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## **DPNR ANNOUNCES NEW ARCHERY FIELD HOURS**

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that Archery instruction and practice opportunities are available on Sundays from May 21st from 8 A.M – 4 P.M. at the Isaac Gatewood James Park in Estate La Grange on St. Croix.

Introductory sessions are scheduled on 90-minute intervals beginning at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 2:00pm. Intermediate and Advanced archers may arrive and participate at any time.

To maintain a safe and enjoyable experience we ask that you please note:

- Pre-registration is not required for Sunday participation.
- All participants must have a current (2023) waiver form on file. Waiver forms may be completed at the time of participation.
- Dress appropriately, be aware that loose (baggy) clothing, large earrings, or long loose hair can get tangled in the bow string.
- We ask that you wear closed toe shoes and socks while on the field. This can protect your feet from flying objects and from fire ants.
- Please bring your own drinking water.
- Remember to bring a hat and sunscreen.
- If you are a new archer, please sign up and let us know how many are in your group so we can make sure equipment is available and ready for you prior to your arrival.

Additional practice opportunities are also available for competitive archers. This year, the 2023 Summer Championships will be held on July  $2^{nd}$ , and the 2023 Winter Championships will be held on December  $3^{rd}$  at the La Grange Archery Field. Remember to sign up, in advance, to participate in the championship events. Contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife' archery program at  $340\text{-}773\text{-}1082 \times 2224$  for more information.

Archery is funded through federal funds from the Pittman-Robertson Act from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the Department of Planning and Natural Resources for archery across the Territory. The DFW archery program is free to the public.