

Margano's PASSION

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Morgan Rives celebrated her 12th birthday on November 8th. She has done more in her 12 years with a bow than most adults do in a lifetime. There isn't much time for anything else but archery in Morgan Rives' life. She has been shooting a bow since she was 5 and trying to pull one back since she could pick one up. It's in her blood. Her dad is a bow shooter and she has surely picked up the love of archery and hunting from him. She would beg to go hunting when she was two, to which mom would say, "No, your too little." Mom eventually gave in after numerous weeks of begging. She was hooked from the first time dad let her go with him and sit in the blind. When it's not hunting season, she is traveling all over the United States shooting her bow at Indoor and Outdoor tournaments. She is a

member of National Field Archery Association (NFAA), USA Archery, Scholastic 3D Association (S3DA) and Archery Shooters Association (ASA). She is a busy girl to say the least. She is planning a trip to Colorado next year to hopefully harvest her first elk. She has harvested bucks, does, and turkeys with her bow. She took her first buck in January of 2012 when she was just 7 years old. She has already signed a letter of intent from Mississippi College in Jackson to shoot for their collegiate archery team as soon as she graduates from high school. She wants to one day be an archery coach and bring other people into the sport. She loves how much the sport has taught her and how many wonderful people she has met in the archery world. Lifelong friends she would have never met had it not been for her love of archery and

her travels in the archery circuits. She is currently going to school and on weekends she hunts. She will soon be practicing and getting ready for the Vegas Shoot in February. She came in second place last year. She also won two National titles with her bow. One for shooting the S3DA Nationals and the other was for NFAA National Outdoors in Yankton, South Dakota. So she is a two-time National Champion. She is looking forward to moving up to youth this month since she turned 12. Her love of archery has definitely opened a lot of doors for her. From meeting lifelong friends, to feeding her family, to going to college. The possibilities in archery are endless if you work hard and are as dedicated as she is to the sport.

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