

HOW



TO GET
IN IT...

The Hoop Shoot competition starts at the local Lodge level. To locate a Lodge near you, visit www.elks.org/lodges. For more information on the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free-Throw Program, visit www.elks.org/hoopshoot or call 406/656-5818.



"I shoot about 200 free-throws a day. My dad's the high school basketball coach, so we could practice together at the gym there. He inspired me to compete in the Hoop Shoot."

Brett Skogstad,
four-time national finalist

"We really appreciate all that the Elks have done for our family and the work ethic they have instilled in our children."

Karen Samuelson, parent to repeat finalists Bonnie and Karlie Samuelson



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GET IN IT TO WIN IT!

**ELKS
NATIONAL
HOOP SHOOT
FREE-THROW
PROGRAM**



THE HOOP SHOOT free-throw shooting contest boasts the largest non-commercial, co-educational sports program in America and is sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks.

- ◆ More than 3 million kids ages 8 to 13 participate each year.
- ◆ Kids advance through local, district, state, regional and national levels.
- ◆ One boy and one girl in each of the three age categories (8-9, 10-11, 12-13) wins a national title at the finals in Springfield, Mass.
- ◆ The top six national finalists' names are inscribed in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.
- ◆ The program builds character while promoting integrity, hard work, quality family time and good sportsmanship.



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ELKS NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT FREE-THROW PROGRAM



INTEGRITY

Kids who compete learn about respect, dedication, loyalty and self-esteem. Participants learn the importance of hard work and how to accept defeat or win gracefully.

HARD WORK

The contestants dedicate themselves to discipline, hard work and practice. These life skills help kids face the challenges of today to become responsible, caring adults.



FAMILY TIME

From hours of practice through all levels of competition, parents connect with their kids throughout the Hoop Shoot experience. Family members travel with the contestants through state and regional competitions, and for kids who advance to the national finals, parents get to travel to Springfield, Mass., to share this special event with their child.



GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

The Hoop Shoot provides a character-building, competitive experience for all kids. Through each of the levels of competition, kids support one another while learning from their unique strengths.

