped in front of the line.
  - Goofing off will not be tolerated. First offense will get you one reminder; a repeat offence will result in loss of the privilege of shooting for the remainder of that session. A parent or guardian will need to accompany you to the next session.
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## BOW DRAW-WEIGHT LIMITATIONS

- The backstop material has a limited capacity to stop arrows shot from higher poundage bows. In order to limit damage to the facility, **no bow will exceed a draw-weight of 50 lbs.**
  - Bows with a draw-weight so great that the shooter must struggle with the draw or hold pose a danger to the shooter and to others and will *be adjusted*
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## USED EQUIPMENT

An area will be provided to display any archery equipment which you may want to sell or trade. Attach a note to an item offered indicating specifics, poundage, price, and contact information.

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## AGE GROUPS, SHOOTING DISTANCE, SHOOTING CATEGORIES

Participants must be enrolled in regular 4-H (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older, and 8 as of January 1 of current year). The participant may select one of three shooting categories (may only compete in one category)

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| Ages 15-19: <b>Senior</b> - 20 yards<br>Ages 12-14: <b>Intermediate</b> - 15 yards<br>Ages 10,11: <b>Juniors</b> - 10 yards<br>Ages 8,9: <b>Beginners</b> - 10 yards | <b>Barebow:</b> No sights, mechanical release, or stabilizers.<br><b>Limited Freestyle:</b> A mechanical release <i>OR</i> non-optical sights and stabilizers may be used.<br><b>Unlimited Freestyle:</b> Any type of sights, mechanical releases, and stabilizers may be used. |
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**\*more in-depth information can be found in the Archery Book**

## RANGE COMMANDS

COMMAND: **“SHOOTERS TO THE LINE”**

Shooters will bring bows and arrows to the shooting line, positioning themselves in front of the target they have hung. If there is a high and low target hung, shooters shooting at high targets will be asked to approach the line first. **DO NOT NOCK AN ARROW UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO!**

QUESTION: **“IS THE FIRING LINE READY?”**

If you have a problem say NO! or NOT READY! and raise your hand. Your instructor will be watching from either in front of or behind the shooting line and will respond.

- 1st Repeat of Question: **“The Line is Ready?”** If you have a problem say NO! or NOT READY! And raise your hand.
- 2nd Repeat of Question: **“Ready on the right?”**
- 3rd Repeat of Question: **“Ready on the left?”**

If there is not a NO! or NOT READY! response and if your instructor sees no problem, your instructor will confirm the line is ready.

CONFIRMATION: **“READY ON THE FIRING LINE.”**

**(REMEMBER, DO NOT NOCK AN ARROW UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO!)**

COMMAND: **“NOCK AN ARROW AND COMMENCE FIRING”**

You may now nock, draw, and shoot your first arrow. You will then continue to shoot the remaining 4 arrows at your own command to complete the end of five arrows. When you have completed an end with the shooting of **five arrows**, retreat back from the firing line to allow others to begin shooting or to wait for others to finish. **If there are issues with your bow or you need additional help, you may be asked to wait until the next round to shoot your arrows.**

QUESTION: **“IS ANY MORE TIME NEEDED?”** If yes, say YES!

COMMAND: **“CEASE FIRE - THE LINE IS CLOSED.”**

COMMAND: **“YOU MAY INSPECT YOUR TARGET AND RETRIEVE YOUR ARROWS.”**

WALK to within 3 steps of the targets and stop. If some targets are hung high and some targets are hung low, the shooters with the high-hung targets will pull their arrows first and return to the firing line. The shooters of the low-hung targets will then advance and pull their arrows. **Don't get poked in the eye by an arrow!**

Reminder: Any time anyone calls **“CEASE FIRE,”** shooting must absolutely **STOP** immediately because something has become unsafe. Any time anyone sees something that may be unsafe that person must call **CEASE FIRE!**

# CHECKLIST FOR PARTICIPANTS

## Before Coming:

- ☐ **Read through the archery project information and identify any questions you may have.**
  - Project instructors will discuss and answer questions concerning rules, procedures, commands, safety, techniques, equipment, etc. with participants and parents.
- ☐ **Review and become familiar with range safety commands**
- ☐ **If using your own equipment, inspect it for damage**
  - If you have any questions or concerns about your own equipment, speak to an instructor *before* shooting. Damaged equipment will not be allowed.

## What to Bring:

- ☐ **Parent or guardian**
  - We ask the parents or guardians accompany first year shooters.
  - Parents or guardians may stay with shooters during training sessions, but may be asked to stand back if they are interfering with the learning and practice of their youth or others. ONLY 4-H certified volunteers can be on the shooting line; ONLY 4-H certified archery instructors can call the line.
- ☐ **Bows, arrows, releases, etc. that you plan to use**
  - If you have questions about your equipment, please ask an instructor.
  - Shooters may use compound or recurve bows. Most will use compound.
  - Cross bows may not be used at indoor training centers or the indoor or outdoor fair shoots. A separate outdoor cross bow event will be held for interested participants.
  - Each shooter should have 5-6 arrows fitted with **target or field tips** only.
  - Damaged or unsafe equipment will not be allowed. Inspect your equipment.
  - **Participants are not required to have their own equipment.** If you do not have your own equipment ask an instructor to help fit you with a county bow.
- ☐ **Project fee (\$20 per shooter or \$30 per family)**
- ☐ **Shooter Information Form including**
  - Emergency contact information
  - Any health information leaders need to know to help shooters be successful
  - Any accommodations shooters may need due to disability

## What to Expect the First Night:

- ☐ **New Shooter orientation (sign-up required)**
  - rules, range commands, safety and procedures
  - demonstration and practice of safe shooting stance and techniques
- ☐ **Brief review for shooters**
  - An instructor will go over rules, range commands, safety, and procedures with new shooters.
  - An instructor will demonstrate safe shooting stance and techniques with new shooters.
- ☐ **Shooting**
  - Depending on age and abilities, first year members may begin shooting the first night at a closer distance before moving to the distance they will be shooting for the fair shoot.
  - Continuing members will spend most of the time shooting and adjusting sights.
- ☐ **Fun!**