

Vermont Junior Archers JOAD LTD

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Dear JOAD Supporter:

Thank you for your interest in Vermont Junior Archers' Junior Olympic Development (JOAD) program. Vermont Junior Archers has introduced hundreds of boys and girls to the sport of archery. Since 1994, archers have benefited from our program that works with approximately 140 young people (ages 5-20) each year.

For most Vermont Junior Archers, their highest aspiration is to be invited to participate on the Vermont Junior Archers' Tournament Team. This year's "Road Team" consists of 10 dedicated young people, selected for their skills and dedication to archery. These young adults strive to develop the consistency and results necessary to excel in national tournaments. Another 11 young people have committed to our Junior Road Team.

All Road Team archers commit to shoot at least three days each week, pay for their own equipment, and travel at their own expense (including meals and hotels) to at least 3 regional tournaments. These young archers and their families spend thousands of dollars to develop their skills at the highest levels. These are outstanding young people who have been acknowledged throughout New England not only for their performances, but also for their outstanding behavior, sportsmanship, and teamwork at tournaments.

Our dedicated coaches are USA Archery certified instructors; they along with the Road Team archers and volunteer instructors teach at each of the 10 weekly JOAD classes. They have successfully shared the sport of archery with young people at all levels and abilities. We have had success with young archers facing many challenges, such as wheelchair confinement, Crohn's disease, ADHD, and Orthographic Dyslexia.

In spite of that fact that Vermont Junior Archers is in a rural state, current and past team members have won at the regional and national level (e.g., the USA Archery Nationals, JOAD Nationals Indoor, JOAD National Outdoor tournaments and the World Youth Championships). We are very proud to have on our list of alumni, Isaac Sullivan who has earned a spot on the United States Archery Team (USAT) for 2020, 2021 and 2022 being ranked 2nd in the country for Compound Cadet and on the 2021 United States World Archery Team, where he is ranked 3rd in the World for Compound Cadet, also setting the world record for Compound Cadet Men's Team after competing in Wroclaw, Poland. He was also on the Junior Dream Team 2018 & 2019. Former member Kolby Hanley who earned a spot on the USAT as the number one ranked Compound Cadet in the country has recently started his own business which is focused around his love for archery, UltraView. Some of our archers have graduated to excel at the highest levels. Joayn Fleury was the 2006 NCAA Collegiate National Championship, a Collegiate All-American and a 2007 World Cup Team Member. Her brother John was a member of the 2004 Junior United States Archery Team that set a world Team Record at Junior World Championships and at the 2006 Junior World Championships. Emily Blake was a member of the USA Archery Junior Dream Team and a resident athlete at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California. And, not all of our victories are in tournaments. She helped pay for her college education by teaching archery at summer camps. We are seeking donations in order to support these young people, so that they can pursue their dreams of competing at a national level.

The teams train locally at Pelkey's Archery in St. Albans. For more information, please contact me or check out our Facebook pages: Pelkey's Archery or Vermont Junior Archers

Sincerely,

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