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AD ASTRA ARCHERY TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD APRIL 30TH

TOPEKA (April 7th, 2016) - The Secretary of State's Office is still accepting registrations for the 6th Annual Ad Astra Archery Tournament. Each year since 2011 the Kansas Secretary of State has sponsored the tournament together with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. The tournament will be held on April 30th in Topeka and is open to all kindergarten through 12th grade students.

This event is named in honor of the 20-foot-tall bronze statue of a Kanza Indian named "Ad Astra" placed atop the Kansas Capitol dome. The warrior aims his bow and arrow at the North Star, illustrating our state motto "ad astra per aspera" meaning "to the stars through difficulties."

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism administers the Kansas Archery in the School Program (KASP). Civics groups, home schools and churches also provide archery instruction and equipment for children to learn and enjoy the sport of archery. This annual tournament gives Kansas kids a fun day to compete with one another and enjoy other family activities at MacLennan Park in Topeka.

To learn more and to register for this event please visit <http://kssos.org/archery/main.html> or contact Craig McCullah at media@sos.ks.gov.