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ERIKA ANSCHUTZ WINS U.S. WORLD OUTDOOR ARCHERY TEAM TRIALS TO EARN A PLACE ON THE U.S. ARCHERY TEAM

Erika Anschutz of Hamilton, Ohio successfully competed in the U.S. World Outdoor Archery Team Trials event that was held in Conyers, Georgia on May 30-31. She won the Senior Women Compound Bow division of competition at the Trials which qualified her to be a member of the 2009 U.S. Senior World Outdoor Archery Team that will travel to Ulsan, Korea for the 45th World Outdoor Target Archery Championships during September 1-9, 2009. Erika will represent the U.S. in both individual and team competitions against other top female compound bow archers from around the globe at the upcoming World Championships.

The U.S. Senior World Outdoor Archery Team is comprised of twelve men and women archers from across the nation that are divided into four, three-person teams based on their gender and type of bow used (recurve or compound). Erika will be joined on the senior women's compound bow team by Samantha Pruitte (Harlem, Georgia) and Kendal Nicely (Gorham, Maine). The U.S. Team is sanctioned by the National Archery Association (NAA) and will be led by a veteran coaching staff, experienced in international archery competition.

This will be the eleventh U.S. World Archery Team that Erika has competed on in the past seven years, including her fourth experience as a member of a senior team. During August 2002, she traveled with the U.S. Team to Nymburk, Czech Republic for the VII Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship and established a new world record score while winning the gold medal in the individual compound bow competition for cadet women (age 16 and under). Less than one year later, Erika was the youngest member of the U.S. Team that went to Nimes, France during March 2003 for the VII World Indoor Archery Championship. While in France, she competed in the junior division (age 18 and under) and won her second and third world titles with first and second place finishes in the team and individual competitions, respectively. During July 2004, Erika competed in the VIII Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship at Lilleshall, Great Britain. She won gold and bronze medals at that tournament in the junior division for the team and individual competitions, respectively. In March 2005, Erika traveled with the U.S. Team to Aalborg, Denmark for the VIII World Indoor Archery Championship where she won a silver medal while competing in the individual event for junior women. Later that same year in June, Erika was a member of the U.S. Senior World Archery Team that competed in the 43rd World Outdoor Target Archery Championship in Madrid, Spain during 2005 and won a silver medal in the senior women's compound bow team event. During October 2006, she was a member of the U.S. Junior Team that competed in the IX Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship in Merida, Mexico where she won a bronze medal in individual competition. In July 2007, Erika competed with the U.S. Senior World Archery Team at the 44th World Outdoor Target Archery Championship in Leipzig, Germany and won a bronze medal in the women's compound bow team event and helped set two new world record scores in that tournament. Last summer, Erika was a member of the U.S. World University Archery Team that competed in the 7th World University Archery Championships in Taiwan where she won two gold medals in the individual competition and mixed team events and a bronze medal in the collegiate women's compound bow team event. During March of this year, Erika won gold and bronze

medals in the senior women's compound bow team and individual events, respectively, and helped set a new world record score as a member of the U.S. Senior World Indoor Archery Team that competed in the 10th World Indoor Archery Championships in Rzeszow, Poland. Less than one month ago, she qualified at the U.S. Intercollegiate Archery Championships in Long Beach, California to be a member of the 2009 U.S. World University Games Archery Team that will compete in the 25th World University Games in Belgrade, Serbia during July 2-12.

While competing in world championship tournaments since 2002, Erika has amassed a total of 14 world archery titles, including six gold, three silver, and five bronze medals. During this same period, she has also shot a total of 21 world record scores in indoor and outdoor competition. At the national level, Erika has also been very successful in archery competition as she has won a total of 38 national championships and established 150 national records since becoming involved in the sport over 13 years ago.

For information about the results of the recent U.S. World Outdoor Archery Team Trials competition and to learn more about the U.S. Archery Team, please visit the NAA's website at <http://www.usarchery.org/>. Information about the upcoming 45th World Outdoor Target Archery Championships may be obtained by going to the tournament organizer's website at http://archery2009.ulsannamgu.go.kr/E_index.php. You are also invited to learn more about all of Erika's archery accomplishments by accessing her website at <http://erikaanschutz.homestead.com/>.

Erika will be a senior, majoring in psychology, this coming fall semester at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska. In addition to archery, she enjoys listening to music, watching movies, playing card games, and spending time with her family and friends. Erika is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz who reside in Hamilton, Ohio. Steve is a retired Federal employee, while Jurita works for The Procter & Gamble Corporation in Cincinnati.