

**Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Foundation  
Program Development Grant Report  
Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District-Mobile Archery Unit**

**Summary of Project Objective**

The objective for the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District was to receive \$1,500 in grant funds (approximately 10%) to support an additional grant funded through the Ohio Division of Wildlife for the purchase of materials and supplies needed for a mobile archery unit. The project objective was to provide an archery unit that the park district would be able to take from park to park within our district. This unit consists of a walk-in trailer filled with archery supplies that can be hitched onto our program trucks so that we can utilize it at several parks. Only park staff that are certified National Archery in the Schools Program, or NASP, instructors will operate the unit and these staff members will be conducting archery programs and camps for a variety of ages. We wanted the unit to be mobile so that we would be able to take it to various park locations, as we have multiple programs conducted in our 660.7 acres of parkland spread across our district. These programs consist of nature and recreational camps, along with special events and specific programs for Senior Citizens. Eventually, we would love to take the unit to our local schools and start the NASP program with the assistance of NASP trained teachers.

**History behind our Objective**

The Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District has been conducting archery programs for over 5 years through local contracts with third party archery companies. We wanted to begin with contracting the programs in order to see if there was an interest for archery in our community. The result over the past years was that every one of our programs had sold out! Therefore, we knew we had many park patrons with interest in the sport and wanted the opportunity to be involved with it on a yearly basis. The local company that we began contracting with was privately owned and although they had the equipment and the instruction that was needed, they were not a very reliable company. In 2017, we decided to try another company out of Cincinnati with hopes of having better reliability but they also proved to be very disappointing. They cancelled on us at the last minute leaving us with very disappointed patrons that had signed up for the classes. This is when we reached our breaking point and decided to apply for the grants that would allow us to do the programs on our own. We wanted to do the archery programs at the professional level that our park patrons are accustomed to with all of our other park programs.

**Results/Outcomes**

The funding provided by OPRA, along with Division of Wildlife grant, has enabled us to buy a trailer that can be attached to our program trucks and taken to different parks for archery programs and classes. We were also able to buy our own bows, arrow, targets, and arrow backstops to conduct the programs both safely and professionally. So far, we have had three staff members and one volunteer trained to be NASP instructors. The instruction was set up through the Ohio Division of Wildlife and they were very instrumental in finding the NASP instruction program for our staff. We have also had other NASP instructors volunteer to assist in the future for park programs, and eventually, school archery programs.

Archery equipment was purchased through several different vendors. We purchased Genesis bows through the NASP website as these bows were highly recommended by other park agencies and

we have been very happy with them. The targets were purchased through the NASP website as well. Finding the right trailer proved to be a challenge, but we were able to find an affordable one at A&R Trailers in Cincinnati. Our own park maintenance crew was able to modify and specialize the trailer so all the archery equipment fits into it neatly and safely. The crew did a great job on the modification and the unit is very professional and easy to use. Full list of expenses below:

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Mobile Archery Unit Expenses				
Item	Amount	Units	Total with shipping	Vendor
2017 Homesteader Trailer 712CS	\$ 2,971.00	1	\$ 2,971.00	A&R Trailers
Easton Genesis V2 Arrows - orange / 6 pk	23.77	28	696.77	Eders
Genesis Original Bows	113.00	20	2,260.00	NASP
Rinehart Targets	203.00	10	2,041.50	NASP
Rinehart Target Inserts	55.00	5	275.00	NASP
Floor quiver - 10 pk	9.50	10	95.00	NASP
Lancaster Maintenance Kit (Targets)	101.00	1	101.00	NASP
Arm Guards -Youth and Adult	9.00	20	180.00	NASP
Gloves - Adult	11.00	10	110.00	NASP
Gloves - Youth	8.00	10	80.00	NASP
Bow Cases	112.00	7	784.00	NASP
Netting Backstop (10' x 30')	389.99	2	836.98	Lancaster
Indoor/Outdoor Bow Rack	229.99	1	229.99	Lancaster
Arrow Repair Kit	64.99	1	64.99	Lancaster
Trailer Organizational Supplies	27.16	1	27.16	Walmart
Hitch Lock	172.60	1	172.60	Fort Knox
Rack/Trailer Modification Supplies	961.15	1	961.15	Lowes; Alro; Home Depot; TSC
Netting Poles	367.66	1	367.66	Metal Supermarkets; Amazon; Lowes
Park District/Project Trailer Logos	825.00	1	825.00	Yipes Stripes
Carbiners - 30 pack	8.99	2	17.98	Amazon
Rinehart Target Wagon	228.21	1	228.21	Hollywood Guitars
In-kind Salary Contributions	2,410.44	1	2,410.44	Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District
			<b>15,736.43</b>	

This year we will be utilizing the mobile archery unit for the following activities:

- Two separate weeklong archery camps for ages 6-18.
- A public program for ages 8-adult on a Saturday morning in July. This program, Shoot for Clean Water, will be setup as a partnership with our local Little Miami Watershed Network as they celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Scenic River Acts.
- A Senior Archery Program for ages 55+ this fall.

The Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District is pleased and very appreciative of the OPRA grant funding. This funding enabled us to supplement the funding from ODNR to make a mobile archery unit possible for our district and our community. The unit will be able to serve our park district for many years to come and we have hopes of getting it involved with our local school district in the near future. It is the generosity of these grants that make our community healthy, active, and provide fun and safe programs for our residents.

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