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Dear Friends at Easton Sports Development Foundation,

The YMCA of Greater Nashua was fortunate to have received a \$3,000 grant from your organization in the fall of 2010. These funds purchased new bows, arrows rests and other key equipment that youth at the Y's Camp Sargent used this past summer.

Our camp director Randy Menken reached out to parents earlier this month to ask what they and their children thought of their archery experience at Camp Sargent. The positive response we got about the camp experience and the kid's desire to continue on with archery as a hobby are so encouraging that we had to share them with you.

**From all the campers who were able to experience a quality archery experience using equipment funded by the ESDF - Thank You!**



My daughter, Ally, loves archery and got that bug 100% from YMCA's archery options (and Archery Specialty Camp) at Camp Sargent.

Thank you for running such a great program!

Sincerely, Ashlyn L.

Joshua attended Archery camp this summer and absolutely loved it. He hasn't stopped talking about it since. In fact, he is already planning to attend archery camp this summer, and consistently asks whether there is an after school archery program he can join at the Y, like tennis or swimming.

On our occasional trips to the mall, Joshua often asks if we can go to Dick's Sporting Goods so we can check out their archery equipment. He has become quite the expert on compound bows. In fact, I have even thought about joining an archery club in Nashua for Joshua and I to use their archery range.

- Joshua's Dad, Steven V

Dear Randy,

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you how much my son enjoyed your archery camp this past summer. As I read him this email, he immediately perked up and said, "Yeah, I LOVED archery camp!" Here are some of the things he found especially great:

- Learning how to be an archer made me feel like I was learning a little-known skill.
- It made me feel special.
- The counselors were very nice and I felt that I could go to them with anything.
- Even though I wasn't friends with any of the other campers, I felt like part of a team.
- I really had a lot of fun!

Some of the things I loved about the camp include:

- Knowing my son would be with other kids that had a shared interest and had chosen to be in that group.
- Knowing my son would be treated with respect and care, having positive role models.
- Knowing my son would be learning a skill that was of value to him
- Knowing he would be encouraged to work hard towards a goal, learning how to evaluate his performance and support others.

I hope that this information is helpful to you in securing support for next year.

Warmly,  
Debra D.

"Our campers have finally experienced, firsthand what shooting a real bow and arrow is like! With the new and improved equipment we are able to offer a program that children in the community cannot find anywhere in the area".

- Randy Menken  
Y Camping & School Age  
Child Care Director



I'm the father of Sam and Anna who both attended the Archery Camp this past summer and I must say they both thoroughly enjoyed archery camp! I believe it was truly a lifetime memory for them both.

When they would come home from camp each day and tell me what they learned I was truly thrilled for them that they were learning a life-long skill. I think archery is wonderful in helping young kids develop confidence and safety. I was really impressed that the kids were taught all facets of archery including parts of the bow and arrow and how to pick out your dominant eye. I even earned a few things from them.

Anna has already asked for Santa to bring her a recurve bow and she already wants to join next year's archery class at the camp. By the way, Anna won the shooting competition this past summer and was able to shoot the instructor's cross bow. That was really something special she was able to do!

Thank you for having this special program for the kids!

Regards,

Scott W.





Dear Camp Sargent,

I am a camper at the YMCA Camp Sargent. My absolute favorite part of camp is the ability to practice and do archery. The camp wouldn't be complete without it. I, myself, have a bow and arrows, and use them in my backyard.

If it weren't for Camp Sargent's archery, I probably wouldn't have an awesome favorite hobby. My mom and dad brought this up, and they told me that the camp was asking for a grant for the archery equipment. I am writing this letter to the camp because I think the donation will be an awesome addition to the campers' interest and appreciation. Please consider this wonderful opportunity!

Sincerely,  
Ally Lembree (age 12)

My son's experience at the archery camp last summer was wonderful. He learned a new skill, which has now become a hobby.

In fact, a recurve bow is at the top of his Christmas list this year! He enjoyed meeting the other kids and learning a lot of information about the sport from the instructors. I'm hoping to be able to send him back to the same camp next year.

- Leslie M.

I have worked at Camp Sargent for the past two summers. The first summer I was there, I helped with one of the archery camps. Back then, the archery equipment we had was not great. The bows were difficult to shoot and the target stands were falling apart.

This past summer, we received new archery equipment from Easton Sports. This new addition to the archery program at Camp Sargent made a huge difference! With the new bows and target stands we were able to buy, this program took off. The kids were able to learn the proper form of shooting, and because of the new equipment we received, the kids shooting performance increased dramatically.

Along with the level of the shooting, the safety also increased. Having target stands that stay upright and having well strung bows made a huge difference in the overall safety of this program.

It is amazing to see how a few new bows can change a program, but it has. The kids love coming to archery and now that they can shoot better and be safer while doing it, their love for archery has only grown.

Thank you!

Caitlyn S.,  
Camp Sargent Assistant Archery Director

*Photo: Caitlyn helps campers with their form at Camp Sargent this past summer.*

