



“Elk Country Chapter” – Conservation Banquet

Saturday, May 21, 2022

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 **Custom Flintlock by John Guido Raffle!** The Elk Country Chapter has teamed up with our friend John Guido to bring to you this **truly unique raffle opportunity!** The winner will have the choice of taking the rifled flintlock John has crafted for the banquet or have John craft a **custom flintlock just for you**, within his specifications! Tickets are **1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50 or 7 for \$100** and may be pre-purchased with your application and available on-line for all!



New to the banquet this year, is our **Special Early Bird Raffle!** Anyone who purchases **\$200 or more in Early Bird Raffle tickets** will be entered into a special drawing for a **Diamondback DB15 5.56 x 45mm firearm!** As if 2 for 1 Early Bird tickets weren’t enough, spend \$200 or more and you have a shot at this **USA MADE AR style rifle!** Buy them up!!



Our live auction items are the finest we have to offer! We have too many great items to mention but if auctions aren’t your thing, be sure to take advantage of 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 518,000 visitors came to the Elk Center and we were closed for two months!** Since opening **more than 4.3 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 2021 KECA’s educators delivered programs to more than **40,300 students** and guests. We also **improved more than 413 acres** of habitat for elk and a wide variety of other wildlife across Pennsylvania’s Elk Country. All in, that’s **more than 4,336 acres** enhanced in the last 11 years!

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