



“Elk Country Chapter” – Conservation Banquet

Saturday, May 22, 2021

The Elk Country Visitor Center – ECCO Building
134 Homestead Drive, Benezette, PA 15821

Doors open at 1:00pm

Hello fellow elk enthusiasts and conservationists,

I hope this letter finds you well and eager to have a great time with the Elk Country Chapter at this year’s Conservation Banquet! Our committee has been working very hard to ensure you have a very memorable evening and we would like to show you a “sneak peek” as to what we have been up to! We have some new raffles and high-quality merchandise featured in our live and silent auctions and our various raffles that we are very proud of and hope that you will enjoy!

First off is the **KECA Banquet Rifle!** The Alliance has teamed up with our friends at Grice Gun Shop to bring to you this **Custom Gloss Maple Stock Remington 700 SPS** available in 300 RUM, 7mm Rem. Mag., and 30-06 calibers! This rifle is part of a **numbered series!**



Back to the banquet, by popular demand, is our **“Safe Protection” Raffle!** You will have the opportunity to win a gun safe with jewelry and a firearm included! You will be fully equipped to keep yourself **“Safe”** while providing **“Protection”** to your winnings! We are offering you the opportunity to purchase your **“Safe Protection”** tickets, **1 for \$20** or **3 for \$50**, prior to the banquet with your application!

Our live auction items are the finest we have to offer! We have too many great items to mention, but an opportunity for two to take part in the **Elk Calf Capture with PGC Elk Biologist Jeremy Banfield 06/05/2021 coupled with a two-night stay, 06/04/2021 – 06/06/2021**, is on the auction block. Back again this year, is the **“Pick of the Herd” Raffle**. The winner of this raffle has first pick of our **Live Auction items, excluding the Banquet Rifle**. We are offering you the opportunity to pre-purchase tickets, **1 for \$20** or **3 for \$50**, prior to the banquet.



The Keystone Elk Country Alliance is a Pennsylvania based non-profit with our headquarters located at the Elk Country Visitor Center. The Elk Country Visitor Center is a **world-class conservation educational facility** which hosts school groups of all ages, as well as adult groups and scouting organizations. KECA’s professional conservation education instructors provide high quality educational programs on elk, Pennsylvania wildlife and the natural history of the region, as well



as conservation in general. In 2019 we welcomed a record attendance of **521,000**. **In 2020, more than 515,000 visitors came to the Elk Center and we were closed for two months!** Since opening **more than 4 million visitors** have walk through our doors. These visitors drive economic development in the region, an estimated **\$70 million annually in Elk County alone!** In 2020 KECA’s educators delivered programs to more than **41,000 students** and guests. We also **improved more than 400 acres** of habitat for elk and a wide variety of other wildlife across Pennsylvania’s Elk Country.

The rest you’re going to have to wait until banquet day to see!

The Elk Country Chapter Committee and I are looking forward to spending a very memorable, enjoyable, and high energy day supporting and celebrating all that we do for PA Elk Country. Thank you all for your support and we’ll see you in Elk Country!

Yours in Conservation,

Cody Cogan and The Elk Country Chapter Committee