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STATE OF KANSAS

Kansas Secretary of State 7th Ad Astra Archery Tournament

A joint effort with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

Dear Friends of Archery:

It's hard to believe that this is the seventh year to sponsor the Ad Astra Archery Tournament. It will be held at MacLennan Park in Topeka on Saturday, May 6, 2017. This year we have added online registration and donation links to the tournament website, www.sos.ks.gov/archery. Check it out for all the details!

This tournament stands alone as a way for children from Kindergarten through 12th grade to enjoy the archery experience while competing for the top scores. But it also serves as a scholarship opportunity for assisting Kansas kids to compete in the National Archery in the Schools tournament.

Each year archers at the Kansas state tournament in early spring who qualify to compete at the national tournament in May fail to do so because of the cost of traveling to Louisville, Kentucky. By providing financial awards to the top scoring archery teams or individuals, we enable these high achievers to represent Kansas at the NASP® championship.

For two years, we had partnered with the Topeka Community Foundation to enable financial supporters of the tournament to receive a tax deduction for monetary donations. Unfortunately, that arrangement had to end due to a significant increase in fees. But financial support is still critical to further the purposes of our not-for-profit corporation, including:

- promoting the sport of archery by teaching children and families safe archery skills,
- providing a venue to practice and demonstrate those skills among their peers at the annual Ad Astra Archery Tournament, and
- assisting qualified kids with travel expenses to the national archery championship.

So won't you consider a financial gift to further the cause? Simply **write a check** payable to Ad Astra Archery Tournament Inc. and **mail it** to P.O. Box 1012, Topeka, KS 66601, or check out the online donation link at www.sos.ks.gov/archery. The number of financial awards for travel expenses and the amount of each award depends on donations received.

If you have any questions about our Ad Astra Archery Tournament, contact Lara Murphy at lara.murphy@ks.gov or (785) 296-0082.

I very much appreciate your support of the Ad Astra Archery Tournament, the Kansas Archery in the Schools Program, the Centershot Ministries program in churches, and ultimately all you do to promote archery for kids.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kris W. Kobach".

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