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## **2025 NASP State Tournament results**



Iowa's National Archery in the Schools Program state tournament was held in Des Moines over the weekend, where 2,064 bullseye archers representing 136 Iowa schools, and 1,014 IBO 3D archers representing 96 schools, competed for scholarships and prizes. Complete tournament results are available online - Bullseye Results: <https://bit.ly/2025NASPBullseyeInfo> and 3D Results: <https://bit.ly/2025NASP3DInfo>

### **Nationals Competition**

Male and female archers that placed in the top 10 within their division as individuals, receive a guaranteed spot to participate in one of the national tournaments. Participants can choose if they want to travel to the Western Nationals, held in Sandy, Utah, (April 25-26) or the Eastern Nationals, held in Louisville, Ky. (May 8-10). Team qualification is based on achieving a minimum score through a tiered registration process. Several of Iowa's teams qualified for a chance to compete at the national tournaments. To learn more about the program, watch our 2025 Archery in the Schools Tournament on the [DNR's YouTube channel](#).

### **Awards**

#### **General Awards:**

Coach of the Year - Nick Stejskal, Springville Community Schools - Plaque & \$500 Gift Card

Team Spirit Award - Clear Lake Classical - \$500 Team Equipment Grant

**Haney Family Foundation Senior Scholarship (Essay Based)**

\$1,000 - Jonathan Moore, Christian Home Educators of Warren County

\$1,000 - Brayden Parks, Bondurant-Farrar High School

\$1,000 - Alexandria Cook, Oelwein High School

**Chuck "Coach" Hallier Memorial Senior Scholarship (Essay Based)**

\$1,000 - Eli Basler, Valley High School

\$1,000 - Ean Grudzinski, Mount Vernon High School

**Iowa Bowhunter's Association "Cal Stuchen Memorial" Senior Scholarship (Performance Based)**

\$500 - Bullseye Top Senior Boy - Wyatt Fickbohm, Woodbury Central Schools - 290

\$500 - Bullseye Top Senior Girl - Eastyn Petersen, West Fork High School - 289

\$500 - 3D Top Senior Boy - Luke Shellenberger, Valley High School - 291

\$500 - 3D Top Senior Girl - Kelsi Hansen, Spencer High School - 288

**IBO 3D State Tournament Top Performers**

Lael Seale, Mid-Prairie High School (Wellman), won the girls 3D competition with a score of 293. Timm Chandonia, South Tama County High School, won the boys 3D competition with a score of 294. Both archers received a \$1,500 scholarship and their choice of a custom Gen-X Bow package or \$200 Gift Card. Ava Boldt, South Tama County High School, was the girls 3D runner-up with a score of 292. Luke

Shellenberger, Valley High School, was the boys 3D runner-up with a score of 291. Both runner-up archers received a \$1,000 scholarship.

### **Bullseye State Tournament Top Performers**

Ava Boldt, South Tama County High School, won the girls bullseye competition with a score of 295. Luke Mormann, Anamosa High School, won the boys bullseye competition with a score of 294. Both archers received a \$1,500 scholarship and a Genesis Pro Bow. Emily Mourlam, Center Point-Urbana High School, was the girls' bullseye runner-up with a score of 292. Josh Doellinger, Marcus Meriden Cleghorn Remsen Union, was the boys runner-up with a score of 292. Both runner-up archers received a \$1,000 scholarship.

### **High All-Around (IBO 3D/Bullseye Combined State Tournament Scores)**

Ava Boldt, South Tama County High School, with a total combined score of 587 was the female high all-around champion. Luke Mormann, Anamosa High School, with a total combined score of 584 was the male high all-around champion. Both archers received a \$1,500 scholarship.

### **IBO 3D All-State Team (Highest League Score Combined with State Tournament Score)**

Female - Ava Boldt, South Tama County High School - 883

Female - Eastyn Petersen, West Fork High School - 870

Female - Emily Mourlam, Center Point-Urbana High School - 864

Female - Ella Noesen, East Buchanan Schools - 862

Female - Shayla McDaniel, Prairie High School (Cedar Rapids) - 862

Female - Kelsi Hansen, Spencer High School - 861

Male - Timm Chandonia, South Tama County High School - 878

Male - Evan Burns, Alburnett High School - 872

Male - Evan Miller, Independence Middle School - 871

Male - Cade Elsenbast, Spencer High School - 871

Male - Henry Roland, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School - 870

Male - Creston Cordes, Springville Community Schools - 868

**Bullseye All-State Team (Highest League Score Combined with State Tournament Score)**

Female - Ava Boldt, South Tama County High School - 884

Female - Emily Mourlam, Center Point-Urbana High School - 872

Female - Eastyn Petersen, West Fork High School - 869

Female - Lael Seale, Mid-Priarie High School (Wellman) - 868

Female - Kaitlyn Oehler, Lawton-Bronson High School - 864

Female - Audrey Dettbarn, Oelwein High School - 863

Male - Cael Post, Independence High School - 883

Male - Cade Elsenbast, Spencer High School - 877

Male - Jacob Meier, Central DeWitt High School - 876

Male - Jack Schoenfelder, Sergeant Bluff-Luton High School - 875

Male - Luke Mormann, Anamosa High School - 875

Male - Wyatt Fickbohm, Woodbury Central Schools - 874

Nearly 4,900 archers participated in Iowa's NASP after school league from Dec. 1, 2024 to Feb. 9, 2025.

The state tournament was sponsored by

- National Archery in the Schools Program
- Iowa Hunter Education Instructor Association
- Iowa Bowhunters Association

- Chuck “Coach” Hallier Memorial Fund
- Haney Family Foundation
- Whitetails Unlimited
- Safari Club International
- Ducks Unlimited
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Pheasants Forever / Quail Forever

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## Time to stop pruning oak trees earlier this season with unseasonably warm temperatures

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) suggests immediately finishing pruning oak trees to prevent the spread of oak wilt.

“We typically suggest to stop pruning oaks around March 15,” explains Tivon Feeley, forest health program leader with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. “The unseasonably warm February has moved up that date. Pruning oak trees should stop out of an abundance of caution.”

Oak wilt, caused by a fungus, has been present in Iowa for many years. Iowa’s red, black, and pin oak are more susceptible to oak wilt, but it can also infect white and bur oak. Black, pin, or red oak usually die within the same summer they are infected. White oak and bur oak can often take a number of years before they succumb to this disease.

A healthy tree can be infected through open wounds during the growing season where the fungus is carried from a diseased tree to a healthy tree by a small beetle or through root grafts between oak trees of the same species.

Feeley says symptoms of oak wilt on infected trees are usually visible in June or July. Look for leaves turning a bronzed brown along the outer margins of the

leaves. These leaves can often still have some green on them as they fall from the tree. The defoliation tends to start at the top of the tree.

The best way to prevent the spread of oak wilt is to prevent any wounding to oak trees during the growing season. If a tree is wounded from storm damage or pruning is required during the growing season, treat the wounds immediately with a wound dressing such as acrylic paint. Do not purchase pruning paints/sealants. Those products slow the tree's ability to seal over the wound.

Learn more about oak wilt prevention and control at [www.iowadnr.gov/oakwilt](http://www.iowadnr.gov/oakwilt).

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## Spring community trout stocking starts March 20

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fisheries staff will release between 1,000 to 2,000 rainbow trout in nine lakes across Iowa in March and April as part of its cool weather trout program.

The spring community trout stockings are a great place to take kids to catch their first fish. A small hook with a nightcrawler or corn under a small bobber to casting small simple spinners, such as a Panther Martin or Mepps, is all you need to get in on the fun.

Bringing trout to cities and towns offers a "close to home" option for Iowans who might not travel to northeast Iowa to experience trout fishing. Heritage Pond, Ottumwa Park Pond, Prairie Park Fishery and North Prairie Lake will also host family-friendly events to help anglers catch trout and have fun while fishing.

The popular program is supported by the sales of the trout fee. Anglers need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout. The daily limit is five trout per licensed angler with a possession limit of 10.

Children age 15 or younger can fish for trout with a properly licensed adult, but together, they can only keep one daily limit. Children can pay the trout fee, allowing them to keep their own daily limit.

Once you buy your trout fee, you can fish for trout all year long at any of the community trout lakes and trout streams in northeast Iowa. Find more information about Iowa trout streams on the DNR website at [www.iowadnr.gov/trout](http://www.iowadnr.gov/trout).

## **2025 Spring Community Trout Stocking Schedule**

### **March 20**

- [Liberty Centre Pond](#), North Liberty, at 10:30 a.m.

### **March 21**

- [Emma Young Park Pond](#), Clinton, at 10 a.m.
- [Discovery Park Pond](#), Muscatine, at Noon
- [Vista Park Pond](#), Kalona, at 10 a.m.

### **March 22**

- [Ottumwa Park Pond](#), Ottumwa, at 11 a.m.
- [Prairie Park Fishery](#), Cedar Rapids, at 10 a.m.

### **April 25**

- [Sand Lake](#), Marshalltown, at Noon

### **April 26**

- [North Prairie Lake](#), Cedar Falls, at 11:30 a.m.
- [Heritage Pond](#), Dubuque, at 11 a.m.

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# Forest Stewardship Implementation – Volga River State Recreation Area

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a public meeting regarding upcoming timber harvests at the Volga River State Recreation Area at 6 p.m., on March 20, in Room 101 of the Baker Hebron building on the campus of Upper Iowa University. Public parking is located just to the east, off of Union Street.

Information on woodland management and associated impacts on the Volga River State Rec Area will be presented. Local DNR Parks management, DNR Wildlife representatives and the DNR district forester will be available to address any comments, questions or concerns

Interested public are encouraged to attend to learn more about our forest resource, forestry techniques and wildlife habitat/recreational impacts.

**For more details or questions contact Maison Hubrig, Iowa DNR district forester, at 563-608-0086 or email at [Maison.Hubrig@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Maison.Hubrig@dnr.iowa.gov)**