

What is ALAS?

The Archery in Louisiana Schools (ALAS) program is Louisiana's portion of the National Archery in the Schools program (NASP). NASP is a program developed in 2001 by the Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Matthews Archery, and the Kentucky board of education to help educators who were looking for a way to improve student motivation, attention, behavior, attendance, and focus.

The NASP/ALAS program introduces students in grades 4-12 to international target style archery. As the name states, ALAS is designed to be taught as part of the in-school curriculum. It is most commonly taught as part of physical education, but has many cross-curriculum adaptations.



Who Participates in ALAS?

Every school in the state of Louisiana is eligible to participate in the ALAS program including: public, private, parochial, and home schools.

The ALAS program can also be used as an activity for church groups, leadership trainings, after-school programs, summer camps, and outdoor adventure training.

Why LDWF?

State conservation agencies are concerned that many young people are not learning outdoor skills that will inspire them to spend more time experiencing the outdoors. LDWF believes that the ALAS program will not only promote character development and help students succeed, but will also contribute to the future of natural resource conservation and encourage young people to get out and explore "WILD LOUISIANA"

ALAS Competitions

Students who attend a school which participates in the ALAS program are eligible to compete in ALAS and NASP sanctioned competitions.

Each year LDWF puts on regional and state tournaments. Students competing in these tournaments are eligible to qualify for NASP National and World tournaments as well as winning awards and scholarships.



Why Archery?

Archery is a life-long sport that nearly everyone can enjoy success in, no matter what their ability level. Archery is a sport of focus and discipline, two attributes that have amazing crossover value in a classroom environment. Archery is not only fun for students but incredibly safe. There has NEVER been a safety incident in the NASP program and it is rated safer than nearly every ball sport. Students of all abilities and backgrounds flourish in archery!

