

JOAD

(Junior Olympic Archery Development)

1. What is JOAD? JOAD is a specific organized youth archery training program administered by USA Archery and sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee to train and develop youth archers from beginner instruction to world championship competition.

The JOAD program at Nevada County is chartered to include an adult archery training program as well as the youth archery training program.

JOAD students can choose to shoot either compound or recurve bows and can qualify to represent the United States in many international archery competitions. Recurve archers have the added incentive to train and compete for a spot on the United States Olympic Archery team.

2. Who runs JOAD? The JOAD Club training program at the Nevada County Sportsmen Club is chartered with the National Archery Association as “JOAD of Nevada County”.

Although the Nevada County Sportsmen Club is a principal sponsor of the JOAD club, providing range and clubhouse facilities, funding and equipment assistance and other support, the JOAD training program must be administered by a USA Archery certified archery instructor, age 21 or older.

D’arce Hess is a NAA certified level 2 instructor and is the registered administrator of the “JOAD of Nevada County” and Charley Washburn is a NAA certified level 4 instructor and National Coach and a certified NFAA Archery Instructor. Both D’Arce and Charley are World Class Archery Competitors with a broad knowledge of archery.

The beginner JOAD training programs are under the direction of D’arce Hess and are held at various times during the year. These training sessions generally run for 8 weeks in duration and equipment is provided to the students at each training class. With instructor approval, students may use their own equipment in these training sessions. The classes are generally assisted by other certified level 1 or level 2 instructors as needed. Information about these classes can be obtained by contacting D’arce Hess.

The intermediate and advanced division of the JOAD program known as the “Gold Team” is managed and administered by its head coach, Charley Washburn and assistant coach, D’arce Hess.

The Gold Team is reserved for those archers who have obtained sufficient instruction and experience and have developed a desire to train and compete at the highest levels of competitive archery. Students on the Gold Team have distinguished themselves and the team by successfully competing at the highest levels of JOAD Archery both at the State level as well as National and International levels.

Archers of the Gold Team hold dozens and dozens of State and National records and Championships as well as achieving status as members of the United States Archery Teams and World Teams. Members have also attained National ranking and status as Resident Athletes at the US Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista.

Membership in the Gold Team is however limited. Application for membership for those meeting the minimum requirements listed on the Gold Team website may be filed with the head coach and is subject to his approval. Acceptance for otherwise qualified archers is highly dependent on the availability of additional qualified assistant instructors and administrative support staff.

The Gold Team conducts a regular outdoor training schedule at the NCS range from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday beginning April 1st thru Sept 30th. Indoor training through the winter is usually conducted at Wilderness Archery in Rocklin, California.

3. What does it cost? Beginning training session costs vary depending on the number of hours and days the training session will last, the number of students involved, the extent of the equipment that will be needed and the number of assistant instructors needed. Typically, the beginning training sessions have required an initial per student fee of approximately \$80.00 per session or \$15 per each training session.

The “Gold Team” training fees are largely dependent on much the same variable factors, but have a higher expenditure for targets and qualified instructors and have required a per student/family fee of \$80.00. Gold Team members are additionally required to have their own archery equipment which is a major expense.

Travel expenses and tournament fees for members of the Gold Team can run into several thousands of dollars each year.

4. Additional Information – about the Gold Team archers, their bios and achievements and those of the coaches can be seen at www.nevadacountygoldteam.org.