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***ERIKA ANSCHUTZ OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA
REWRITES THE NATIONAL ARCHERY RECORD BOOKS THIS SUMMER
WHILE CLAIMING HER ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH NATIONAL TITLES***

Eleven-year-old Erika Anschutz of Grand Island, Nebraska established ten new national records this summer while winning her eleventh and twelfth national titles in archery competition. This feat more than doubled her previous national record count of nine by bringing the total number of national records she now has to 19 after nearly 5 years of involvement in the sport of archery.

During July 7-8, Erika competed in and won the Female Cadet Compound division of competition at the National Archery Association's (NAA) Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Program National Outdoor Target Championship held in Conyers, Georgia. While winning this special event for young archers aged 18 and under, she broke all five of the JOAD outdoor national tournament record scores in her division of competition. Three of these scores also constituted new Star FITA (Federation Internationale De Tir À L'Arc) national records at the 30-meter, 25-meter, and 20-meter distances (i.e., 353, 356, and 356 points, respectively). In addition, she tied the Star FITA national record for the 15-meter distance with a score of 359 points, and broke the Star FITA national record for a Single FITA total aggregate score with a 1,424-point performance. As part of the JOAD competition venue, 36 arrows are shot at each of the four target distances for a total of 360 points possible on each target which equates to a Single FITA total aggregate score of 1,440 points.

At the end of July, Erika traveled to Canton, Michigan where she competed in the NAA's 116th National Outdoor Target Championship which was held during July 31 to August 3. Erika won this prestigious tournament in the Female Cadet Compound division of competition and also broke all ten of the NAA tournament record scores for new Star FITA national records, four of which she had set earlier in July at the JOAD tournament. The venue for the NAA outdoor championship tournament requires that each target distance be shot twice during the 4-day event. The NAA national tournament and Star FITA outdoor national records that Erika set are as follows (the scores listed are for Single/Double FITA records, respectively): 30 meters - 358/716 points; 25 meters - 359/717 points; 20 meters - 358/715 points; 15 meters - 360/720 points; and Single/Double FITA total aggregates - 1,434/2,868 points. To put this in perspective, during the course of the 4-day NAA tournament, she shot all 288 arrows into the gold scoring area of the target, of which all but 12 hit the 10-ring to surpass the previous Double FITA record by 104 points. In addition, all of the Star FITA outdoor national records she established this summer surpass those of her male counterparts.

Erika will be a sixth grade student at Barr Middle School this coming school year. In addition to archery, she enjoys reading, math, and participating in other sports including gymnastics, soccer, and volleyball. Erika is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz who live in Grand Island. Steve is employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Grand Island, and Jurita is employed by The Gallup Organization in Lincoln.