KECA - Brokenstraw Chapter - Annual Fundraising Banquet

February 26, 2022 CROSS CREEK RESORT 3815 State Route 8 TITUSVILLE, PA DOORS OPEN at 2:00 pm and Dinner at 5:30 pm

Hello Everyone!!

It's that time of the year to get ready for our annual fundraising banquet!! We had a great time at our last banquet in 2020, but due to COVID, did not have a banquet in 2021. We can't wait to see all of our friends again at Cross Creek Resort. We have a brand new committee of members that have helped and attended past banquets. Our merchandise committee has secured some unique items for our Live and Silent Auctions and all our raffles and games. You won't want to miss this one! We are offering our Early Bird Specials so you will want to return your application as soon as possible! Also you have a chance at receiving TRIPLE tickets with a new recruit and early registration. Please read this letter and your application carefully as we have added some new features. All proceeds from this banquet support the wildlife and habitat of the Pennsylvania Elk Region, so please support as generously as you can.

Live Auction: Great items up for auction. We have the Elk Mountain Homestead Rental for August 5th - 7th, 2022, which accommodates up to 12 people. You only need to bring your clothes and food for this incredible time. Be sure to check your calendar because these dates cannot be changed. We also have a Horse-Drawn Wagon ride for up to 24 people at the Elk Country Visitor Center on October 1st, 2022 at 5:45 PM. This is a 45-minute ride through elk country. This is a very exclusive offer for a very high demand date and time. Plus we will offer our 2022 KECA Banquet Edition Rifle. This is a Ruger Hawkeye Hunter 300 Win Mag with engraving on the stock featuring scenery and the 2021 KECA bull. A very popular item the Elk Calf Tagging Event, to take place on June 3rd - 4th, 2022. You will accompany Pennsylvania Game Commission Elk Biologist, Jeremy Banfield, on an excursion into elk country to capture and tag a newborn calf and assist in recording crucial data. This includes a weekend stay at Medix Run Lodges. A <u>6</u>" by <u>6</u>" KECA Paver, engraved with your desired message, then placed in the walkway at the visitors center at Benezette, is also up for auction. Many other nice items in our Live Auction as well, come ready to bid, you could get some great deals.

<u>Silent Auction</u>: We will have numerous items up for grabs! Place your bids on the bid sheets with each item. Write your banquet number on the line of the amount you want to bid. Check back periodically to increase bids as you may get outbid throughout the afternoon. After dinner, we will give some time to check on and/or change your bids before the auction will be closed. The highest bid will win that item at the bid price. A list of all item numbers and corresponding winning banquet numbers will be posted at the end of the banquet, after which, the winner will pay for and pick up your item. A *Feathered Item* in this auction is a Heritage Rough Rider .22LR/.22WMR.

Feathered Items: There will be 5 items in both the *Live Auction* and *Silent Auction*. Purchase a feathered item and you'll be placed in drawing to win a prize worth over \$500.

<u>New Sponsor & Life Member</u>: Win a <u>Kimber Shadow Ghost 1911 45 ACP</u>. <u>We must get 5 new Sponsor and/or Life</u> <u>Members to draw for the gun</u>. (For every 5 new Life and/or Sponsor members we get, we will add a gun or a Special Edition 75Qt. Bison Cooler.)

Progressive Raffle: For \$20 you will get a chance at a Mossberg Patriot Predator 6.5 Creedmoor with a 4-12x44 Vortex Sonora Scope. The winner of this rifle at our banquet will be entered with 16 other rifle winners from other KECA banquets for a 1 in 17 chance to win a *guided Bull and Cow Elk hunt for 2 hunters* at the Fishtail Ranch in Chama, New Mexico! That's right, a Bull and Cow Elk hunt for 2 hunters!!

Games and Raffles- available throughout the afternoon but ends at 5 pm, so come early!

Punch Card: For every \$20 you spend on games and raffles (excluding General Raffle), receive one punch on your card. Get five punches and redeem that card for one Top Shelf strip of tickets. Fill as many cards as you wish. There are 6 games/raffles to choose from:

1) Hat Raffle: For \$40, grab a hat, which will contain \$40 or more of General Raffle tickets and a chance to win a Cannon 24-Gun Gun Safe and contents.

2) Pick-A-Purse: For \$100, pick your favorite purse, which will contain at least \$40 of General Raffle tickets and a chance to win a <u>Ruger EC9 9MM</u> or another great prize.

3) Shell Shot: For \$20, get your choice of a prenumbered shell. The first shell drawn will win a <u>T.C. Compass Compact</u>. <u>.243 with scope</u>. The next shell drawn wins another prize.

<u>4) Pail Pitch:</u> For \$20, pitch five bean bags into colored pails that correspond with prizes on display. Tickets with banquet numbers will be placed into corresponding bins. Example - bag in red pail, ticket in red bin. A drawing will be held after dinner to see who wins each prize. One of the prizes available is a <u>Savage Axis .270</u>.

5) Plinko: For \$20, get five discs to send down the Plinko board and accumulate tickets. Write your banquet number on each ticket and place into bins for a slew of prizes to be drawn after dinner. One of these many prizes is a <u>Wicked Ridge</u> <u>Rampage Crossbow</u>.

<u>6) Elk Country Bingo: *NEW*</u> this year! For \$10, pick a bingo square on a grid (10 letters across, 20 numbers down). If your square is drawn, you will win a <u>Sig Sauer P365 Nitro 9MM</u>. The four squares bordering the winning square will also win prizes.

General Raffle: For \$20, get a strip of four general tickets and one <u>Bonus Raffle</u> ticket. For every \$100 of General Raffle tickets you purchase, you will receive one strip of <u>Top Shelf Raffle</u> (3 tickets per strip). Among numerous other prizes in the <u>General Raffle</u>, there will be a <u>Wicked Ridge Blackhawk Crossbow</u>, a <u>Taurus G2c 9MM</u>, a <u>Ruger Air Hawk .177 air rifle</u>, and a <u>Rossi Rio Bravo Lever Action .22LR</u>. On the <u>Bonus Raffle</u>, are a <u>Bergara 6.5 Creedmoor</u>, and a <u>Mossberg 500</u> <u>Youth 20ga</u>. On the <u>Top Shelf Raffle</u>, are a <u>Savage 110 Impulse Straight Pull .308</u>, and a <u>CVA Optima .50cal Inline</u>. To win, place the correct ticket (General, Bonus, Top Shelf) with your banquet number on it into a bin for any item you desire from that raffle. These will also be drawn after dinner. <u>*Firearms and prizes and games/raffles may vary</u> <u>due to availability</u>.**

Early Bird Specials: We will *DOUBLE* the *PRE-BANQUET* General Raffle Tickets that you purchase when you return your application on or before *FEBRUARY 11, 2022*. Plus for every \$100 in General Raffle Tickets purchased you will receive one strip of Top Shelf Tickets. *For Example:* \$100 General Raffle purchased prior to 2/11/22 = \$200 General Raffle tickets and 2 strips of Top Shelf Tickets.

Recruit a New Member!! If you are a current member, attend this year's banquet and bring a new member (has not had a prior membership) who attends this year's banquet, we will <u>TRIPLE</u> your <u>PRE-BANQUET</u> General Raffle Tickets. We must receive your application on or before the <u>FEBRUARY 11, 2022</u> deadline. **Limited to one new membership per current member.** Please list the new member's name in "New Member Attending" section on your banquet application and have them fill out their own banquet application to be mailed with yours. Feel free to copy the application or contact us if you need more!

Bonus Early Bird: Purchase 5 Progressive Raffle tickets by February 11, 2022 get 1 free!

Brokenstraw Bucks! NEW this year. Forget to bring cash? Didn't bring enough cash? We have you covered. Simply go to our cashier, have them swipe your debit/credit card and receive Brokenstraw Bucks in \$20 increments to use on <u>KECA</u> <u>PURCHASES ONLY (GAMES, TICKETS, AUCTIONS)</u>. Not for drinks, or rooms purchases, Valid 2/26/22 only.

Are you a Veteran? If you, your guest or both are veterans, please mark that spot on your application and note who is the veteran. <u>We thank you for your service!</u>

Are you interested in spending the night after the banquet to avoid that drive home?

<u>Cross Creek Resort</u> is offering a very limited number of rooms. If you want to stay, call early!! 814-827-9611 - BROKENSTRAW BANQUET SPECIAL Saturday night lodging and breakfast buffet for <u>two</u>- \$87.90 PLUS TAX. <u>Single</u> with breakfast buffet - \$78.95 PLUS TAX.

Quality Inn in downtown Titusville is also offering special room pricing ONLY for banquet attendees, so call early and be sure to mention the banquet when making your reservation. 814-827-0041 - BROKENSTRAW BANQUET SPECIAL SATURDAY NIGHT LODGING AND BREAKFAST FOR TWO - \$85.00+ TAX.

KECA has experienced phenomenal growth and support since opening in 2010. We have welcomed millions of people to the Elk Country Visitor Center, and thousands of students and visitors have attended KECA educational programs via weekend programs, outdoor programs, distance learning and on-site school field trips, enhancing our main mission to support conservation education. KECA has also enhanced over 3,000 acres of wildlife habitat in the last 10 years. None of

these things could be accomplished without the support of members and volunteers like you. We truly appreciate each and every one of you. THANK YOU for your kind and generous support. Please complete your application and return it to us by *FEBRUARY 11, 2022* to take advantage of the early bird specials. Limited seating, apply now! We look forward to seeing you on February 26, 2022!

Any Questions contact us by email at gampasae@hotmail.com

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