# 2026-2027 Alexandria Archery Team:

(Information & Requirements)

Registration for Archery must be done online and the fee is **$170.00**. This fee includes the school activity fee, tournament registration fees, bow and target maintenance for the season. This must be paid for online or at the school office prior to the 1st day of practice, all fees are non-refundable. If the archer plans to shoot the State Tournament, this is an additional fee that must be paid to the coaches several weeks before the State Tournament. If for **any** reason this is a financial burden, please talk to Coach Al Hanson or Coach Jim Stratton.

- Archery is a winter sport and will start **Tuesday, December 1st, 2026**
- Practice times are as follows: 7:00am – 8:10am Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings in the gym (both AAHS and DMS).
- **The NASP Certified coaches are:**
  **Al Hanson (HS Head Coach)** 320-491-6177 buckskin1949@gmail.com
  **Jim Stratton (MS Head Coach)** 320-808-5096 jkmc1948@gmail.com
  **Anita Erickson (Team Manager)** anitaannerickson@hotmail.com
  **Mark Skidmore**
  **Steve Drummond**
  **Joel Srock**
  **James Ross**
  **Jeff Klug**
  **Shayney Pallansch**
  **Chad Erickson**
  **Amy VanValkenburg**
  **Dave Dahl**
  **Rebecca Meyer**

- If school is canceled because of bad weather or any other reason, we will not have practice.
- If school is a "2 hour late start" we will not have practice.

1. **Attendance**-
   - The archer should not have any unexcused absences during the season.
   - Absenteeism should be approved by the coaches beforehand or explanation given to the coaches after the absence occurs.
   - Attendance will be taken daily- we will contact parents/guardians when an unexcused absence occurs via email and/or phone- after 3 unexcused absences, the archer may be released from the team.
2. **Rules/Safety Regulations-**
   - All archers must follow the range rules and the directions of the "Range Master"

     **Safety is always #1**.
   - Archers that do not follow the rules and the direction of the "Range Master" will be warned once.
   - After a second warning the archer will be asked to leave the range for that day.

- A third warning is cause for the archer to be released from the team.

3. **Equipment-** Archers can use school supplied (Genesis) bow/arrows for practice and tournaments. They must be left in the locked storage area in the school. All school owned archery equipment will be transported to and from tournaments by the coaching staff.
    - Some students may choose to purchase their own bow; it must be a Genesis bow and kept in the locked storage area. **Personal bows are to be transported by the archer to the tournament- bows are to be brought to the school office after practice and have arrangements made to be picked up before school closes for the day. BOWS CAN NOT BE TRANSPORTED ON BUSSES!!**
    - If the archer plans to use a shooting glove, arm guard, and/or tab on a regular basis they may want to get their own personal glove, guard or tab so that it will become fitted to their fingers and arm only. The archer will be responsible for its care and location. (A golf glove may work the best for a shooting glove)

4. **Team Clothing-** Each archer is required to have a team t-shirt to wear for archery tournaments. If you are a returning archer from the 2025-2026 season, you do not need to order unless you need a different size. This cost is **NOT** included in the registration fee. The tshirt can be ordered from Cowing Robards and the link will be emailed out to archers and parents/guardians the first week of the season. Additional team clothing will be available to order (not required).

5. **Communication-** the archery program uses the blackboard program which is the same as how school communicates information to students and parent/guardians regarding school closures, late starts, etc. The information (phone and email) that you provided when registering your student for school @ District 206 is what is used. To update this info, please contact either the Middle School or High School office. The archery program also has a Facebook page where tournament info and photos will be posted.

6. **Tournaments-** Area archery tournaments are scheduled at the sponsoring school sites. As of now, scheduled sites are Melrose-January TBD, Fergus Falls- TBD, Sauk Centre-February TBD, Albany-February TBD, Brandon- Evansville- February TBD, Alexandria-March 6th, and Osakis- March TBD Times along with more information will be posted when they become available.

7. **Transportation-** District #206 will not be providing a bus to the local and/or State Tournaments for the archers and coaches. Parents must see to it that the Archery student athlete has safe and proper transportation to and from the tournament.

8. **State Tournament: **OPTIONAL TOURNAMENT****
    - **To qualify to shoot at the state tournament, an archer must shoot and have a registered score in at least 2 regular season tournaments. State tournament entry fees must be paid at least 3 weeks in advance in order to compete. Information will be passed on to the archers as it becomes available.**

| State Tournament: | Tournament Date: | Flight Time: | Entry Fee: |
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| Rochester, MN | March 19th & 20th | To be determined | $??? |

# Alexandria Area High School
# Archery Team Lettering Requirements

The Alexandria High School Archery Team lettering program set forth in this policy is designed to be an equivalent to other varsity lettering requirements consistent with this high school's sports programs.

**Objective of the program:**

1. To offer high school athletic status to archery student athletes.
2. To recognize the accomplishments and time commitment of archery student athletes with a varsity letter. (This official recognition can be valuable in college applications.)

**Qualifications and Requirements for lettering:**

To be eligible for the Alexandria High School Archery Team lettering program, the archery student athlete must meet the following criteria-

1. The archer must be a $9^{th}$ – $12^{th}$ grade student of Alexandria Public School #206 or have a participation agreement on file.
2. The archer must abide by the Alexandria Public Schools activity requirements, and must adhere to all school district rules, policies, and procedures concerning student activities including, attendance, conduct, academics and other eligibility requirements.
3. The archer must not have unexcused absences during the season.
4. The archer must shoot 75 % of the area tournaments during the season.
5. The archer must have accomplished at least one or more of the following at season end:
    1. A score of 250 or higher in any tournament round or at the NASP State Shoot
    2. Or, as a senior, have three consecutive years of Archery Team Membership.

# Archery Scholarship

**Archery Scholarship is Sponsored by Geneva Capital, LLC**

**One $1,500.00 scholarship will be awarded**

You must be a senior, have been a member of the AAHS Archery team for at least one year, and plan on attending a two or four year post-secondary school.

Indicate the two or four year post-secondary school you plan to attend.

Write an essay (not to exceed 250 words) that explains how you can apply the skills you have learned through the sport of archery to your future.

Return this application form and additional information to the Alexandria Area High School College and Career Center.

SCHOOL DATA - To be completed by your guidance counselor.

**Applications may be obtained at the**
**Alexandria Area High School College and Career Center**

***The recipient of this scholarship will be notified at AAHS Honors Night***

**Alexandria Archery Program 2026-2027**

**PARENT / GUARDIAN /ARCHERY ATHLETE**
**RULES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

## This form must be signed and returned to the coaches by the first day of practice.

**We have read the Alexandria Archery policies documented in the online registration and informational letter and reviewed the season schedule.**

**Students must be registered online before starting practice.**

**School policies will dictate when an archer is eligible to compete in local tournaments. (Grades etc.) Archers will make every effort to attend every practice and tournament on the schedule. Archers must communicate practice and tournament conflicts to the coaches in advance, after he/she has attempted to resolve those conflicts personally when possible.**

**We agree to all the Archery policies outlined in this document. PLEASE FILL IN ALL SPACES.**

**Athlete's Name (Print)** _____ **Grade** _____

**Athlete's Signature** _____ **Date**_____

**Athlete Contact Phone Number** _____

**Parent/Guardian's Signature** _____**Date**_____

**Parent/Guardian Contact Phone Number** _____

Dear Archers, Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to another exciting season of competitive archery! We are thrilled to continue our work as the Alexandria Archery Booster Club, and we are writing to introduce ourselves to new families and reconnect with our returning supporters.

At the core of everything we do is our team's guiding principle: "**TOGETHER, WE AIM HIGHER.**" We believe that through our collective effort, we can truly empower our archers.

***OUR MISSION & PURPOSE***

*The Alexandria Archery Booster Club is dedicated to Targeting Excellence, Building Character, and Supporting Success in all facets of our archery program. Through active volunteer coordination and community advocacy, we cultivate the core values of Dedication, Teamwork, Discipline, Passion, and Growth in every student athlete. Our efforts are focused on ensuring our archers have the necessary gear, tournament resources, and positive encouragement they need to flourish both on and off the shooting range.*

Registration fees cover only a baseline portion of what it takes to run a high-caliber archery program. To keep personal costs affordable while maintaining top-tier equipment (such as targets, bows, arrows, and safety netting) and assisting with tournament entry fees, the Booster Club orchestrates several key fundraising initiatives each year:

## ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS

- Shoot -A-Thon
- Business Banner Sponsorships
- Various Community supported fundraisers
- Bake Sale during home tournament

## MEETINGS & GETTING INVOLVED

We hold regular monthly meetings to discuss club activities and support the team. All are welcome! Dates and times will be announced.

If you are interested in joining the Booster Club, helping with any of our fundraisers, or have questions, we want to hear from you.

Please reach out to us at our email address:
**alexarcherybooster@gmail.com**

## MEET OUR BOARD

We are proud to introduce the dedicated volunteers leading the club this year:

**Officers:**

- Janice Larson (President)
- Abbie Wurster (Vice President)
- Ann Ehlert (Secretary)
- Nicole Botzet (Treasurer)

**Student Representatives:**

- Leah Olberding
- Grace Kleespies
- Ava Floan

**Board Members:**

Amanda Wilson, Mandi Meyer, Scott Nohre, Julie & Jason Dornbusch, Audra Bartell, Anita Erickson, Al Hanson & Jim Stratton

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a successful archery season!

Sincerely,
The Alexandria Archery Booster Club Board