

Happy Valley Chapter

Annual Conservation Banquet

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Mountain View Country Club 310 Elks Club Rd, Boalsburg, PA Doors open at 3pm with dinner at 5:30pm

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

It's that time of year again as we get ready for our annual Conservation Banquet. We have been working very hard this year to host a banquet that will make lots of memories and express our passion for Elk Country as we celebrate the Keystone Elk Country Alliance and their mission of Conservation and Education. There will be games, raffles, live and silent auction, and live entertainment as well as plenty of good food and drinks. We have a wide variety of prizes to be raffled off: firearms, fine jewelry, hunting accessories and household items just to name a few. We also include prizes for the kids in attendance, pay honor to our veterans and we have a pretty competitive Live Auction.

We urge you to get your applications in early so that you can double your chances of winning with our *Early Bird Ticket Special*: PURCHASE YOUR GENERAL RAFFLE TICKETS BY April 12th AND WE WILL DOUBLE YOUR TICKETS. That's right 2 for 1! Please keep in mind that this option is not available at the door and it is not available on any applications that are postmarked after April 12th. Wait, there is more... for every \$200 of general raffle tickets purchased, not only do you get \$400 worth of general raffle tickets, but you are automatically entered into a special drawing for a special firearm. This is a pre-banquet offer only and will not be available the night of the event.

New this year, we will be offering a *Gold Table Sponsor* opportunity! The Gold Table Sponsor includes 10 meals and 10 KECA memberships as well as some great bonuses like \$1000 in General Raffle Tickets, 50 Bonus tickets, and 30 Top Shelf tickets AND a raffle drawing at each table for those attending the banquet! Someone seated at each Gold Table Sponsor table will win a \$500 VISA gift card! As a thank you to all Gold Table Sponsors, we will pay special recognition to them throughout the night as well as in our program.

LIFE AND SPONSOR MEMBERS

We will draw one winner for every FIVE new Life or Sponsor Memberships. All names will be put into a single drawing and winners will be drawn from all cumulative names. Each winner will have their choice of our 2021 Life and Sponsor Member special handgun, a **Kimber Micro9 9mm pistol** with 2021 custom designed grips or a \$500 VISA Gift Card.

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

Again, we will have the very popular Progressive Raffle with a tremendous grand prize! For just \$20, you will get a chance to win a **Thompson Center Compass II** .30-06 Rifle with Vortex Sonora 4 12x44 BDC Scope the night of the banquet. This year's Progressive Rifle is also fully customized with a special edition KECA Cerokote in distressed green pattern. Then the winner of the rifle will be entered, along with the other rifle winners from our other 15 Chapter events, for a chance to win a free range, **fully guided Companion Elk hunt for two (1 bull and 1 cow) at Fish Tail Ranch Outfitters in Chama, New Mexico!** That's a "ONE IN SIXTEEN" chance to win the hunt. The winner of the hunt will be drawn at the last banquet of the year.



LIVE AUCTION

Another popular event during the evening is the Live Auction. Here is a sample of just some of the items that will be auctioned off to the highest-bidder:

<u>2021 Banquet Rifle</u> – Remington 700 SPS with custom Gloss Maple Stock 300 Rem Ultra Mag Rifle with an engraved artistic rendition of the KECA sparring bulls image along with our mission statement.

Elk Mountain Homestead Rental - PRIME ELK CALF VIEWING weekend of **July 8**th – **11**th (**Thursday- Sunday**) *Elk Calf Round-Up Experience* - **June 5, 2021** This is a chance to assist the PGC elk biologist, Jeremy Banfield, on a field trip to hopefully capture and tag a newborn elk calf in the PA Wilds, along with a guest of your choice. The experience will also include a Friday night dinner (June 4th) and presentation on PA Elk by Jeremy and a luncheon will follow your elk calf capture adventures on Saturday.

Private Elk Country Horse-drawn Wagon Ride for up to 24 people at the Elk Country Visitor Center on **Saturday October 2nd at 4:45PM**. This is a 45-minute ride through elk country. This is a very exclusive offer for a very highly demanded wagon ride date and time. and many more great items...







DINNER. DRINKS and LODGING

Attendees will enjoy a full course dinner with dessert as full-service buffet, and a cash bar will be available during the evening.

The Wyndham Garden connected to the Mountain View Country Club is offering a discounted overnight rate for our banquet attendees. Call (814) 466-7231 or 1 (877) 999-3223 to make your reservation. Be sure to call by March 23rd to guarantee your room at the discounted rate. If you call after March 23rd and there are still rooms available you will also get the discounted rate.

KECA has experienced phenomenal growth and support since we started in December 2009. Our mission and priorities to support Conservation Education has grown into Distance Learning educational programs to get the experience of elk country in classrooms across the state and our country. In addition, thousands of school children are experiencing educational programs at the Elk Country Visitor Center. We look forward to sharing our passion for Elk Country with you! We hope you will join us for a fun and relaxing evening to raise money for these great projects and help us continue to grow.

Please complete a separate application (attached) for each single or couple applicant and if you have a group sitting together please make that notation when returning your application. Don't forget the Early Bird 2-for-1 on the General Raffle tickets, applications need to be postmarked no later than April 12th! The final reservation deadline is April 17th, 2021.

Yours in Conservation,

Barry Gummo Chapter Chair

Please keep in mind that due to the nature of our event as well as the banquet facility, we are required to abide by current state Covid mandates as set forth by our Governor. If you have any questions in regards to this, please feel to reach out to us.