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News Release

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Olympic Day Celebrated with Free Event

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board, along with other communities across the U.S. participating in their own ways, will celebrate Olympic Day with a visit by former Olympic runner and Willard, Mo. native Jason Pyrah, along with offering an opportunity to learn the sport of archery from one of USA Archery's elite-level coaches.

2011 Olympic Day Celebration

The Park Board will host a free Introduction to Archery Clinic at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 23 outside Chesterfield Family Center, 2511 W. Republic Road.

The clinic is for all ages and will be taught by USA Archery elite-level coach Steve Cornell. The event also includes opportunities to win free prizes. Bows will be provided for those without their own. The Missouri Department of Conservation will be on-hand with an informational booth.

Every year, Olympic Day is celebrated by thousands of people, in more than 160 countries. Commemorating the birth of the modern Olympic Games, Olympic Day is not only a celebration, but an international effort to promote fitness and wellbeing, in addition to Olympic ideals of Fair Play, Perseverance, Respect and Sportsmanship.

The goal of Olympic Day is to promote Olympic values and participation in sports across the globe regardless of age, gender or athletic ability.

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