

FY10 Deer Management Activities

ARCHERY PROGRAM DATES

Laurel Hill (Fairfax County Park Authority)
November 2009 - December 2009

Colvin Run Stream Valley (Fairfax County Park Authority)
November 2009 – January 2010

Fred Crabtree Park (Fairfax County Park Authority)
Monday, December 28, 2009 – Saturday, January 2, 2010

ARCHERY PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Laurel Hill (Mount Vernon District)

Colvin Run Stream Valley (Dranesville District)

Fred Crabtree Park (Hunter Mill District)

Archery program location directions and maps will be provided in the confirmation letter sent to all archery groups selected via hunt lottery.

ARCHERY PROGRAM TIMES

Archery group participants will have access to the selected location Monday through Saturday during the urban archery program open dates. Archers are to hunt from treestands in designated archery zones. Archery hours will be from 1/2 hour prior to sunrise to sunset.

ARCHERY SAFETY BRIEF

All archery group participants are required to attend a 2-hour Archery Safety Brief prior to participating in the urban archery program. The location, date and time of the Archery Safety Brief are designated in the confirmation letter sent to all successful applicants. The meeting is designed to provide important information regarding the archery program site, treestand use, and other safety details. Attendance is mandatory and will be recorded via sign-in sheet.

If an archery group “member” is unable or unwilling to attend the Archery Safety Brief, they will be disqualified from participating in the urban archery program.

RULES TO APPLY:

GROUP APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009

1. Archery group participants will be selected via hunt lottery. The number of archers permitted on site at one time is based upon the size of the site, proximity to housing and other safety factors identified at each urban archery program location.
2. All archery group applicants must pass an archery proficiency test. Archery certification consists of: three out of three arrows placed in a 9-inch target at 30 yards. Certification is good for three years. Only crossbows or compound bows used to certify may be used during the urban archery program. Crossbows are preferred. Some ranges prohibit the use of crossbows to qualify unless archers provide their own backstop.
3. Archery group applicants may get archery qualification for the Fairfax County urban archery program during specified operating hours at the following ranges:

Arlington - Fairfax Izaak Walton League 14708 Mount Olive Road Centreville, VA 20121 Phone: 703-830-0458 Phone: 703-631-4498 Range Master: Bucky Sils	Cost: Appointment Hours:	\$5 per person Call to make an appointment – M, T, W ONLY*** Monday – Saturday (8 am – 5 pm) Sunday (12 noon – 5 pm)
Bull Run Regional Park Shooting Center 7700 Bull Run Drive Centerville, VA 20121 Phone: 703-830-2344 Range Master: John McBreen	Cost: Appointment Hours:	\$5 per person Call to make an appointment – M, T, W ONLY*** Tuesday – Thursday (3 pm – 8 pm) Friday (2 pm – 8 pm) Saturday – Sunday (9 am – 5 pm)

NOTE 1: Failure to comply with regulations, unsafe activity, or instructions by a range instructor will result in immediate removal from the site, not completing requirements for the urban archery program, and no permit or archery qualifications.

The range instructor’s decision regarding safety or qualification at the range is final – NO appeals!

NOTE 2: Archers who have qualified within the last three years for the Fort Belvoir Hunt do not need to requalify, but must submit proof of current qualification.

4. Archery group applicants must be at least 18 years old and possess a valid Virginia hunting license, valid Virginia archery license, big game license and have successfully completed a hunter safety course.
5. A list of scheduled Hunter Safety courses is available by contacting the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries at 540-899-4169 or visit the website at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/education/>
6. All archery groups that apply must provide evidence of group insurance (General Liability). \$1,000,000 is the minimum amount of group insurance that must be presented with proof of insurance included in the application.

HOW TO APPLY:

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1. APPLICANTS MUST APPLY AS AN ARCHERY GROUP. A minimum of 5 archers and up to 50 archers may apply as a group on the same entry. All group entries must designate a lead contact person/official for the group and be submitted in a single packet with all the groups participants and credentials. All archers on a group entry must meet the requirements outlined above.

[NOTE: Archers applying as a group will either be selected as a group or not selected as a group. No standby archery groups will be selected if failed to be drawn for initial selection.]

2. Each archery group "member" must provide the required application information on a separate 3- by 5-inch card with the name of their group labeled in the upper right corner.

On a 3- by 5-inch card, print or type the following information for EACH archery group "member":

- FULL NAME
- ADDRESS
- TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)
- DATE OF BIRTH
- CURRENT VALID HUNTING LICENSE NUMBER
- CURRENT VALID ARCHERY LICENSE NUMBER
- CURRENT CROSSBOW LICENSE NUMBER (If Applicable)

Include in packet:

- EVIDENCE OF ARCHERY GROUP INSURANCE
- COPY OF ARCHERY QUALIFICATION CARD
- EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

3. A NON-REFUNDABLE application fee of \$50.00 must be included by each archery group. This fee should be included in the form of a check or money order made payable to: FAIRFAX COUNTY
4. Mail completed application to:
ATTN: Archery Program
Animal Services Division
4500 West Ox Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

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5. Failure to submit a completed application will disqualify an archery group from the archery hunt lottery.
6. Only one entry per archery group will be allowed. Duplicate names and addresses will disqualify an archery group from the archery hunt lottery.
7. Only successful archery groups selected via hunt lottery to participate in the urban archery program will be notified.

RULES TO PARTICPATE:

1. Each archery group "member" MUST carry an identification card and archery group qualification card given to the selected archery group at all times while on Fairfax County parkland.
2. A special parking pass permit MUST be clearly displayed in the window of each vehicle belonging to an archery group "member" parked on site.
3. Archery hunting is only permitted in designated hunt areas. Hunt areas will be clearly marked by signs and/or survey tape. Designated hunt areas will also be clearly shown on a map provided with the confirmation letter sent to all successful archery group applicants.
4. Archers will hunt from elevated treestands and must use a safety harness. Archers are responsible for providing their own portable treestand and a safety harness. Screw-in steps, large nails, or other devices known to cause damage to trees are not permitted.
5. Treestands must not be located closer than 100 feet from a visible property line with a neighboring property or closer than 50 feet from a park trail.
6. Archers will comply with all State game laws for use of archery tackle with the exception that for the Fairfax County hunt broadheads must be at least 1 and 1/8 inches in diameter.
7. ONLY ANTLERLESS WHITE-TAILED DEER may be taken during the urban archery activity. The Fairfax County Deer Management Program is designed to serve as a deer population control plan for the county. All participants selected agree to abide by the rules, regulations or restrictions stipulated when participating in Fairfax County Deer Management activities.

8. There is no bag limit on deer taken by each archery group. Archers must make a reasonable attempt to retrieve wounded deer. Deer may be retrieved from all parkland outside of the designated hunt areas. Deer which leave parkland cannot be retrieved without the permission of the property owner. Any injured deer that is not recovered or travels off of parkland must be reported.
9. Archers will operate under a special permit and no personal big game tags are used during a managed hunt. All tags will be supplied by the State. All deer must be tagged prior to leaving parkland.
10. Archery groups will be responsible for transporting deer and appropriate disposal of the carcass.
11. A lead member of the archery group shall be the liaison between the archery group and the Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist (Animal Services Division). A lead member of the archery group will be responsible for overall monitoring and management of archery group "members".
12. The archery group is responsible for collection of biological data from individual archers (Sex / lactation / disease) for all deer harvested during the archery program. All data is to be submitted to the group representative and reported to the Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist on a weekly basis (Animal Services Division).