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## **6 LOCAL KIDS MOVE ON TO DISTRICT FINALS IN ELKS HOOP SHOOT**

**Jackson, WY** – On Saturday, December 7, 2019, Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713 hosted the annual Elks Hoop Shoot® at the Jackson Elementary School. 27 kids from around the region competed in this free-throw contest, with 18 volunteers from the Jackson Elks Lodge to support the event. This year, the winners are:

8-9-year-old boys division	Austin Day	8-9-year-old girls division	Josie Hitch
10-11-year-old boys division	Derringer Holding	10-11-year-old girls division	Hayden Ackley
12-13-year-old boys division	Sam Revill	12-13-year-old girls division	Ashlyn Chamberland

The Elks Hoop Shoot® is a free throw contest for youth who will be between the ages of 8 to 13 as of April 1, 2020. This annual free event starts with local Elks lodges across the United States. Boys and girls compete in their age group in a contest consisting of 25 free throws. The top boy and top girl in each age group advance to the District finals in Riverton, WY. From there, the same process is followed, where they advance to Wyoming State Finals in Casper, then Regional Finals in Colorado Springs, and eventually the winners move on to National Finals in Chicago. Winners of the National Finals will have their names permanently inscribed in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA among basketball legends. Travel expenses for contest winners are paid for by the Elks.

"The Elks Hoop Shoot® is such a fun community event for youth," says Jackson Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Pete Kendzior. "It's inspiring to see these kids practice good sportsmanship in healthy competition."

"Hoop Shoot® is about developing grit and perseverance in today's youth," says the Hoop Shoot Director Jessica Schiers. "We had some really determined kids out there, and everyone had fun."

Those looking for more information on the Elks Hoop Shoot® program can visit www.elks.org/hoopshoot.

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The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was founded in 1868 to promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship. Today the Elks are a fraternal order of nearly one million members with a network of more than 2,000 lodges in communities across the country. Annually the Order spends more than \$80,000,000 for benevolent, educational, and patriotic community-minded programs.



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2019 Jackson Elks Hoop Shoot Volunteers and Winners (with certificates) from L to R: Derringer Holding; Austin Day; Josie Hitch; Hayden Ackley; Ashlyn Chamberland; and Sam Revill