



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc. • Izaak Walton League of America

# NEWSLETTER

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## "Hi, Need A Place to Shoot?"

How did *you* first learn about the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter? Perhaps a current member told you about the Chapter and all it has to offer. Or maybe a friend invited you to join them as their guest and you decided this was exactly the place where you wanted to spend some quality time. Perhaps you were drawn to the Chapter's exceptional archery and air rifle ranges, or your child joined one of the Chapter-sponsored Scout Troops and Packs. Maybe you loved breaking clays or shooting your firearms at the outdoor ranges.

For dozens of new members every year, their first introduction to the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter and its many activities occurs at the Nation's Gun Show, which is held seven weekends per year at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly.

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter has maintained table space at the gun show for years and uses the enthusiasm and personal experiences of Chapter volunteers to provide information to interested show attendees who are attracted to the table.

The six words usually heard by show visitors passing near the Chapter's table are surprisingly simple yet extremely effective, "Hi, need a place to shoot?"

Quite often, the answer is "yes" and that short question is enough to make people who were wandering past the Chapter's table stop to learn more about what the Chapter offers.

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## Chapter Newsletter Delivery Changes

The Chapter newsletter will be delivered via e-mail, beginning with the February/March/April 2024 newsletter edition. Printed newsletters will be available at the Chapter field house for those who would like a printed copy. We understand not everyone wants an electronic

copy. If you would like to continue receiving the printed Chapter newsletter by mail, please complete the form below and mail to the address on the form. Your address is being requested to ensure the Chapter has the most current and accurate information. Please include your phone number in case we need to contact you about this request.

**Please continue to send a printed copy of the newsletter to my address:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** ARL-FX Chapter, Inc., IWLA • C/O Newsletter Committee  
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### Chapter Board of Directors' Meeting

1st Tuesday of each month  
7:30 p.m. @ Chapter field house  
All members welcome

### Attend Your Chapter Meetings

General Membership Meeting  
3rd Tuesday of each month  
7:30 p.m. @ Chapter field house

### Newsletter Committee

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**Chapter's Web Site** <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org>

### Chapter's Facebook Page

Arlington-Fairfax-Chapter-Inc-Izaak-Walton-League-of-America

### Chapter Field House Office Hours

1st and 3rd Tuesday ..... 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
All other Tuesdays ..... 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturdays ..... 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Other times, call the field house office number ..... 703-631-4495

### Property Physical Address

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## President's Column

# Getting to Know the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter (Part 5)

### Chapter Groups/Clubs

Welcome to the fifth installment of "Getting to know the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter." Although the Chapter ranges are usually what draws individuals to become members, there are also many different and interesting aspects of the Chapter to explore. This article will focus on several of the Chapter's organized groups/clubs. These groups/clubs are open to all members and brings together like-minded members who want to share their interests, skills, and knowledge with other members.

#### Angler's Club

Fishing has deep roots in the history of the Izaak Walton League of America. The organization was founded in 1922 by sportsmen to fight the pollution in Chicago's waters. They named their new organization after Izaak Walton, a 17th century English angler, and author of the literary classic, *The Compleat Angler*. If you fish, flyfish, or if you wish you could fish and would like to learn how and where to fish with fellow anglers, consider joining one of the newest groups to be established at the ARL-FX Chapter, the Angler's Club. This group was formed to promote the excitement and joys of fishing for anglers of all ages, skills, and experience levels, from novices learning to fish or tie a fly to seasoned anglers wishing to share and expand their

knowledge and skills. Other club activities include Chapter pond maintenance to ensure a healthy fish population. If you are interested in joining the Angler's Club, please contact Joe Arevalo at [joseph.arevalo@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.arevalo@gmail.com).

#### Knife Club

The Chapter's Knife Club is an energetic group of knife, axe, tomahawk, and multi-tool enthusiasts who enjoy sharing their passions for sharpened steel. The club meets periodically (mostly on a quarterly basis) at different locations around the Chapter's property and hosts such events as "favorite user" or collector blade "Show Offs"; Knife, Axe, and Tomahawk Carry; Safe-Use Workshops; and Scout Jamboree Knife/Hatchet Safety classes. Recently, the club has included workshops in skills that included fire-prep and starting, knife and axe sharpening and care classes, tomahawk throwing (at the club's throwing station), knife defensive training, and other survivalist-skill training. The Knife Club is hosted by Lt. Col. Matt Michaelson, U.S.A. (Ret.). For any questions about the Knife Club or its meeting schedule, please contact Lt. Col. Matt Michaelson at [mtmichaelson@hotmail.com](mailto:mtmichaelson@hotmail.com).

#### Service Rifle

The Chapter holds Service Rifle matches seven times a year on the second Thursday of every month from April through October. All participants must use a rifle that was used in any country's military at some time in history. Shoots occur in four stages, using a total of 50 rounds of the firearm's caliber. The stages are: Slow Fire, Sitting Rapid Fire, Prone Rapid Fire, and Prone Slow Fire. Shooters compete in four classes: Basic, Advanced, Experienced Iron Sights, and Experienced Optical Sights. Please contact Forrest Fleming at [fhf41@reagan.com](mailto:fhf41@reagan.com) for more information.

#### Bullseye Pistol League

The Chapter holds Bullseye Pistol matches the morning of the first Sunday of the month, during the league's two seasons. Rimfire matches usually run March through August and centerfire matches are held from September through December. These matches are informal, friendly competitions with participants using a traditional, one-handed stance while target shooting at 25 yards. The course of fire consists of 20 shots in 20 minutes (slow fire), 20 shots at 4 seconds per shot (timed fire), and 20 shots at 2

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### IWLA Mission

To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife.

#### Izaak Walton League Member Pledge

To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources; to know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it.

I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America.



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seconds per shot (rapid fire). During the springtime rimfire competition, participants use a .22 LR caliber handgun. The fall competition participants are transitioned to centerfire-caliber handguns (.32 caliber or higher). If members don't have a centerfire handgun and would like to participate in the fall competitions, they can bring a .22LR pistol and the league organizers will try to find a spot for the member to shoot on the firing line. Relays are based on accuracy and then are scored with time limits. See **Bullseye Pistol League** for more information. <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/bullseye-pistol/>

**Bull Run Muzzleloaders**

Bull Run Muzzleloaders (BRML) is a National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) charter club and a proud member of the association's "1 in 1,000 Endowment Program." The club began in 1987 as an informal group of enthusiasts meeting in the morning of the third Sunday of every month to shoot muzzleloaders, socialize, and share their reloading and shooting experiences. The club grew steadily and in June 1988, BRML became a NMLRA Charter Club. Over three decades later, the BRML's shoots are still held at the rifle-pistol range of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter on the third Sunday of each month. The rifle-pistol range is located close to the site of the First Battle of Bull Run, giving the club its name. BRML is open to all Chapter members and also open to the public. Members of the BRML will provide firearms and muzzle-loading and shooting instruction to curious attendees and the experienced members are happy to act as mentors to beginners who are interested in learning more about this unique shooting sport. See the BRML Chapter Web page for more information. <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/bull-run-muzzle-loaders/>

**Cub Run Archers**

During the 1950s, the ARL-FX Chapter board of directors established the Cub Run Archers (CRA) to further the

sport of archery and promote and establish facilities for the enjoyment of this sport by the Chapter's membership. CRA membership also allows ARL-FX Chapter members to meet a key requirement for participation in official tournaments of the Virginia Bowhunters Association (VBA) and USA Archery, whose bylaws require membership in a VBA-affiliated archery club for individuals to compete in VBA-sanctioned archery matches. With these state and national affiliations, the Chapter is able to host sanctioned archery tournaments which have become very popular with members and nonmembers alike, and shooting lines often fill up well before the tournaments begin. While archers of all skill levels are encouraged to join the CRA, a prerequisite to joining CRA is membership in the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA. <https://cubrunarchers.org/index.html>

The Chapter's continued growth and success is built on each member's participation in and support of various activities of interest. As my previous newsletter columns have demonstrated, there are many different ways for Chapter members to engage in organized activities and programs, either individually or with other Chapter members. These options include participating in the clubs/groups, shooting at the ranges, and volunteering to assist with events held at the Chapter. If you have an idea for a new group or club, contact any member of the Chapter's board of directors (contact information is available on the Chapter Web site and in the newsletter) and make a pitch at one of the board meetings. The board is always interested in exploring new opportunities to meet the membership's varied interests. As always, I encourage every member to get out there to explore and enjoy the Chapter.

If you have any questions, please refer to the Web site or you can send an e-mail to the Chapter at [ARLFXIWLA@gmail.com](mailto:ARLFXIWLA@gmail.com).

—*Paula Meara*, President



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Please use to  
sign up for  
Volunteer  
Opportunities  
—located on the  
Chapter Home  
Web page.



E-Newsletter and Action Alert Sign-up

**IWLA Digital Newsletter**

Want the latest conservation news from the Izaak Walton League and Action Alerts on key advocacy issues? Sign up today at <https://members.iwla.org/apps/#SignIn>.



# ARL-FX IWLA Membership Notes

## February, March & April 2024

### Your Membership Is Still Available!

IF ... you have not renewed yet, chances are your membership slot may still be available. BUT ... renew right away or you may lose your membership. Check your white range badge insert for the correct color (2023 was gold ... 2024 color is blue). A current range badge is required to use any of the ranges. Don't be denied access because of an expired range badge.

### Membership Notes

**Hang onto those range badges!** They are REQUIRED to access all our ranges. Without a current range badge, you will not be able to use the ranges. If you lose your range badge, you can get a replacement for \$10 at the office during office hours.

### Membership Office Hours

Don't Forget ... the Membership Office is now open every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and every Saturday (except holiday weekends) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Be a Volunteer ... Help Out ... Get Involved

Our Chapter runs on volunteers. In 2023 our members contributed more than 4,000 hours of their personal

time to help our Chapter run smoothly. Our dues remain reasonable, and our facilities are constantly evolving due to the efforts of members who volunteer. It doesn't take long, and the payoff can be anything from a better walking trail, to a smile on a child's face catching their first fish in our pond. We need volunteers and LEADERS for all our major events in 2024.

- NRA Women on Target Clinic
- Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children and Adults with Disabilities
- Chapter Annual Picnic
- Save Our Streams program
- Adopt-a-Highway program
- Grounds Maintenance
- Shotgun and Archery shooting events

**If you have any questions about Membership ... CALL 703-631-4495 and/or E-MAIL: [memberships@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:memberships@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org)**

*"As always ... get out to our Chapter and have some fun."*

*—Beau Craudall, Membership Director*

## Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America



### Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children & Adults with Disabilities

## May 4, 2024

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Lunch is served at Noon  
**Come out and enjoy a day of fishing and outdoor fun!**

14708 Mount Olive Road, Centreville, VA 20121-2517

For directions visit our Web site: [www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](http://www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org)

Contact John Hsu at [john\\_t\\_hsu@yahoo.com](mailto:john_t_hsu@yahoo.com) to register. Please include number planning to attend.

To volunteer to assist at this event, please go to Chapter's SignUpGenius.

***Please distribute: The participants do not have to be members of the Chapter.***

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The initial questions by visitors are almost always the same: "Where is the Chapter located? How long is the shooting range? How much does it cost to join?" Many times the initial questions are followed by the most important question a potential member can ask: "How do I join?"

When someone who knew little to nothing about the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter is considering membership after a brief conversation, the Chapter's volunteer has succeeded.

With the closing of Elite Shooting to the public, many former members who stopped at the information table last year find the Chapter's location, facilities, and membership fee to be a great replacement option.

Having phenomenal field and target archery ranges only adds to the interest of hunters and recreational archers, alike. The air rifle range, Scout activities, campground, and fishing pond are especially attractive to those who have children.

One of the more interesting comments heard at the Chapter's information table is from those who either live near, or regularly drive past, the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter property.

When they learn exactly where the Chapter is located, they express surprise because they "never knew it existed." Instead, they almost universally link the sounds from firearms to shooting activities at the Bull Run Shooting Center. One nearby neighbor admitted while he always wondered where all the shooting was coming from, it is so regular he never was concerned enough to call the police.

Other visitors to the Chapter information table include newer firearm owners who want to learn how to safely handle and shoot firearms. This offers the Chapter volunteers an opportunity to explain the NRA training courses offered through the Chapter's Education & Training (E&T) Program and handout a brochure to the visitor. And while one does not have to be a Chapter member to take an E&T class, having nonmembers visit the Chapter for a class is yet another opportunity for them to consider membership after they see the great facilities.

But the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter's information table does more than promote an individual chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America. Because the Nation's Gun Show regularly attracts attendees from Maryland and West



Virginia, the Chapter volunteers also provide information and literature about the National IWLA and local chapters in those states, as well as providing attendees from more distant locations in Virginia with information on their local chapters.

Besides helping people who might benefit from receiving firsthand information about the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, members who volunteer at the Chapter's gun show table enjoy free admission to the Nation's Gun Show and can spend their morning or afternoon

visiting the show's vendors and exhibits.

Members interested in volunteering at the Chapter table during one of the numerous gun shows held every year in Chantilly can schedule themselves using SignUpGenius. Volunteers must be familiar with the Chapter's facilities and the membership process. While this does not mean a volunteer must be intimately knowledgeable, it does require a basic and solid understanding of the Chapter. If a member is interested in volunteering at the gun show information table but is uncertain if they know enough about the Chapter to participate, they can send a note via the "contact" link at the top of the gun show table's SignUpGenius page. As a general rule, if a member has been in the Chapter for at least a year, they usually know enough to participate. In addition, new table volunteers can be paired with experienced table volunteers. If a member has less than one year of membership in the Chapter, they should first send a note from the SignUpGenius table volunteer sign-up page to see if they are eligible to volunteer.

Volunteering at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter's information table at the Nation's Gun Show is a fun way to spend a few hours and introduce members of the public to the Chapter and to the Izaak Walton League of America. Volunteers also create a very important presence for the Chapter at a key recruiting event. Chapter volunteers set the table up in advance and stock it with brochures, magazines, photos, and other information for volunteers to hand out. Find a few hours this year to volunteer at the Nation's Gun Show and share your enthusiasm about the Chapter with a future member. They will thank you.

*—Todd Skipper*

## Junior Chapter

The Junior Chapter board of directors recently conducted their election for the 2024 cycle and the results are in. Serving as directors at large are Caroline Chan of the Lake Braddock Sharpshooters, Madelyn Ngu of the Lake Braddock Sharpshooters, Sienna Wade from our very own Acorns and Robinson High School, Henry Wagenblast of the Lake Braddock Sharpshooters, and Jackson Wedge of our Acorns and Robinson High School. Our new treasurer is Scarlett Flood of the Lake Braddock Sharpshooters. Our returning secretary is Sophia Li of the NoVA Sharpshooters. Our new vice president, former treasurer, is Leah Arkin of the Mavericks. Our president for the 2024 Junior board of directors cycle is Robinson High School's and Arlington-Fairfax Chapter's Acorns' very own Samuel Nickless.

We wish all our returning and new board members good luck in their endeavors for the Arlington-Fairfax Junior Chapter in the 2024 calendar year.

### REMEMBER

Speed Limit is 10 MPH on the ARL-FX IWLA Property.

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**SIGN UP!**



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Please use to sign up for Volunteer Opportunities —located on the Chapter Home Web page.

### Attention!

**Chapter Pond** — Fishing policy — Operating with Catch & Release Policy in effect. We follow all Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) regulations. See <https://dwr.virginia.gov/>.

**Shooting** is prohibited anywhere on Chapter grounds except at the designated shooting ranges.

## Supervisors July Visit

ARL-FX Chapter President Pamela Meara, Fairfax County Supervisor Kathy Smith (Sully District), Supervisor James Walkinshaw (Braddock District), and Chapter Vice President Chris Rose, during the supervisors' tour of the Chapter on July 22, 2023.



## Bender Skeet Clinic

Todd Bender's world-renown skeet clinic will be returning to the ARL-FX IWLA March 27-29, 2024. Todd has earned over 20 World Championship titles and is the National Skeet Shooting Association's first Master Instructor. If you are a novice shooter who wants to make sure you have a firm grasp on the sport's fundamentals or if you are a seasoned tournament shooter, this clinic will improve your game.

Slots are limited to four shooters per day and reservations are required.

For more information or to secure a place in the clinic, contact Evan Phelps at [SkeetClinic@protonmail.com](mailto:SkeetClinic@protonmail.com).





## IWLA's Save Our Streams (SOS) Program



**Virginia Save Our Streams** is a program of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA). Founded in 1922, the IWLA is one of the nation's oldest and most respected conservation organizations. With a powerful grassroots network of nearly 270 local chapters nationwide, the League takes a commonsense approach toward protecting our country's natural heritage and improving outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans. For more information about our Virginia chapters, please visit the Virginia Division of the Izaak Walton League Web site.

### SOS Web Links

Check out the IWLA *Save Our Streams* Web site:

<https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring>.

Check out the IWLA Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/iwla.org/>.

Check out the VA SOS Web site for more information, forms, and gear:

<http://www.vasos.org/>.



## Save Our Streams Volunteer Opportunities

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, is looking for a few volunteers to help with the Chapter's conservation efforts dealing with Save our Streams (SOS) events.

The SOS method is recognized by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to determine potential impairments to the waters of Virginia. The method collects samples of "bugs" from the water that provide indicators of stream health.

By volunteering for this program, you can:

- Gather important data in our local area;
- Work with other engaged volunteers;
- Get first-hand knowledge of water quality in the streams monitored.

For more information, please e-mail [arlfxiwla@gmail.com](mailto:arlfxiwla@gmail.com).



### Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA Chapter Hours of Operation

8 a.m. – 9 p.m. for outdoor recreational use  
(including outdoor range operation)

8 a.m. – 12 midnight for indoor uses  
(including indoor range operation)

With extended hours reserved for staff and special scheduled events, such as camping activities, as needed.

*See designated range Web pages for  
specific days and times of range operations.*

## Got Grants? Yes, We Do!

The Chapter extends our thanks to the NRA Foundation known as the Friends of the NRA for funding one grant at the Chapter in 2022. Past recipients of these grants were the Youth Shotgun Team, Air Range, and the Rifle-Pistol Range. Your support of local Friends of the NRA dinners helps raise funds for this program. <https://www.friendsofnra.org/>



The Chapter extends our thanks to the IWLA Endowment for funding a grant for the youth shotgun team. The Endowment funds selected projects at IWLA chapters and divisions each year. It only uses the proceeds from investments. The investment principle is never used and grows through donations made to support the endowment. <http://iwla-endowment.org/>

## Facility-Use Requests



Looking for a place to hold an event or overnight camp with your family. Our Chapter has nine rustic campsites with fire pits along with pavilions that can be used for family picnics and don't forget Gilbert's fishing pond. See the *Facility-Use Request Page* on our Web site for information/procedures on how to make a request.

<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/facilities-use-request/>

## Range Badge

Chapter members are required to display their range badge when they access/use the Chapter's ranges. Access will be denied if they do not display their range badge. If you have lost your range badge, please contact the membership office to purchase a replacement badge at <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/membership-general-information/>. There is a \$10 fee for all replacement badges.



## Izaak Walton League of America Store

Are you interested in getting IWLA apparel/items? Did you know that IWLA National has an online store? Visit <https://members.iwla.org/apps/#Store>.

## Animal Protection

The Chapter grounds are considered a wildlife sanctuary and hunting is strictly prohibited. All animals are protected and are not to be harmed in any way. Anyone found to be harming wildlife on the Chapter grounds will be brought before the board of directors for disciplinary action.

## Education & Training NRA Course Updates

The 2023 Education & Training schedule for NRA courses is available. Make sure you check out the schedule on the Web site:

<http://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/education-and-training-2/>



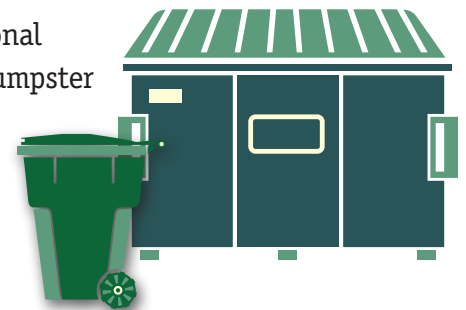
## Photos Needed!

***Doing volunteer work on the Chapter grounds or helping to make the picture perfect?***

We would love for you to take a picture of work done or in process and e-mail it to Pam Meara ([arlfxnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:arlfxnewsletter@gmail.com)) and/or Ellen MacBrayne ([emb4art@verizon.net](mailto:emb4art@verizon.net)) to publish in the newsletter. Send the largest photo possible and include a caption identifying faces, place, event, and date.

## Dumpsters

Please remember the dumpsters located on the Chapter property are for Chapter use only, not your personal use. Anyone caught dumping their personal trash in a Chapter dumpster will be brought before the board of directors for disciplinary action.





## The ARL-FX IWLA Christmas Charity

This Christmas, the ARL-FX IWLA Christmas Charity helped out the Georgetown South Community Council Foundation. This organization provides Christmas gifts for over 200 underprivileged children living in the Georgetown South Community in Manassas. Georgetown South is one of the most impoverished neighborhoods in our area. Our point of contact was Community Manager Meg Carroll. Utilizing SignUpGenius, Ms. Carroll said they had received donated toys from local citizens, churches, and businesses. With lots of toys already donated, she asked ARL-FX IWLA if we could help with winter coats. Ms. Carroll provided us with a list of children, including sizes and genders, who were in need of a warm winter coat. ARL-FX IWLA bought and donated 84 brand new, warm winter coats to the

foundation. Additionally, we donated 40 assorted toys, to be added to gift bags Ms. Carroll said had come up a little short. The photos you see are at the community center. Amanda Miller (my daughter) and I delivered the coats and toys on the day they were sorting the gifts. Notice the magnitude of an undertaking it is to provide gifts for 200+ children. They sorted gifts late into the night, as the families would be there in the morning to pick them up. Special thanks to Amanda Miller, who did most of the shopping, and was in constant contact with Meg Carroll. This is one of many great things your Chapter does that makes us a valuable member of the community.

—*Carl Armstrong*, Christmas Charity Chairman



### Raffle Winner! Springfield Armory XD-M Elite 9 mm

Congratulations to Brad O. from Arlington VA, for having the winning ticket (#027).  
The ticket was drawn at the December 19, 2023, general membership meeting.

Raffle benefits Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc.  
Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Team





From the Women of the NRA®  
*Instructional Shooting Clinic*

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## 2024 Scholarship

In 1993, the board of directors of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America established its environmental sciences scholarship as a means of demonstrating the Chapter's concern for the environment and for the young people of the tri-county (Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William) area. The scholarship is for a total of 4 years at a value of \$5,000 per year paid directly to the applicant's institution of higher learning in support of their degree in environmental sciences or a related field. The Scholarship Committee of the Chapter reviews the applications submitted each April and makes its recommendation to the board of directors on the basis of the applicant's academic achievement, financial need, environmental activities and achievements, and the individual character of the applicant.

### Scholarship News

As a means of tangibly displaying the concern of our Chapter for both the environment and the young people of this area, the Chapter will be awarding its 2024 Environmental Studies Scholarship this coming spring. The scholarship will be awarded to a local area high-school graduate. The total amount of the scholarship will be \$20,000 and will be paid in four annual installments to the recipient's college of choice. Applications will be accepted

from high-school seniors who are currently enrolled in Fairfax County, Fairfax City, Arlington County, Manassas, Manassas Park, or Prince William County schools (either public or private). The applicant must graduate this coming spring and plan on majoring in environmental sciences or a related field of study. The recipient of the scholarship will be selected by the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter's Scholarship Committee. The committee will review the applications submitted and make their decision based on several factors including academic achievement, financial need, environmental activities and achievements, and the individual character of the applicant. Interested seniors can access the application from the Chapter's Web site ([www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](http://www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org)). Scholarship information will be mailed to all local schools in January. They may also request a copy of the application directly by writing to Scholarship Committee, Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., P.O. Box 366, Centreville, VA 20122-0366 or by calling the Chapter at 703-631-4495 and leaving their name and address on the voice mail. Membership in the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, is neither required **NOR** does it constitute a conflict of interest and Chapter members are strongly encouraged to promote applications from all qualified applicants. Completed applications must be received NO LATER THAN April 1, 2024.

## Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA

# Gun Show

Field Archery Indoor Range

**Saturday, March 30, 2024**

**9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Buy/sell firearms, archery and fishing equipment, and more. To reserve a seller's table (\$30) and more information: [arlfxgunshow@gmail.com](mailto:arlfxgunshow@gmail.com)

**Private Party Firearm Transfers**  
available during gun show hours for \$12.

**Open to the Public—Free Admittance**

# Outdoor/Indoor Archery

## ARL-FX IWLA Cub Run Archers



For those Chapter members who are interested in competing in Virginia Bowhunters Association (VBA) archery events, the Chapter established a VBA group called Cub Run Archers so field archery tournaments could be held at the

Chapter. VBA is the representative for bowhunters throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Applications to join Cub Run Archers are available at the Field Archery range house. For more information, please contact Justice Percell, secretary, Cub Run Archers, by e-mail at [justiceperc01@gmail.com](mailto:justiceperc01@gmail.com).

## Limited Broadhead Use on Outdoor Range

The indoor and 3-D archery ranges are for **field tip use ONLY**, no broadheads are allowed on these ranges. The outdoor archery range does provide broadhead targets, but only on the target butts marked in bright **RED** stating **"BROADHEADS OK."**

These target butts are located at the crossbow station and include 20-, 30-, and 40-yard Rienehart walls (4' x 4' black target butts). There are also 2' x 4' target butts with **RED dots** that may be used for broadheads, and the **RED** cube dice at 50 yards. In other words, if there is a **RED "BROADHEADS OK"** sign or **RED dots** on the block target butts, these may be used for broadheads. *All other targets are for field tips only.* This includes any 3-D targets that may be placed on the range.

**All core-drilling broadheads are strictly prohibited** on the Chapter archery ranges.

## Field Archery—Guest Liability Release Statement Form

At the outdoor archery sign-in station and at the indoor archery range sign-in desk, there are Guest Liability Release Statement Forms that need to be completed. Members are responsible for completing a Guest Release Statement Form before starting to shoot on any of the field archery ranges, when bringing a guest. There is a daily \$10 Guest Fee. Fill out the form, placing money or check inside the folded release form, and place it into the drop box.

Make check out to ARL-FX IWLA – Field Archery.

—*Dick Riemer*, Director, Field Archery

Damage to the target blocks and 3-D animals on the outdoor range has occurred. Anyone witnessing broadhead usage on these targets, please notify the Archery Range officer or any Cub Run officer.

As stated on the ARL-FX IWLA/ Cub Run Archers Web site range rules (Section 11

**PROHIBITIONS**—<https://www.cubrunarchers.org/range-rules.html>):

"Anyone observed ... shooting broadhead-tipped arrows at other than targets expressly designed for that purpose will be referred to the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA, board of directors for disciplinary action" with a recommendation they purchase the damaged target.

—*Fred Ausick*, Range Captain, Cub Run Archers



Toxic

Cyclone

**NOT Allowed on IWLA Archery Range**

## Deer Processing Station

For Chapter deer hunters who would like to process their deer, the deer processing station is twenty yards off the Field Archery deck. The area is lighted and has running water from a garden hose located by the deck entrance. You will need to bring trash bags with you for proper disposal of all parts of the carcass. **When finished be sure to wash the area down completely, putting all remains in plastic bags before placing them into any dumpster. During cold weather, when finished be sure to drain the hose of water to keep it from freezing. Please leave the area cleaner than you found it.**

## Restricted Transporting of Deer Carcass

Whole deer carcasses and any parts containing brain and/or spinal cord tissues originating from Fairfax, Prince William, or Arlington Counties may only be transported to locations within DMA2 and DMA1 which includes Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Orange, Clark, Page, Madison, Frederick, and Warren Counties.



## Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Archery 101 Classes



The Archery 101 classes will take place in the indoor archery range. These one-day classes are designed for anyone who has never shot archery before or has very little knowledge of the sport and would like to see what our sport is all about. The minimum age for children is nine years old.

The class will cover the different types of archery equipment, archery safety, purchasing of equipment, and live shooting. All equipment needed is available through the Chapter (bows and arrows). All you need to do is register and show up.

### Fee Schedule (Members/Non-Members)

- \$25 for adults
- \$15 for ages 9 through 17  
(Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)
- \$40 max for family

Class fees will be collected before the start of each class beginning at 12:45 p.m.

Sunday	February 18, 2024	1-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	March 17, 2024	1-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	April 21, 2024	1-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	May 19, 2024	1-3:30 p.m.

To register for the class e-mail Dick Riemer at [rriemer@cox.net](mailto:rriemer@cox.net) or by phone at 703-543-8585.

## Archery 201 Classes

The Archery 201 classes are held at the indoor archery range. These sessions are held on five consecutive Sunday nights. There are two age groups, Youth ages 9-13 years old (5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.) and Adult 13 years old and up (7 p.m.-8 p.m.) with a maximum of 11 students in each group. All archery equipment is provided so there is not any initial expense to participate. We also encourage the use of personal equipment if the student has already purchased it. The fee for the five-night class is \$100.

The class is taught using the USA Archery 11-step instruction model. We first concentrate on shooting form. Then we build upon this foundation with each lesson, so the student has the total archery shooting package by the end of the session. Safety and range rules are taught the first night and reviewed before each class along with warm-ups and stretching. The class will cover the different types of archery equipment used, archery safety, purchasing of equipment, and live shooting. We try to have a 1:3 coach to student ratio so the student gets the best coaching we can provide.

To register for the class e-mail Mark Gauntner at [gauntneriwla201@gmail.com](mailto:gauntneriwla201@gmail.com).



Coach Mark Gauntner demonstrates proper shooting form.

### Archery 201 Schedule

Classes: 5-week sessions (Sundays)  
 Session Starts: Sunday, April 7, 2024  
 Sunday, July 7, 2024  
 Sunday, October 6, 2024  
 Youth: Ages 9-12; 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Adult: Ages 13 & up; 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Class Fee: \$100.00

**Contact:** Mark Gauntner for registration at [gauntneriwla201@gmail.com](mailto:gauntneriwla201@gmail.com).

### Archery Qualifying for the Fairfax County Park Program

As of this newsletter, the dates have not been released by Fairfax County for qualifying for the 2024/2025 park archery program. Expect the dates to be similar to last year starting in mid-April and ending in June. Information on the archery program can be found on the county Web page as it is updated. Qualifying will be held at the field archery range on Tuesday evenings 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Sunday mornings 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Each attempt to qualify is \$10 with up to three attempts allowed. Information on the archery program can be found on the county Web page at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/archery-program>.

## Junior Olympic Archery Development Archers Finish Their Year with New Range Records

On a cool, clear November weekend, 20 members of the ARL-FX Chapter Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) team headed to the Chapter Indoor Archery Facility to participate in the ARL-FX Chapter Indoor Archery Tournament.

Some of the JOAD archers had competed in various tournaments since they started the JOAD program, while others were participating in their very first competition that day. Five gold, seven silver, and one bronze medal were awarded to the ARL-FX Chapter JOAD team, in addition to setting two new Chapter Indoor Archery Facility records.

"It was an extremely fun tournament to watch, as all of our youth shot so well," Coach Jeff Del Vecchio said. "It was amazing to watch how kind and supportive they were to each other. I'm looking forward to watching them all grow into amazing archers." All the youth got their start in archery tournaments by participating in the ARL-FX Chapter JOAD program, led by ARL-FX Chapter volunteer archery coaches.

"We suggested that the youth in the JOAD program give a local tournament a try. Although some were nervous about it, many decided afterwards that it was fun," Jeff said. "The youth progressed quickly due to excellent coaching and their own efforts. It is a great sport for kids. Coaches Jonathan Fisher, Dave Grant, and Kevin Flynn are amazing!"

Pin Shoots during the 12-week JOAD program simulate a tournament environment and reward an archer's progress and development. The "pin" is a reward earned when an archer shoots the required score at their designated distance to get the corresponding achievement. More than one pin was awarded during the tournament as personal bests were achieved.

Archers shoot 30 for indoor pins. The indoor distance is 18 meters — but the targets are either 40 cm or 60 cm in diameter, depending on the archer's age. Each arrow shot earns a value between 0 and 10, depending on where it hits the target. The archer gets a pin if they meet the cumulative score designated to get the next colored pin after shooting all 30 arrows.

"Archery is very relaxing because the youth get to be out of the house and focus on only themselves and their target," Jeff said. "I like to see their improvement by shooting higher scores and earning pins." In 2024, the ARL-FX Chapter JOAD Team is planning to compete nationally at tournaments like the USA Archery Nationals at Harrisonburg, Virginia, in February.

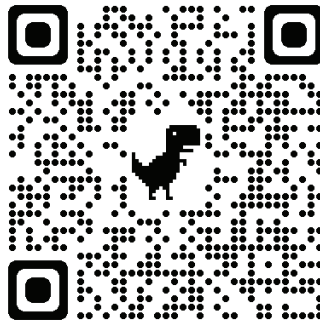


## Chapter's 2024 Winter Indoor Tournament Filling Up!

Your plans for the holiday season should include registering for the Chapter's sixth annual Winter Indoor Archery Tournament being held on February 3rd and 4th. Our Fall Indoor Tournament was fully booked weeks before the event. We already have a quarter of the available spots filled for the Winter Tournament. So, don't delay and end up on the "wait list." Register today!

The tournament will offer a 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. shooting line on each day. Further information and details on registration are available at the [Find an Event — USA Archery \(usaarchery.org\)](https://www.usaarchery.org) calendar listed under "Cub Run Archers of Arlington-Fairfax IWLA."





Dates: 2/3/24 & 2/4/24

# CUB RUN WINTER INDOOR SHOOT

**Come shoot an Indoor 600 Round!**

The Cub Run Archers of Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA, is hosting a World Archery STAR Event on Saturday, 02/03/24, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Sunday, 02/04/24, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Food and drinks will be available for cash purchase. Register at [www.usarchery.com](http://www.usarchery.com) (or scan the QR code).



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Cub Run Archers

Registration at  
[www.usarchery.org](http://www.usarchery.org)  
closes midnight  
January 26th.

All competitors must be  
members of USA  
Archery. NFAA  
members may obtain a  
free USA Archery  
temporary membership.

Registration fee is \$43.

Indoor 600 Round:  
consisting of 20 ends of  
3 arrows within a two -  
minute time period per  
end.

**CUB RUN ARCHERS**  
[cubrunarchers.org](http://cubrunarchers.org)

Arlington-Fairfax IWLA  
14708 Mount Olive Road,  
Centreville, VA 20121

[archerjim2532@gmail.com](mailto:archerjim2532@gmail.com)





**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

# **ARL-FX IWLA /CUB RUN ARCHERS SPRING 3-D PIN SHOOT**

**Come shoot competitively or just for fun!!!**

The Cub Run Archers of Arlington-Fairfax IWLA is hosting a 3-D archery event on Sunday, April 14. The event is open to the public and food and drinks will be available for purchase.



Registration and check in will begin at 8 a.m.,  
Shoot starts at 9:30 a.m.

IBO / VBA 3-D shooting  
classes and scoring

\$10 Adults; \$5 Youth

Bonus: Participants with the Fairfax County Deer Management Program (FCDMAP) will be eligible for additional team and individual awards/bragging rights.

All ages & skill levels  
welcome.

**CUB RUN ARCHERS**  
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## ARL-FX Chapter Indoor Archery Tournament — November 2023

Over the weekend of November 11-12, the Chapter hosted another popular (i.e., sold-out) and successful USA Archery sanctioned indoor archery tournament. Eighty-five archers of all ages filled out the four shooting lines (two each day). The participant demographics were: 45 male and 41 female; 44 in the Youth division, 42 in the Senior and Master divisions.

All the tournament results record scores are available at <http://www.cubrunarchers.org>.

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Competition Archery Team was well represented (see photos below) and member Renee Milausnic established a new record score.



### **Eight new tournament record scores were set:**

Female Recurve Master 50	Renee Milausnic, Score 392
Male Recurve Bowman (Under 13)	Caleb Chang, Score 556 (breaking his previous record 552)
Male Compound Master 50	Roman Bond, Score 579 (breaking his previous record 577)
Female Compound Master 60	Brenda Bond, Score 537
Male Barebow Master 50-70	Michael Holson, Score 489
Female Barebow Master 50-70	Karen Holson, Score 470
Male Barebow Junior (Under 21)	Nicholas Ferguson, Score 469
Female Barebow Bowman (Under 13)	Quinn Miller, Score 292



The tournament's primary organizational support was provided by Chapter members from Cub Run Archers: Jim Kerrigan, Tournament Coordinator; Fred Ansick, USA Archery Judging Official; Linda Reimer, CRA Social Director; and Dick Reimer, Chapter Field Archery Director. Additional support to tournament coordination was provided by Chapter members William Ash, Steve Elkins, and Mary Lane and her husband.

This was the Chapter's third indoor archery tournament since resuming in the post-pandemic era. The high



level of participation in each tournament, as well as the favorable comments and generated interest in new Chapter membership, are clear indications the events favorably reflect the Chapter's offerings.





## Skeet & Trap Range

### 2023 ARL-FX Chapter Skeet & Trap Shoot Dates

#### Skeet-Shoot Dates

Memorial Day Open Skeet Shoot	May 24–26
Stonewall Open Skeet Shoot	August 2–4
Club Championship Open	August 23–25

E-mail [IWLASkeet@yahoo.com](mailto:IWLASkeet@yahoo.com) for more information.

#### Trap-Shoot Dates

Tunnel to Towers Registered Trap Open	May 5
John Linn Memorial Trap Shoot	May 19
Jeff Miller Memorial Corn Shoot	September 1
DuCharm/Igou Memorial Trap Shoot	October 6

Contact Bob Brino at (703) 368-4934 or by e-mail at [Bob.Brino@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:Bob.Brino@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org) for more information.



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA  
is sponsoring a Brownell's/NRA Day

## Shotgun Camp



This course encompasses teaching the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for safely using a shotgun and shooting trap. Students will learn about shotgun parts and operations, ammunition, *gun safety*, and shotgun shooting fundamentals.

**Monday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Registration Fee: \$250.00**

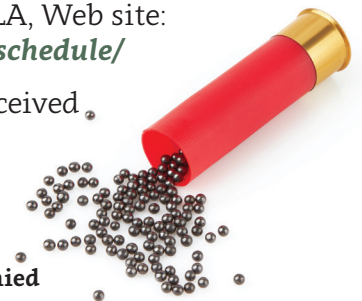
**Registration includes:** Instructional materials, Loaner shotguns, Ammunition, Targets, NRA Day T-shirt and Attendance Certificate, and Lunch both days supplied.

To sign up go to the following Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Web site:  
<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/education-training-course-schedule/>

You will be sent a separate e-mail once your registration is received,  
with additional instructions and information.

**For more information, contact Pamela Meara:**  
[Pmearaiwla@gmail.com](mailto:Pmearaiwla@gmail.com) or (703) 362-7293

**ATTENTION:** Minor children (under the age of 18) must be accompanied  
by a parent or adult guardian at all times.



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## ARL-FX IWLA 2024 Bullseye Pistol League — RIMFIRE



**Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA • Centreville, Virginia**

1st Sunday—March thru August 2024  
March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7 & August 4  
Three Relays: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., & 11 a.m.

### **Rimfire Pistols or Revolvers, .22 caliber**

#### **60-Shot Course:**

- 25 yards per NRA sanctioned tournament rules.
- 1 Slow-Fire course: 20 shots in 20 minutes.
- 4 Timed-Fire courses: 4 strings of 5 shots in 20 seconds per string.
- 4 Rapid-Fire courses: 4 strings of 5 shots in 10 seconds per string.

Shooters score their own targets. All score cards and targets provided.  
Empty Chamber Indicators will be mandatory.

#### **General Information**

- Three Relays of 17 shooters.
- Total 51 positions each Sunday.
- Positions may be reserved in advance via e-mail.
- No practice fire or sighter shots allowed prior to match.
- All shooters required to be at the range 15 minutes prior to relay.
- Preparation Time Arrival: 8:45 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 10:45 a.m.
- Late arrivals will shoot in later relay if space available.

**Cost:** \$15 per season. \$5 per match if not paying for season.

**Cash Payment First Match**

Non-ARL-FX Chapter members will be responsible for paying the \$10 guest fee.

For further information and reservations, contact Rich Sirois at [rich.sirois@gmail.com](mailto:rich.sirois@gmail.com),

Or visit the Chapter Web site at: <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/bullseye-pistol/>



## BSA Troop 1137

Troop 1137 has had an amazing tenure with our recharter organization, Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWL A. We have enjoyed not only the facilities on the property, but also giving back to the organization. Our Scouts and families have appreciated the use of the indoor archery range, air rifle range, shotgun range, rifle-pistol range, multiple field houses, and camping grounds for Troop activities. It has been wonderful seeing our Scouts participate in, and fulfill, Eagle projects on Chapter property. As we continue to grow our Troop, families have been exposed to the organization's benefits, and many have sought membership and joined the Chapter.

Our Scouts especially love the ability to enjoy the use of facilities like shotgun and rifle-pistol ranges during camp outs. A highlight for our Patrols has been planning activities at the indoor archery and air rifle ranges. Some of our Scouts have benefitted from the Chapter's Junior Programs, like the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Program and Junior Membership. Troop families have appreciated the ability to use the field house for weekly Troop meetings, as well as the use of the large pavilion for Court of Honor awards programs and other outdoor activities.

We take pride in extending our Troop's reach beyond our immediate members. We have several opportunities to encourage new membership at the Chapter through programs throughout the year: We typically host over 70 Cub Scouts each summer for Sully District Twilight Camp, and 25 Cub Scouts every December for Webelos Adventure Day at the Chapter. Our Scouts love to tell people about ARL-FX IWL A, and we always make an effort to share the over 50-year connection with the organization and our Troop.

With our continued partnership, Troop 1137 strives to give back to the Chapter in a variety of ways. One way is through service projects such as weeding and mulching,

breaking down and rebuilding benches, and picking up and moving sticks and branches where needed. In addition to Troop service projects on property, several Scouts have chosen the Chapter as their Eagle Scout project beneficiary. Eagle projects have included: replacing and fixing part of the nature trail down by the small pavilion; rebuilding shotgun sites and cleaning up around the shotgun area; removing old picnic tables from the archery area and building new ones to replace them; and removing invasive plant species near the small pavilion. The partnership with Chapter service projects continues with several Scouts developing Eagle projects they would like to do for the organization in coming months.

The greatest Troop benefit from our partnership has been the use of Chapter facilities, which has supported our Scouts in earning rank advancement requirements (Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life), merit badges (over 136 available), and the ultimate goal of Eagle Scout. Recently, three of our Scouts have completed their Eagle rank, and we have several more Life Scouts on their path to Eagle. To date, our Troop has seen over 134 Troop 1137 Scouts achieve Eagle, thanks in large part to the Chapter's partnership, generosity, and support.

Our Troop appreciates having a central location that is welcoming and encouraging to help Scout youth gain knowledge and leadership skills. These skills are key to the success of our Scouts. Troop 1137 teaches our Scouts the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Leave No Trace and Outdoor Code, which in part has a very strong connection to the IWL A pledge, "To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources." As a Troop, we strive to encourage our Scouts to be wise stewards of the environment and their surroundings, and to be prepared to help whenever asked.

## Vijay Mahimtura — Eagle Project Reflection

As I set out to plan my Eagle Scout project, I knew I wanted to give back to the organization that had truly become my home away from home over the past seven years — the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America. This dedicated Scouting hub has hosted Troop 1137 for countless meetings, camps, and Scouting events since before I first joined as an eager young Scout. Now, all these years later, I was ready to devote my time, effort,

and skills to improving the facilities of the Skeet and Trap Range that is the gem of the Chapter.

The crowning glories of the initiative were the complete reconstructions of two shotgun patterning boards from scratch. After weathering years of heavy use, the old boards sorely needed replacing. I led my troop of over twelve volunteers through long days of cutting fresh planks, carefully measuring and reassembling the frames,

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## Eagle Scout Project — Kiernan El-Hage

My name is Kiernan El-Hage, and I am a junior at Centreville High School. This year I completed my Eagle Scout project and Messenger of Peace Ambassador award here at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America. My project entailed removing invasive plants during the annual Sully District Twilight Camp held here at the Chapter. This is a week-long camp where Cub Scouts from all over the area can enjoy outdoor Scouting activities such as fishing, nature, Scoutcraft, shooting, and much more without leaving our local area. My project took place in the nature activity portion of the camp.

The project was broken up into three parts over the course of seven days. The first day was one of two prep days to prepare the project area for Twilight Camp. BSA Scouts and adults worked together to remove a vast population of Autumn Olive trees. First, I instructed them on what Autumn Olive is, the correct way to remove them, and the safety involved. The second day was another prep day. This time I instructed BSA Scouts to help mark off the areas where I wanted the Cub Scouts to remove the invasive species. We also marked off “No Go Zones,” which were areas unsafe for the Cubs to go in.

Following the last prep day was the start of Twilight Camp. Cub Scouts from all around Sully District (Centreville, Clifton, and Chantilly) were broken up into six dens that rotate through the different stations. With each den that came through my team of BSA Scouts and I taught them



about invasive species, the hazards, proper safety precautions, and what they would be doing during my project. After that, I instructed BSA Scouts to hand out materials they would need to remove the invasive

plants and to show them their assigned section of the project area. To make this more engaging, I created a competition between all the dens to see who could fill up the most bags in the shortest amount of time. At the end of each session, we gave each Scout a bookmark which included a QR code to more facts on invasive species, pictures of the invasive species they helped remove, and a place where they could track their time and how many bags they filled. This served as a keepsake and hopefully a tool for Scouts to use in the future. Toward the end of the camp, I awarded the winning den with candy and a certificate to commemorate their hard work.

In total, we removed 134 Autumn Olive trees and had 57 full bags of invasive plants. There were 125 participants with a total of 272 volunteer hours. In addition to this, my project also made 33 BSA Scouts eligible to earn their Messenger of Peace award.



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and nailing each piece into place. It was deeply rewarding to rebuild a piece of the grounds that hold so much value to the members of the Chapter.

As much as the Eagle Scout project is about delegation, it is just as much about teamwork. Together, my Scouts and I got to practice all those woodworking, building, and planning skills Scouting has taught us over the years — the perfect culmination of our journey so far.

In addition to repairing infrastructure, my troop and I cleaned up the multiple ranges over that weekend,

restocking thrower houses with fresh clays, filling up target launchers, and improving the landscape.

The Scouts had a blast working hard and hanging out together at their “home base.”

As I reflect on the experience, I’m filled with pride in my troop and gratitude for the place that let me discover my passions. I hope our work allows future generations of Scouts to thrive on these grounds, forming the same bonds and learning the same lessons that shaped us. Our shared effort was the ultimate representation of values like service, leadership, and community that I’ll carry with me long after I age out.

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Please use to sign up for **Volunteer Opportunities**, located on the Chapter Home Web page.



## The Izaak Walton League of America

### Web Links

Check out the IWLA Web site: <https://www.iwla.org>

Check out the Virginia Division Web site: <http://va-iwla.org/>

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## REMEMBER

Speed limit is 10 mph on the ARL-FX IWLA property!

## Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Calendar

For current Chapter calendars and event times, go to the Chapter Web site under the Calendar tab—<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org>.

### FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL 2024

Event	Date	Facility
Cub Run Archers Meeting	1st Sunday of each month	AC
<b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b>	1st Tuesday of each month	FH
Junior Chapter BoD Meeting	2nd Tuesday of each month	FH
Service Rifle Matches	2nd Thursday of each month	RP
<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	3rd Tuesday of each month	FH
Bullseye Pistol League—Rimfire Matches	1st Sunday (March-August)	RP
Bull Run Muzzle Loaders	3rd Sunday of each month	RP
Open Air Range (Member Practice)	Sundays	AR
Regular Open Air Range	Mondays & Fridays	AR
Fellowship Dinner	Every Tuesday	AC
New Member Orientation	Saturday, February 3	FH
Winter Indoor Archery Tournament	Sat. & Sun., February 3-4	FH
101 Archery Class	Sunday, February 18	AC
Rifle-Pistol Short-Range Day	Sunday, February 25	RP
New Member Orientation	Saturday, March 2	FH
101 Archery Class	Sunday, March 17	AC
Rifle-Pistol Short-Range Day	Sunday, March 24	RP
Shotgun Camp	Mon. & Tues., March 25-26	ST
Bender Skeet Clinic	March 27-29	ST
Archery Gun Show/Swap Meet	Saturday, March 30	FA
<b>All Firearm Ranges Closed—Easter</b>	Sunday, March 31	Firearm Ranges
<b>Newsletter Article Submission Deadline</b>	Tuesday, March 26	
New Member Orientation	Saturday, April 6	FH
201 Archery Class—Start (5 weeks)	Sunday, April 7	AC
101 Archery Class	Sunday, April 21	AC
Annual Picnic & Fishing Derby for Children & Adults with Disabilities	Saturday, May 4	LP
Tunnel to Towers Registered Trap Shoot	Sunday, May 5	ST
Ed. & Trng. NRA Courses	Various Dates	<i>See Web site</i>

AC=Archery Club House, AF=Athletic Field, AR=Air Range, Camp=Camp Sites, FA=Field Archery, FH=Field House, LP=Large Pavilion, RP=Rifle-Pistol, SP=Small Pavilion, ST=Skeet & Trap, TA=Target Archers



## Use of Outhouses

**IMPORTANT:** Septic tanks are used for the outhouses on the property. Trash (plastic bottles, bags, etc.) should never be disposed of in an outhouse for any reason. Trash clogs the septic tank and the Chapter has to pay to get it cleared. Groups may be charged these costs if the septic tank becomes clogged while they use the property.





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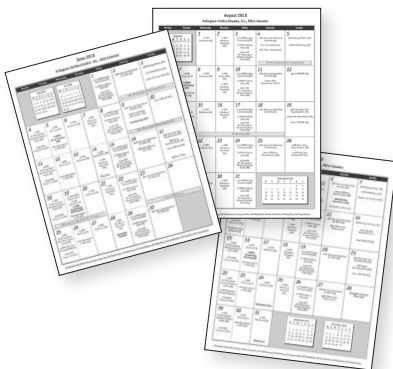
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