



Mariposa Academic Boosters Club Agenda
September 7, 2018
11:30 AM

MCHS Rm 56 (directly across from Learning Center Restrooms)

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Mariposa Academic Boosters Club
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2018
11:30 AM
High Country

Board members present: Jill Harry (chair/secretary); Ruth Smiley (vice chair), Leigh Westerland (treasurer), Dave James, Naoko Kada (FaceTime)

Board members absent: Tara Schiff, Amy Schneckeburger

Public: Carol Hart

I. Call to order

Jill called the meeting to order at 11:37 AM.

II. Approval of minutes from May 18 meeting

Dave moved to approve the minutes. Leigh seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Business and Finance

A. May Treasurer's Report

Naoko moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with the following changes: MSUSD corrected to MCUSD; Outstanding check total = \$250 rather than \$843.70. Dave seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. June Treasurer's Report

Leigh moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with the following change: Outstanding checks = \$303.61 rather than \$250. Dave seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Finance Housekeeping (update on tax filing, switching names on bank acct, PO Box key, etc)

Taxes: While our bylaws state that our fiscal year will align with the MCHS school year, our taxes up to this point have been filed to the calendar year. Kathleen is working to move our tax filing to align with our bylaw wording. She will finish and file this paperwork. We will not have any fines since our income was less than \$25k. We may have a late fee as Kathleen recently discovered the paperwork was due in May. She will complete this task when she returns from vacation.

Bank account names: Kathleen will complete the paperwork to remove her name and add Leigh's to our bank account. Jill noted paperwork will need to include the page from the minutes that name Leigh as our new treasurer. Jill, Kathleen, and Leigh will all need to visit the bank to sign paperwork.

PayPal balance: Leigh will take care of figuring out how to transfer our PayPal balance into our bank account.

Post office name change and keys: Kathleen wrote a letter to the Post Office about changing the name on the account. Leigh thinks Kathleen, Jill, and she need to go to the Post Office together to make the change. We will do this when Kathleen gets back. Leigh will look in the box of items given to her by Kathleen to see if the key is in there. If not, she will get it from Kathleen when she returns. Jill has a second key.

D. 2018-2019 draft Budget Overview

To give us a starting point, Leigh updated the spreadsheet for the coming school year to the best of her knowledge. She has listed FY18 Actual in the left column and FY19 budget in the right column. She had some questions to be answered at this meeting.

Jill's comments on the overall budget:

- Arts Night is no longer an option. As Celeste explained to us at the beginning of last school year, Clubs cannot make income from student performances. This should come off both the income and expense sides.

- Berkeley Splash Bus - Jill doesn't know if this was a one-time ask from MCF or if it will be an annual request. She will ask Marilyn Saunders. She thinks it should go under the teacher/other requests line rather a line of its own.

- Name badges were a one time cost so can come out of the Admin Costs line. They are magnetic and reusable. Jill needs to print out the labels with our names to go inside them. Her goal will be to have this done for Back to School Night or for the first Career Lunch of the year, whichever is first.

- The name badge line item made Jill think of t-shirts, which we've talked about before. All agreed it would be good for ABC to get t-shirts for members made by Pathos with our logo on the front and maybe our mission on the back. Green with white. Jill thinks the cost will be about \$200. Leigh will add this one time cost to the budget.

- TSYS Card reader - since we tried it and canceled it, Jill suggests taking these out of the annual expense column as well. Leigh and Ruth noted that if we need a card reader in the future, we can look again into Square Space. Ruth is familiar with how Square Space works.

Jill noted we do not need to vote on the 2018-2019 budget at this time. Line-by-line expense and income lines will be discussed in more detail a little later in the agenda.

IV. Review of bylaws and mission

The group briefly reviewed the bylaws and the mission.

V. Programs and Events for 2018 -2019

Programs (Expenses):

- Dinner with a Scientist (AAUW) - Jill noted that we had approved \$600 for DWS in the prior year's budget. AAUW ended up not asking us for it because UC Merced gave more money to the event than anticipated and AAUW did not need additional funds. AAUW's representative, Marilyn Saunders, asked that we include the expense in our budget again this year. It may or may not be requested depending on UC Merced funding.

- Career Lunches - We spent \$940.90 last year and have \$1,500 in the budget for this coming year. All but one of last year's lunches were from Pizza Factory. All agreed it might be nice to change up the menu once in a while to support other local businesses. Tara has started contacting and scheduling potential speakers.

- Academic Achievement Night letters and bars - starting sophomore year, students who maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average are awarded letters in the first instance and metal bars to pin to the letter in following years. The budget notes this expense is every other year, but for the past 3 or so years, we have placed orders every year. Kathleen has also suggested that in future years, we let MCHS do the ordering instead of us and give the counseling office a check for it. She also suggests that MCHS look into having the order fulfilled at a place in Merced instead of one on the East Coast. Her preliminary check at the trophy

and plaque business in Merced found that they can do this, saving time and shipping cost. This information will be passed on to Rose Ann Weinburke in the counseling office.

- Valedictorian Dinner - Ruth noted the continuous generosity of Mirriam Plato, owner of Savoury's for this and other events. Given the configuration of space at Savoury's and noting the impact on Mirriam's dinner service, Ruth suggested an alternative location for next year, perhaps Charles Street Dinner House or 1850. All agreed. Ruth will check out spaces and also let Mirriam know. There was also discussion about number of guests for each valedictorian and wanting to establish guidelines that are equitable not just for this year's valedictorians but for future years so everyone knows what to expect. The resulting suggestion was for valedictorian, 3 guests, 1 mentor, with the option of valedictorians being able to ask one additional guest at their own expense. We will re-visit when we get closer and discuss with Celeste. Last year's dinner cost \$905.76. It was agreed to keep this year's budget at \$2,400 given all the unknown variables.
- UC Merced Lab Tours - Naoko suggested it might work out better to time the event with UC Merced's science week where labs are open and experiments are set out rather than arranging individual lab tours what turns out to be just a few weeks later. It would be great if in doing this, we also hit the "dead zone" in the sports schedules - when students are between seasons and not practicing. This is secondary to scheduling the event to coincide with science week. Naoko will look into the proper UC Merced contact for this. It was also decided that rather than shirts, maybe we'll do lanyards and thumb drives this year. We can decide for certain later. Last year we spent \$678.27. At the moment, the budget for this year is \$750.
- Passport to Success - while we didn't get many pictures of students receiving gift cards for a job well done to help advertise the program, MCHS staff seem to appreciate having the gift cards to hand out. This coming year's budget is currently set at \$500.
- Community Connections - Jennifer Rider reported to Jill that only one potential mentor had followed through with turning in all paperwork and fingerprinting. At the start of the school year, Jennifer will try again with the 10+ people who had expressed interest. She will include info about the program in the Back to School letter going out. Other actions to locate mentors discussed: creating a flyer about the program to put up at the library and other places (Jill thinks Jennifer may have one); doing a "dog and pony show" about the program at a Rotary, AAUW (Jill will do), and other service organization meetings; Leigh mentioned wanting to talk directly to some young park service people she knows in the El Portal area. \$2,700 currently in the budget for this program.
- California Scholarship Federation field trip - all students who maintain a 3.5 GPA starting their freshman year are eligible to sign up for CSF. They have one field trip every year. Last year, they went to Yosemite. \$400 in the budget for this.
- Teacher/other requests - the \$700 for the Berkeley Splash bus will be folded into this amount, bringing the budget up to \$2,200.

Add/revive:

- Personal Best Awards - after discussion, group decided that ABC is willing to fund \$1,000 towards this as budgeted, but would like MCHS to secure the prizes. Jill will let Celeste know.
- TedX-like event featuring MCHS grads - Many in the group expressed interest in this. Ideas: make it a Saturday evening event; if grads no longer had family in the area, offer up our homes for them to stay; make the first year a trial run; maybe do it in early January when high school students are just back from break given that many colleges start back later; have grads do individual presentations and then have a panel discussion with questions from the audience; if grads can't be there in person, use FaceTime or some similar technology projected onto the large screen; look for sponsors; include a silent auction. This might be too much to get organized for this January - maybe plan for 2020. Tie in to Career Lunches.

We need a catchy name. Carol is interested in networking with grads; Ruth is interested in helping. We would need an ABC member willing to be the lead organizer. Jill will include this as a question in an email to our ABC group. Jill will also check in with Bryan Starchman, Pete Bothwell, and Celeste Azevedo about their interest in such an event.

Events (income):

- Fall Fundraiser at Savoury's - all agreed we would like to revive this event. Jill will check with Mirriam about the first week in November which had been Mirriam's preference before we cancelled last year's event. If not Savoury's, we could ask at The Alley or elsewhere. We would need to apply for a gambling license about 6 weeks in advance. Leigh will ask Deb and/or Kathleen how this was handled in past years. Jill will ask Jeff Shaw about insurance coverage. Jill has the list of who asked which businesses/individuals for donations in past years which could be used as a starting point again with everyone helping to get Silent Auction donations; Dave will organize blackjack dealers and will talk to Kathleen (who we think organized dealers the last time) for info and tips. Jill will ask Jon-Paul Salonen if he might be interested in DJing again. Theme? Jill will ask the group for ideas in her email.
- Season of Giving - Jill said this is an easy one to pull together. We have envelopes from prior years and she can revise the letter. We will do it again this year.
- Anonymous Donor - Jill will check in with our donor when appropriate.
- Corporate Requests - Sierra Tel will donate up to \$2,000 annually. The company donated \$1,500 last year for Valedictorian Dinner. We discussed asking for this event again this year and perhaps switching to TedX-like event the year after if it comes to fruition as this would likely give Sierra Tel more exposure.
 - Yosemite Bank donated \$500 towards Lab Tours last year. We request funds from them in January. All agreed to ask for help with Lab Tours again this year.
 - Aramark has not contributed to ABC. Aramark had requested one letter from MCHS with all club/school requests. Jennifer sent this letter to them last year but had no response. We hope our new member, Amy, might be able to use her contacts to help point us in the right direction of the best contact at Aramark to ask for a donation. Dave James would like to be involved in the effort to get something going. Jill will ask Celeste if we can be given some leeway in trying to make a contact.

Add:

- Monthly movie nights at Fiester Auditorium - Movie nights would need to be during the week or we would have to pay extra for custodial. It was suggested that we try one movie night and see how it goes - it is possible to get a license for one movie. Naoko noted that when the MES Parent Group does this, they do not charge for the movie but only for other items like food and drink. She said with five films, they broke even with the cost of the license so this might be a better fit under programs rather than in the income column. Whether we did one or multiple, we would need someone willing to lead this effort. Jill will include this in her email to see if we have a member who wants to pursue this.
- Pursuit of new seating at Fiester Auditorium. Bryan Starchman shared his letter to the school board requesting pursuit of new seating as part of the plans for Bond funding. No action on our part at this time.

VI. Vote on 2018-2019 Budget

The vote on the budget was postponed until our next meeting so that Leigh has time to incorporate all the discussed changes.

VII. Upcoming School Events

A. Back to School Packet (including ABC flyer)

Jill will send the ABC flyer included in the meeting packet to Rose Ann Weinburke with the request to include it in the Back to School mailing to MCHS parents/guardians.

B. First Day of School

First day of school is Tuesday, August 21.

C. Back to School Night (booth)

Jill will check with Rose Ann on the date for Back to School Night. We will want to have a table with information and will need members to be at the table. We can discuss this at the next meeting.

VIII. Open Forum

There were no items for open forum.

IX. Set Date, Time, and Location for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Friday, August 31, at 11:30 AM in room 56 at MCHS.

X. Adjourn

Dave made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 PM. Ruth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.



Thursday Sept 13th

CAREER LUNCH

Alternative Career Tracts



Anthony Rios, Network Administrator II, Mariposa County Human Services, will be speaking about his career path. Anthony entered the military out of high school and then attended college using the GI Bill. Anthony worked his way up to his current position, Information Technology Supervisor, in which he offers analytical and technical expertise to the Human Services department. He is currently working toward obtaining his masters degree.

**Sign up at the Counseling office by
Monday, September 10th.**

FREE Pizza
to the first 40 students
who sign up.

MCHS Academic Booster Club
 CAREER LUNCHES - Speakers 2018/19

Month	Day	Speaker	Title	Career Path
September	13	Anthony Rios	Information Technology Supervisor	IT
October	11	Seth Nitsche	Mariposa Ranch Grass Fed Beef	Cattle Rancher
November	15	Nick Lambert	Owner, Lambert Technical Services	Entrepreneur
December	13	Anita Starchman-Bryant	Starchman & Bryant, Attorneys at Law	Attorney
January	10			
February	14	Klaus Tanenbergen	Dean, Columbia College	Academia
March	14	Andrew Blackfoot Glikin	Raw Roots Farm	Agriculture
April	11			
May	9			

Fall Fundraiser location correspondence

----- Forwarded Message -----

Re: Fall Fundraiser
Thu, 23 Aug 2018 13:02:12 -0700
Mirriam <savoury@sti.net>
Jill Harry <abc.mchs@gmail.com>

I am very open to this and I have another idea as well..
Fridays and Saturdays anytime of the year are my best nights, so with that said, how about a Sunday?
We could start earlier and get it going so that folks could get home for the kiddos school day and work day for the parents.

Idea for specific **need** perhaps...
Toffee tortes for sale!
\$20 / \$15 would go directly to [ABC]
The would be pre ordered and picked up at the school or Savourys.
They freeze amazingly well...

----- Forwarded Message -----

Re: Fall Fundraiser
Thu, 23 Aug 2018 12:52:47 -0700
Jill Harry <abc.mchs@gmail.com>
Mirriam <savoury@sti.net>

Hi Mirriam,

I hope all is well with you. I'm glad I get to keep up with you at least a little bit these days through Facebook posts.

I hesitate to even ask you about a Fall Fundraiser for ABC at Savoury's this year as I know you and all local businesses were negatively impacted by the fire. But I also think you have told me that tourist business slows down starting in November and a number of people have told me how much they missed this fundraiser last year, so I am asking. Would it be possible for ABC to have a fundraiser at Savoury's maybe Nov 3 or Nov 10?

If it is too much for this year, all of us at ABC would understand. You certainly are always so generous and have given us so much already. Just let me know.

Thanks for considering!

Jill

Career Evening correspondence

----- Forwarded Message -----

Re: Tedx-like event featuring MCHS grads

Mon, 6 Aug 2018 14:44:57 -0700

Bryan Starchman <bryanstarchman@gmail.com>

Jill Harry <abc.mchs@gmail.com>

Celeste Azevedo <cazevedo@mcusd.org>, Peter Bothwell <pbothwell@mcusd.org>

Absolutely. Thank you for asking but I am fine with this being shared. You had mentioned Facebook Live for some of the talks and that's where it can get tricky. Definitely something to test run before hand. I do have some new quality mics now that are much more reliable though.

Bryan

On Aug 6, 2018, at 2:29 PM, Jill Harry <abc.mchs@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Bryan,

Thanks for your detailed response - and sorry to raise a trigger for you. Do you mind if I share your response with ABC members at our next meeting?

We were thinking of something more casual, less structured than what you all put on with the official event (and not involving filming) - more like a series of Career Lunches, only a bunch at once in an evening and without a meal and featuring MCHS grads. You certainly have more than enough going on this coming school year to keep you plenty busy (not surprising). I understand you would only be able to answer questions about space and equipment availability if we were to do something like this. Given your input, at our next meeting on Sept 7, I will see how the group might want to proceed or not proceed.

I appreciate your idea of an adult night of "Grizzly Got Your Tongue." That is a great idea and very generous of you! I will also ask the group about this at our next meeting and get back to you.

Best wishes with all of your fantastic projects and all the coursework for your CTE credential. There's certainly no grass growing under your feet - and all of your projects are so beneficial to students. Thanks for all you do.

Jill

On 8/6/18 10:46 AM, Bryan Starchman wrote:

Hello all!

Here is my current line up of shows for the 2018-2019 school year.

Career Evening correspondence

First semester is all about Lion King. We are renting over 30 costumes and it will be a big production. We will have three shows November 2-4 but I would like to work in a student show during that production week. I can't make this a free show because we have to make back our costs but at \$5 a head discount tickets I imagine we will have some classes interested in attending. I know my little sister will be bringing her charter school class for a field trip.

February 22nd Adam Burns and I will be producing the 2nd Annual Rock N Write. Just like last year he will provide me with 10 songs his students can play, my students will write 10 scenes inspired by these songs and we will run scenes in the pit immediately followed by a live performance of the song on stage. Many people told me this was their favorite production in years and is a great all student show (writers, directors, and performers).

March 15 will be our annual improv show "Grizzly Got Your Tongue?" I am open to discussing the idea of putting an adult troupe together to raise funds for ABC as well. Maybe students one night, a small adult troupe of locals/alumni the second night? As I understand it we can only fund raise using adults so this might be a great way to get some community members involved (John Stewart for instance) and make a little money? Let me know if you would like to meet on this.

As part of the NBC grant we are also building some puppet theater components and will continue to do outreach to K-3 with puppet workshops in second semester.

I am helping Xav Dubois and the chamber of commerce with a film festival. Originally it was slated for the summer but they decided to move it to the fall. I have not heard back on the date.

I am taking over the Fresno Young Writers Conference from Brooke Dobson. She will focus on the new poetry competition and I will focus on submitting creative dramatic works (most likely the pieces students write for Rock N Write).

I am also completing my CTE credential. Classes started today and will run through the first semester. 120 course hours to go!

On a personal note, TEDxYosemite was my last production with Noel Morrison and it was during that production that we decided to get divorced. We powered through because it was a part of her job (she was the one that obtained the licensing) but it is a trigger for me. I have trouble even watching TED Talks anymore as I show a few in my English classes. I don't want to revisit that format year after year. I can advise that technically it is a beast. We brought in a professional to work sound and video (Mark from Bootstrap circus, he has since moved away) and even still it was hard to sync everything up. We had professional videographers and they still didn't get things right (Walt Hebern spent hours editing the footage and had to use separate audio tracks to try to piece the talks together). I would be happy to show a tech savvy adult what we have available in the theater but someone with more experience, equipment, and expertise that myself or Pete will need to run tech to make them look like TED Talks.

Career Evening correspondence

I would also be very careful about branding. Don't use TED in any of the names or even in the look because they are super protective of their brand.

Thank you for understanding why this is not a production that I would want to be involved with in any real depth beyond consulting with ABC on the space and equipment available.

I look forward to a very busy year focusing on student talent.

~Bryan Starchman

On Wed, Aug 1, 2018 at 11:36 AM, Jill Harry <abc.mchs@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Celeste, Bryan, and Pete,

I hope you are all having wonderful summers despite the fire and smoke.

We had an ABC planning meeting a few weeks ago. In addition to continuing programs in place, we talked about adding a few. One that gained some traction was the idea of having a Tedx-like event featuring MCHS graduates (suggested by Kira Hart, btw). Here were our ideas:

Make it a Saturday evening event; if grads no longer had family in the area, offer up our homes for them to stay; make the first year a trial run; maybe do it in early January when high school students are just back from break given that many colleges start back later; have grads do individual presentations and then have a panel discussion with questions from the audience; if grads can't be there in person, use FaceTime or some similar technology projected onto the large screen; look for sponsors; include a silent auction. This might be too much to get organized for this January - maybe plan for 2020. Tie in to Career Lunches. We need a catchy name. Carol is interested in networking with grads; Ruth (Smiley - new member, daughter Malte is a freshman) is interested in helping. Amy (Schneckenburger - another new member, wife of YNP superintendent) is interested in chairing/organizing.

Celeste, is this something MCHS would be interested in?

Bryan, would you be willing to support this (with as minimal an impact as possible to you - we have a good team, so goal would be to not need much)? Does it fit in with your production schedule next year or do you have another timeframe you'd suggest/prefer?

Pete, I don't know what multimedia classes are happening at MCHS next year, but if one or more presenters needed to be hooked in via FaceTime or something similar and it fit with one of your classes, would you be willing to help/have students help?

Please let me know your comments, suggestions. Our next meeting is September 7 so we will discuss again then.

Thank you, All, for all you already do for high school students.

Jill

FISCAL YEAR 18-19 BUDGET										
MCHS Academic Boosters Club, Inc. Annual Budget Overview										
Annual Expenses	FY18 ACTUAL	FY19 BUDGET	FY19 YTD ACTUAL	Annual Income	FY18 ACTUAL	FY19 BUDGET	FY19 YTD ACTUAL	Notes		
Events and Requests				Fundraisers						
Dinner with a Scientist (AAUW)	\$0.00	\$600.00		Fall - Savoury's	\$0.00	\$2,000.00				
Natural Helpers	\$0.00	\$0.00		Season of Giving Campaign	\$1,700.00	\$1,800.00				
Career Lunches	\$940.90	\$1,500.00								
Academic Achievement Night	\$347.50	\$400.00		Subtotal fundraisers		\$3,800.00	\$0.00			
Valedictorian Dinner	\$905.76	\$2,400.00								
UC Merced Lab Tours	\$678.27	\$750.00		Donations						
Passport to Success	\$320.00	\$500.00		Anonymous*	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00				
Community Connections		\$2,700.00		PayPal/Visa donations		\$25.00				
California Scholarship Federation- field trip Yosemite	\$400.00	\$400.00								
Teacher/Other Requests - as much as \$2,380	\$1,043.58	\$2,200.00		Subtotal donations		\$3,025.00	\$0.00			
Personal Best Awards		\$1,000.00								
				Corporate Donors						
				Sierra Tel	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		Valedictorian Dinner		
Subtotal Events and Requests	\$5,336.01	\$12,450.00	\$0.00	Tavis Corp				up to \$1,000 specific requests		
Administrative Costs				Aramark				\$3,500 from DNC in past years		
Photocopies	\$47.55	\$125.00		Yosemite Bank	\$500.00	\$500.00		UC Merced Lab Tours		
Special Printings - Banners, flyers, tickets		\$200.00		Subtotal corporate donors		\$2,000.00	\$0.00			
Ads - Media outlets, yearbook		\$200.00								
Postage, envelopes, office depot, fliers (S of G)	\$93.55	\$200.00								
Subscriptions (domain name, etc)/ website	\$40.00	\$50.00								
Insurance	\$834.00	\$1,000.00								
Mariposa Chamber of Commerce*	\$100.00	\$100.00								
Fees (Reg.renewal for 2014)	\$25.00	\$25.00								
PO Box	\$70.00	\$75.00								
California State- Statement of Information bi-annually		\$20.00								
New Checks	\$25.70	\$30.00								
T-shirts Pathos		\$200.00								
Subtotal admin. costs	\$1,235.80	\$2,225.00	\$0.00							
Special One Time Costs not covered elsewhere										
				Grants						
				Mariposa Comm Foundation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
				Subtotal grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Subtotal special one time costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00							
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,631.89	\$14,675.00	\$0.00	TOTAL INCOME	\$6,700.00	\$8,825.00	\$0.00			
				<i>Expenses minus income (savings needed to supplement)</i>			<i>\$5,850.00</i>			
				Current savings minus outstanding checks and deposits			\$20,464.69			
Auditorium seating fund	\$300.00			<i>Current savings minus Auditorium seating fund</i>			<i>\$20,164.69</i>			
				<i>Remaining savings</i>			<i>\$14,314.69</i>			

	UC Merced Lab Tour											
	Patho's T-shirts											
	Costco- Snacks											
	MSUSD Transportation											
	Total	\$0.00										
	Career Lunches											
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	Season of Giving donations											
	postage											
	envelopes- env.com											
	office depot											
	remit envelopes											
	Total	\$0.00										
	Passport to Success											
	Jantz											
	Pizza Factory											
	Yosemite Treats											
	Dabbles											
	Total	\$0.00										
	Valedictorian Dinner											
	Savoury's											
	Programs											
	Amazon gift cards											
	Flowers											
	Total	\$0.00										

Archery program is surely on target

Students can benefit from NASP program

Question: I heard that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will provide bows and arrows to schools that want to add archery to their physical education curriculum. Is that safe? Archery is a lot of fun, but it's also probably more dangerous than something like soccer or dodgeball, right? What kind of teacher training is offered or required? (Amy)

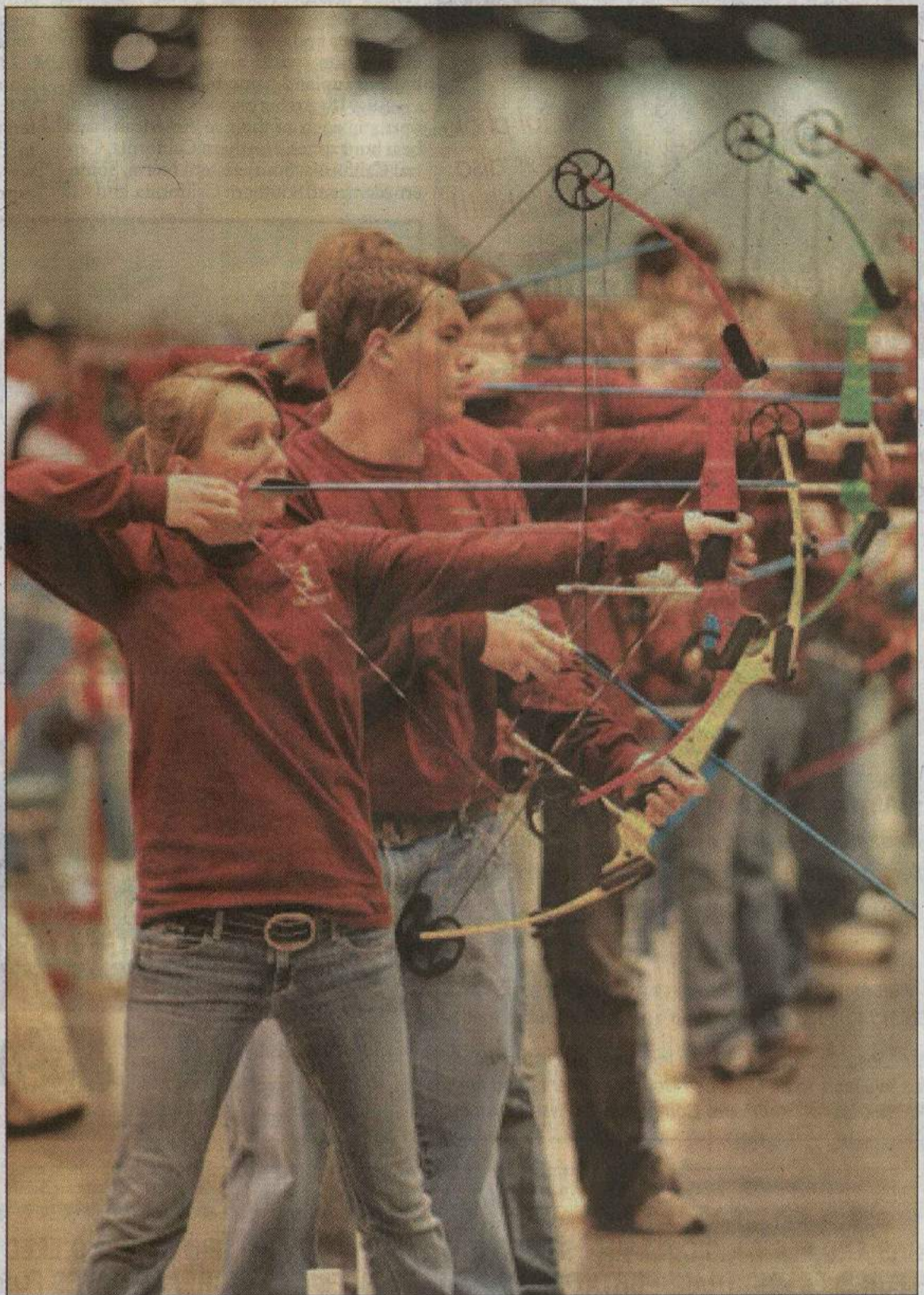
Answer: Archery is a terrific activity that is accessible to any student, regardless of popularity, athletic skill, gender, size or academic ability.

CDFW is proud to be a partner of the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). This is an international-style archery program taught by teachers and delivered to students in physical education classes in grades 4-12. In addition to the fundamentals of archery, NASP students learn focus, self-control, discipline, patience and other life lessons that lead them down the path to success, both inside and outside the classroom.

The NASP program is designed to be delivered to students in a very concise, controlled manner. The range is usually set up indoors, with great precautions taken to prevent anyone from walking onto the range. Your school district's Office of Risk Management will have information regarding insurance and the district's general liability policy.

The safety record of archery is exemplary, and in fact you might be surprised to learn that the National Safety Council and the insurance industry both consider archery safer than most school contact sports and all ball sports, including tennis and golf.

The first step to starting a NASP program in a school is to get the school administration to agree to offer the program in the school during the school day (typically as part of a gym class). The NASP startup archery kit runs around \$3,000 depending on the equipment ordered. This typically includes 12 Genesis compound bows, five bullseye targets, one arrow-resistant net, one or two bow racks, five dozen arrows and an equipment maintenance kit. CDFW does offer grants to help cover the cost of the equipment, and most schools 2018-09-07 ABC Mtg Packet will also need to send a creden-



Submitted photo by NASP

Children are shown taking part in the National Archery in the Schools tournament.

tial teacher to a NASP Basic Archery Instructor training class. These are offered regularly throughout the year at many locations throughout the state.

For more information about how to get started, contact California NASP Coordinator, Bridget Kennedy, at bridget.kennedy@wildlife.ca.gov. Bridget would be more than happy to help grow this program in the Golden State.

Controlling coyotes

Question: I live in Oceanside, and many of my neighbors report having their pets snatched from them, often in the middle of the day. I lost one of my cats who scooted out before I could stop him. While I know the heartache of losing a pet to coyotes, I'm still concerned about some of the methods neighbors are using to keep coyotes from their properties. What is a good source of not only what's recommended to do when faced with coyotes, but also what you cannot do to protect property and

pets? (Mary)

Answer: Information and tips about managing coyotes in urban neighborhoods can be found at www.wildlife.ca.gov/keepmewild. Most human/wildlife conflicts are caused by providing access to food, water or shelter. Keep small pets indoors at night, dusk and dawn. Do not leave pet food or water bowls outside. Make sure fences, animal pens and dog runs are secure.

Coyotes are a native, non-game species that form family groups, rather than packs. Coyotes may be hunted at any time of year and in any number under the authority of a hunting license. Although we advocate taking preventative measures when possible, coyotes may also be killed at any time if they are a public safety threat or harassing, harming or killing pets and livestock - no state permit required.

Local county/city firearms ordinances and laws must be followed and some areas may restrict or prohibit the discharge

of a firearm or other activities like setting traps. Resolving coyote conflicts and protecting pets or livestock on private property are the responsibility of the landowner (or local jurisdiction). You may want to check with your city to see if they have developed their own coyote management plan specific to the community.

CDFW does not trap and relocate coyotes that are causing human/wildlife conflicts. Relocation does not solve the issue, it only moves the problem to another location and it is likely that other wildlife will take its place or the same animal will return. However, if a coyote is perceived as a threat to public safety, please notify local law enforcement or contact a CDFW office in your area.

If you have a question for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, please feel free to ask via email at CalOutdoors@wildlife.ca.gov. While officials cannot answer every question, they will answer a few in each column.