

Thank you Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation for the shirts and helping us get to the National Archery in the Schools Program Nationals in Louisville, KY

OH Canada

Of the 53 flags that were raised for the ceremonies, 2 of them were ours. The NASP Nationals set-up committee all agreed - and were happy to share with us that they thought the Saskatchewan flag was the nicest looking flag of them all - WOW. The people treated us like celebrities. They were so welcoming and nice to us. They started the opening ceremonies with our National Anthem and welcomed Saskatchewan for being the first team ever from Canada. When our National Anthem played they had their hand over their heart. The pins of the Saskatchewan flags that we got from the office of the Honorable Ken Krawetz were in high demand and people couldn't stop coming to us because of the Canadian flags on one of our sleeves of our team shirt and the Saskatchewan flag on the other.

The Trip

The trip was a long way. It started with a drive to Regina and then a 4:00 am (our time) morning and then security at the airport. We had a stop-over in Minneapolis, MN and then more security and customs and ran to make a flight to Kentucky (whew - just made it). When we got to Louisville they were 2 hours ahead of us - this made for a real confusing time and 2 am to 4am mornings (our time) every day.



Shooting

How many excuses can we think of. Let's see -nervous, tired, overwhelmed by the magnitude of the event. We didn't win one of the scholarships or bows, etc. We did our best but we have some work to do to compete at this level. Shale finished 331/1007 with a score of 245 and Bailey finished 496/602. If both archers would have shot their qualifying scores or the scores they were getting during practices they would have finished in the top 10% of their categories.

Bass Pro Shop

We had some time so we went to the second largest bass pro shop in the world. It was awesome with streams running through it and every outdoor item anyone could ever want. It had a huge aquarium with world record size bass, sauger and other things in it. It was the nicest store we were ever in.



Educational Tours

Louisville is very proud of their history and has so much to see. Ask us about all the things we learned on our Educational Tours. (Louisville Slugger museum & Churchill Downs (home of the Kentucky derby). P.S. the Six Flags Amusement park was pretty cool too.

The NASP Nationals

It was exciting being part of history, the first Canadians ever to be at the NASP Nationals. The building was so huge. It was the biggest building we had ever seen.



Thank You

It was a great learning experience. Thank you for helping make it possible. We encourage all to take part in NASP as it does change lives - one arrow at a time! PS - the NASP Worlds will be in Orlando, FL in October 2009.