

### **Procedures for using archery range – Camp Babcock-Hovey – only if approved by SWC Field Sports Committee**

1. Go to the ranger/campmaster to pick up keys for the range.
2. Open archery range pavilion.
3. Three archery target stands are on the outside of the pavilion. Place these down range at the distance you want.
4. The archery targets are in the shed. Take these out and mount them on the stands. (There are clean targets in the pavilion. You can attach these to the target backs using the nails and foam on the targets.) There are wrist guards on the shelving in the pavilion.
5. Check the line to ensure that the area is clear. Raise “red” flag at archery to indicate range is in operation.
6. Unlock the locks on the chains going through the bows. Select the bows you want to use. (Green bows are for left-handed shooters, red bows for right-handed shooters, minis- for small Scouts) Put bows in bow holders on the line.
7. Unlock the lock on the box containing the arrows. (Select appropriate length arrows for the bows being used.) Put arrows in “quivers” on the range.
8. Raise “red” flag at archery to indicate the range is in operation.
9. Review safe bow handling, archery shooting review, and range procedures. (Range procedures are stated below.)
10. Run range.

### **Procedures for shutting down range – Camp Babcock-Hovey**

1. Collect arrows from quivers and put back in the arrow box in the pavilion. Check down range for any lost arrows. Lock the box once all arrows are returned/accounted for.
2. Collect the bows and re-hang them in the pavilion. Run the chain through the bows and secure with the padlock.
3. Collect wrist guards and place in box on shelf in shed.
4. Gather the target backs and replace them in the archery pavilion.
5. Gather the target stands and put them on the outside of the archery pavilion.
6. Drop the “red” flag.
7. Return the keys to the ranger/campmaster.

### **Range procedures for archery range – Camp Babcock-Hovey**

1. Direct the desired number of shooters to enter the range and stand at the back rail behind the bow they want to use.
2. The range officer tells shooters to advance to the shooting line to check the backstop. The shooters should straddle the shooting line. (No shooters should be touching the bows at this time.)
3. Once the range officer determines the backstop is clear he/she tells the shooters they may pick up the bow, nock an arrow and fire when ready.

4. When the shooter has finished firing his/her round of arrows he/she should replace the bow in the rack, then go to the back rail to wait until told to retrieve arrows.
5. When all shooters have hung their bows on the racks and are standing at the back rail, the range officer will say "Cease Fire" and instruct the shooters to WALK to retrieve their arrows. There should be (Shooters should place their hand against the target back with the arrow "between" their fingers. Then grasp the shaft, close to the target back, with their other hand and pull straight back. If the hand pulling the arrow out gets too far away from the target back, re-grip the arrow close to the target back and finish pulling the arrow out of the target.) As each arrow is removed, they should be dropped on the ground in front of the target. They will be picked up when all arrows have been removed from the target back.
6. If there are any arrows which have missed the target, the shooter should leave the arrows removed from the target in front of the target back and look for the other arrows. Once these have been found the shooter will retrieve the remainder of the arrows from in front of his/her target and take them back to the firing line and place them back in the quiver. The shooter should then go to the back rail and wait for the range officer to tell them to leave the range.

### **WHISTLE COMMANDS (If used)**

**TWO Blasts – Move up to the firing line.**

**ONE Blast – Fire the proper number of arrows for the round.**



**THREE Blasts – CEASE firing. Move to the target; retrieve and score arrows.**

**FOUR OR MORE Blasts – Cease Fire and stay where you are! EMERGENCY!**

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