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## NEWS RELEASE

# ANSCHUTZ WINS BRONZE MEDAL AND SEVENTH JUNIOR WORLD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN MEXICO

Erika Anschutz of Grand Island, Nebraska won the bronze medal in the Junior Women's Compound Bow division while competing as a member of the U.S. Junior Archery Team in the IX Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship that was held in Merida, Mexico during October 15-21, 2006. The tournament, which is held once every two years, was attended by 418 archers representing 52 countries from around the world. The U.S. Team was comprised of 24 young men and women archers from across the nation who were divided into eight, three-person teams based on their gender, age (age groups 17-18 and 16 and under), and type of bow used (recurve or compound). Erika, who is 17 years-old, shot against 26 other women from 16 nations in her division of competition. The individual gold medal was won by Doris Jones from Canada while Laura Longo of Italy received the silver medal.

Erika, who was the most experienced archer on the U.S. Team, also shot in the anchor position for the U.S. junior women's compound bow team to help it win the team event against three other teams from India, Mexico, and Turkey. Unfortunately, due to international archery competition rules, because there were not at least six teams registered to compete at the World Championship, she and her teammates were not considered eligible to receive gold medals for their first place finish.

This was the fifth consecutive U.S. Junior World Archery Team that Erika has competed on since 2002. Over the past five years, she has amassed an amazing total of seven junior world championship titles while medaling in five individual and two team events during indoor and outdoor competitions. Included among these junior world titles are three gold, two silver, and two bronze medals. In addition, Erika was a member of the U.S. Senior World Archery Team that competed in the 43<sup>rd</sup> World Outdoor Target Archery Championship in Madrid, Spain during 2005 and won a silver medal in the senior women's compound bow team event. Altogether, she has won eight world archery titles.

For detailed information about how Erika and her fellow U.S Archery Team members performed at the IX Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship, please visit the National Archery Association's website at <http://www.usarchery.org/>. Additional information about the tournament, including pictures of the event may also be accessed at the following websites: [http://www.archeryworldcup.org/default.asp?s\\_id=0&m\\_id=725](http://www.archeryworldcup.org/default.asp?s_id=0&m_id=725), and <http://www.idey.gob.mx/fita/welcome.asp>.

Erika graduated from Grand Island Senior High School in May 2006 and is currently a freshman, majoring in psychology, at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. In addition to archery, she enjoys listening to music, watching movies, and spending time with her family and friends. Erika is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz. Steve is employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Grand Island, while Jurita works for The Procter & Gamble Company at its Iams facility near Aurora, Nebraska.