

Tenth Annual Lenape Wapiti

Conservation Banquet

Bear Creek Mountain Resort

101 Doe Mountain Lane

Macungie, PA 18062

March 26th, 2022

Doors Open 4:15 pm

"Happy 10th Birthday – Lenape Wapiti"



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Greetings Friends in Conservation,

For all of you who helped make our 2021 banquet a resounding success, thank you! We hope we can count on you this year in celebrating our Tenth Annual Conservation Banquet on **SATURDAY, March 26th, 2022** 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. Despite the pandemic, the Elk Country Visitor Center (ECVC) continues to be a world class destination, welcoming over 480,000 visitors in 2021! KECA has reached nearly 50,000 individuals with their educational programs. The Elk Tag Raffle and the 20 prizes for \$20 Raffle both set new highs for participation! Habitat projects abound, bringing the total number of enhanced acres to 3,532 over the past 10 years.*

This year's banquet theme is "Happy 10th Birthday Lenape Wapiti Chapter." How time flies when you're having fun and helping a premier organization. A big thank you to those of you that have been with us from the beginning. It was wonderful to meet so many of you at the numerous shows and fairs that we attended spreading the word about Pennsylvania's elk herd and the Keystone Elk Country Alliance throughout the years. In honor of our chapter's 10th anniversary, this year we are adding a new and exciting way that YOU can win a birthday prize! This year we will be offering a special prize involving 10 randomly placed "COW CALLS". Randomly, we will designate Auction items, Games, Raffles, or prizes that will be accompanied or sold with 10 "real" Elk Cow Calls made by Top Calls, a Pennsylvania Game Call manufacturer. The winners' names of these 10 Elk Cow Calls will be placed in a drawing and one of these lucky people will win an exceptional, special 10th Anniversary Prize. And remember, there will ONLY be 10 chances to win this prize, so you WANT to be in this drawing! For those interested in placing more tickets on our general raffle, the Early Bird Special gives you a special chance to earn extra tickets. If you spend \$100 in General Raffle Tickets AND renew your annual KECA Membership, not only will you receive \$200 in General, Bonus, & Top Shelf Tickets but you are ALSO entered to win one of four BONUS ticket packages, each worth \$200! In addition, we still will have the fun game of Plinko, the Special Hat Raffle, and Business table purchases for that special Raffle item that you would want to take home with you! Maybe you can win that special Cow Call and be part of this birthday excitement too. This is "No Bull", you will really enjoy this new opportunity!

Chef Kenny promises a **great menu including a premium cut of elk, 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 February 26th and be sure to mention the KECA group for the special discounted rate of \$169 (suites are \$229). Take a minute now and mark your calendar for Saturday, March 26th 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 hat 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 February 26th 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 our many games! Disclaimer: seating restrictions apply this year, so applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Masks may be required as per current CDC recommendations. 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 **Mossberg Patriot Predator 6.5 Creedmoor with Vortex Sonora 4-12 x 44 scope and KECA custom Strata Camo with Bronze Cerakote.** The gun is awarded to one lucky winner the night of the banquet. Gun winners from the seventeen 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 21 - 24, 2022.** The homestead is a 2-story furnished farmhouse located on the Elk Country Visitor Center Property in Benezette, PA
- 2) **Horse drawn Wagon Ride** for up to 22 people. Leaves from the Visitors Center at 5:45 pm on **October 8, 2022.** 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 presentation with Jeremy Banfield, PA Game Commission Elk Biologist and

Saturday lunch following your Elk Calf Adventure, and a once in a lifetime opportunity to capture & tag a newborn elk calf! **June 3rd and 4th, 2022. It's 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: *Ruger Hawkeye Hunter .300 Win Mag, beautiful engravings of scenery and the 2021 KECA bull elk harvested by Gary Laudeman.*



- 6) Specialty furniture including a set of custom oak and walnut serving trays, live edge furniture and other unique items.
- 7) **New Brunswick Spring Bear Hunt:** Spring 2023

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

Sponsor/Life Membership Drawing



Kimber 1911 Shadow Ghost .45 acp with 2021 special edition KECA grips (not shown) 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 second in a three-year series honoring veterans and KECA’s habitat enhancement efforts will be presented to each veteran and active duty military who attends a KECA Conservation Banquet in 2022.

We will also have a special, veterans only raffle for a paver honoring each branch of the military

Special Games

With prizes including a gun safe for 20 guns, art paintings and prints, tools and much, much more.

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

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

Browning X-bolt .300 with scope, CVA Optima .50 with scope, Savage Axis II in 6.5 Creedmoor 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: Ninja Kitchen System, Henckels Knife Block, Reflector Telescope, rifles, shotguns, and 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! Really!!! 30 tickets for \$20 plus tickets for ladies' raffle bonus drawing! (Be sure to write your banquet number on each ticket)

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 February 26th 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