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What a day 9/10/11 turned out to be. MacLennan Park at Cedar Crest was home to the first Ad Astra Archery Tournament sponsored by the Office of the Kansas Secretary of State. Under partly sunny skies, children from kindergarten through twelfth grade aimed for the bulls-eye in hopes of winning first place in their age group. Others who attended lined up at the Learn-to-Shoot targets for individualized instruction. It was great fun for instructors and archers alike.

Two organizations collaborated with the Kansas Secretary of State Office to hold the event. The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism – sponsor of the Kansas Archery in the Schools Program – provided tournament expertise, instructor volunteers, targets and bows, and also held a fishing clinic at the pond. Fort Hays State University – host of the National Archery in the Schools Program State Tournament – scored the competition and donated backpack bags filled with other items for the tournament participants.

Others who supported the event were Bass Pro Shops, Bergen's Studio & Art Gallery, Cabela's, Centershot Ministries, The Coleman Company, Durham School Services, Girl Scouts of the USA, Kansas National Guard, Open Door Baptist Church, Shawnee County Sheriff's Office Mounted Posse, Straight Path Archery, and the U.S. Marine Corps.

In the kindergarten through third grade category, 1st place went to Lilly Kobach, 2nd place to Donavon Harper and 3rd place to Sierra Keehn. Among fourth through eighth graders, Lillian Keehn took 1st place, Ruby Barnett took 2nd place, and Haydan Walker took 3rd place. High school archers in grades nine through twelve comprised half of all of the competitors. Micaela Keehn won 1st place, Caleb Niehues won 2nd place, and Alex Lierz won 3rd place.

Congratulations to these fine young people for demonstrating excellence in the sport of archery. Planning for the 2012 Ad Astra Archery Tournament has already begun.

Your Secretary of State,
Kris Kobach