

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## **Archery Program Participants and Parents/Guardians,**

1854 Treaty Authority will be hosting educational archery clinics for the Nett Lake Youth Center members, and community. The first archery program will take place on **Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** at 4pm. Clinics will continue Thursdays for three weeks: 3/8, 3/15, and 3/22.

Interest in off-reservation bow hunting is dwindling, where less than ten individuals register bow-harvested deer with the 1854 Treaty Authority, annually. There is a need to introduce tribal youth and families to bow hunting, and important skill of a culturally significant and traditional subsistence lifestyle. Through the basics of archery, we aim to encourage a future interest in treaty rights harvest and develop a stewardship for the natural world, and most importantly, impart a sense of confidence within our participants.

We utilize the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) materials and curriculum in our archery educational clinics. Participants will begin with determining eye dominance and learning basic form and body placement by using a String Bow (made of parashord). Participants will then learn the steps to successful range shooting, and take part in a few rounds of controlled group firing activities. It is important that participants attend the first clinic on March 1<sup>st</sup> - that is when the basics are covered!

**Youth must be at least 10 years old to participate in archery lessons and range practice. All participants must have a parent/guardian signed 1854 Treaty Authority Authorization/Release “permission” form.** (Get them at the Center, or under “QuickLinks” on 1954’s website: [www.1854treatyauthority.org](http://www.1854treatyauthority.org))

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