

Ninth Annual Lenape Wapiti

Conservation Banquet

Bear Creek Mountain Resort

101 Doe Mountain Lane

Macungie, PA 18062

June 6th, 2021

Doors Open 2:00 pm

"Welcome Back"



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Greetings Friends in Conservation,

For all of you who helped make our 2020 virtual banquet raffles a resounding success, thank you! We hope we can count on you this year in celebrating our Ninth Annual Conservation Banquet on **SUNDAY, June 6th 2021** at **BEAR CREEK MOUNTAIN RESORT!** *Pennsylvania's wild elk herd is thriving – one of the largest wild herds in the northeastern United States. You can be proud in knowing that by your support of KECA you are part of this great conservation organization. In spite of the pandemic, the Elk Country Visitors Center (VC) continues to be a world class destination, welcoming over 518,000 visitors in 2020! The VC provided impromptu programs to over 25,000 visitors. The Elk Tag Raffle and the 20 prizes for \$20 Raffle both set new highs for participation! Habitat projects abound, including work on 425 new acres of habitat, bringing the total number of enhanced acres to 3,532 over the past 10 years.*

The Distance Learning (DL) Program can now bring conservation topics into a classroom for your children or grandchildren anywhere in the Commonwealth! These programs are offered free of charge to any school. DL Programs were given to 3,604 students, with onsite field trips for another 4,194 students. 2019 marked the first summer conservation camp, Elk Summer Camp, for children ages 8 to 12 at the visitor center. The camp quickly filled and 60 students attended the full day of programs. This year, the program will most likely be expanded to two days to allow more children to participate.

This year's banquet theme is "Welcome Back." Chef Kenny promises a **great menu including rack of elk**, new for 2021, as well as **center-cut beef, salmon, and vegetarian entrees!** If you would like to stay the night, please call Bear Creek Mountain Resort at (610) 641-7101 and make your reservation before May 6th and be sure to mention the KECA group for the special discounted rate of \$159 (suites are \$189). Take a minute now and mark your calendar for Sunday, June 6th for a fun day of exciting games, raffles, live and silent auctions, and camaraderie with fellow sportsmen and conservationists. This will truly be a unique experience with something for all members of your family! There will be items that appeal to the hunter, the conservationist, craftsman, and many items to thrill the interior decorator in all of us. The list is much too long for this letter, but rest assured that firearms, crossbows, mountain bikes, kayaks, trips, tools, home furnishings, art prints, and KECA gear will all be there. **Please see the back of this letter for more details of the day's events.**

We look forward to seeing you at Bear Creek! Visit our venues and try your luck at winning one of the great prizes! While we will continue to make raffle tickets available onsite through a limited travel mug sale and Plinko game, we strongly encourage you to take advantage of our fantastic early bird special – two for one general raffle tickets and top shelf tickets! **And that's not all - return your application by May 1st with a new or renewed membership and a purchase of \$100 in general raffle tickets and you will be entered in a second early bird special: a chance to win one of four \$200 general raffle ticket packages!!!!** Please take this opportunity to renew your membership with your banquet application - let's stand together for PA's **Elk Country!** We hope for good weather which will allow us to have some activities outside on the deck for better distancing. For your well-being, we would like to seat you with your family and friends; therefore, we encourage applications by full table. Copy the application as needed and note the names of your party in the

space provided. And don't forget to bring photos to post on the bragging board – we love to hear your stories! Your admission covers only meal and venue costs to Bear Creek Resort. So please support KECA through membership, auctions, raffles and many games! Disclaimer: seating restrictions apply this year, so applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Masks required except when eating and drinking. Thank you.

Progressive Raffle – Unique Raffle for a rifle and an Elk Hunt for two!



Get your \$20 raffle ticket to secure your chance to win a **Thompson Center Compass I .30-06 with Vortex Sonora 4-12 x 44 BDC scope and KECA custom Cerakote distressed color pattern.** The gun is awarded to one lucky winner the night of the banquet. Gun winners from the sixteen Conservation Banquets from across the state are **entered in a drawing to win a 5-day, free-range, guided bull and cow elk hunt for two hunters.** This will be guided by Fishtail Ranch Outfitters in Chama, New Mexico (includes six nights lodging and meals). Final drawing will be held at the final KECA Conservation Banquet of the season.

Live Auction

- 1) **Elk Mountain Homestead** weekend getaway for up to 10 persons, **July 1-4, 2021.** The homestead is a 2-story furnished farmhouse located in prime elk feeding and bedding areas! Great 4th getaway.
- 2) **Horse drawn Wagon Ride** for up to 22 people. Leaves from the Visitors Center at 5:45 pm on **October 2, 2021.** This year's wagon ride is during prime bugling season!!! Bring your friends for a journey they are sure to remember!!!
- 3) **Elk Calf Round Up Experience** - A winner plus a guest will enjoy a one-night stay in Elk Country, Friday Night dinner and Saturday lunch, and a once in a lifetime opportunity to capture & tag a newborn elk calf! **June 4, 2022. Worth the WAIT!**
- 4) **“Antler Shed Cabins” Stay** – Book your stay over the next year for a two-night stay in the modern cabins just two miles from the visitor center and the heart of elk country.
- 5) Banquet Rifle: **Remington 700 SPS .30-06, beautiful engravings and Gloss Maple Stock**



- 6) Specialty furniture including a one-of-a-kind bicycle bar, live-edge table, elk bench by Dan Christ and other unique items.
- 7) **New Brunswick Spring Bear Hunt:** Spring 2022

Silent Auction: more than fifty unique hand-made items. Keep an eye out for “key” items for an additional prize.

Sponsor/Life Membership Drawing



Kimber Micro 9 (9mm) with 2021 special edition KECA grips or a \$500 gift card – your choice!

– one drawn for every five new KECA Sponsor or Life Members. Yes, that’s right **1:5 odds!**

Veterans Challenge Coin

These limited-edition challenge coins are first in a three-year series honoring veterans and KECA’s conservation education efforts will be presented to each veteran who attends a KECA conservation banquet in 2021.

We will also have a special, veterans only raffle of a beautiful metal American flag

Special Games

With prizes including rifle with scope, chest freezer stocked with selected Hatfield meats, pistols, crossbows, kayak of booze...and the updated **COOLER GAME** featuring a LARGE 75 QT. BISON COOLER **with KECA logo!**, 2nd prize a 12-PACK BISON COOLER, and 3rd prize a 6-PACK BISON COOLER and Cap.

Check Out - 50/50 Raffle and Memorial Paver Sale - Both located at the business table. *Purchase a paver for the entrance walk to the Visitors’ Center for \$250, \$500, or \$1,000 to memorialize a special person or group – look for the paver display at the business table.*

Pick of the Herd Raffle – New for 2021 !!!

Purchase a \$20 chance for your pick from the Live Auction items. **The raffle winner can choose from any of the 15 to 20 live auction items, some exclusions will apply.**

Top Shelf Raffle

Premium rifle with scope and case, artwork, Nintendo Switch System, Mountain bike and more!
Purchase \$100 in general raffle tickets to get your strip of 3 top shelf tickets.

Bonus Raffle

Drawings for extra special items for all general raffle ticket holders: Huffy 12v ATV, drone with camera, Vortex binoculars and many more. **One bonus raffle ticket located at the bottom of each strip of general raffle tickets. Be sure to write your ID number on your bonus tickets.**

Ladies Raffle

You've got to see it to believe it! 30 tickets for \$20 plus two tickets for ladies' raffle bonus drawings!

General Raffle

Too many items to mention. Way too many!!! **Don't miss out on the Early Bird Special ticket pricing available only with your completed application. Meet the May 1st deadline for a chance to win one of four \$200 raffle ticket packages!!!**

Thank you in advance for your support of the Keystone Elk Country Alliance!
Sincerely, Sharon and Martin Snyder, Lenape Wapiti Conservation Banquet Team