



As more and more educators are looking for ways to improve student motivation, attention, behavior, attendance, and focus, non-traditional sports are becoming increasingly popular. Teachers strive to achieve state and national educational standards regarding development of motor ability and listening and observation skills inside and outside the classroom.

Wildlife Conservation agencies are concerned too many young people are forgoing learning outdoor skills that will inspire and benefit them for years to come. Natural resource professionals are convinced learning target shooting skills will result in character and self-reliance development that will serve the future of these individuals well. Marion County 4-H Archery demonstrated these skills and talents at the 2017 State Archery Jamboree held in Murfreesboro, TN. Students on the archery team have practiced not only shooting skills, but also other life skills for months in preparation for this event.

4-H Archery is split into three divisions – Open Compound, Recurve, and Genesis. The type of bow the student shoots and what modifications they have determine their shooting class. Students are also broken up into age groups. In the Junior Open Compound Division Hatch McNabb placed 9<sup>th</sup> and Wyatt Skiles placed 10<sup>th</sup>. Also in the top 15 junior shooters were Harry Carter and Jake Perry. The Junior Open Compound shooters also took the award for high point team. The Senior Open Compound proved to be tough competition. Dylan Layne placed 12<sup>th</sup> which will allow him to continue on to the Archery Invitational in October.

For more information on Marion County 4-H Archery, contact Dannie Lowrey Bradford at 423-942-2656 or [elowrey@utk.edu](mailto:elowrey@utk.edu). Check out our Facebook page at UT TSU Extension Marion County for more pictures from the Jamboree!