KECA'S HEADING SOUTH ~ WAGONS HO

CENTRAL FLORIDA SOUTHERN RENDEZVOUS

HOWDY FOLKS!

That would be all you PA KECA'ers, Floridian KECA'ers & our NEW Floridian KECA'ers!!

Ok... now listen up. The hustle and bustle of the holidays is almost over... now you're facing lots of snow and not to mention "Fifty Shades of Grey"! So it's time... think sunshine... to relax, rejuvenate, and indulge yourself and embark on a journey overflowing with fun, laughter, and premiere destinations to explore.

Here's the itinery... If ya'all haven't heard – KECA is loadin' our wagons and bringin' Elk Country to sunny Florida! Yep... we formed the Florida Southern Rendezvous Event in 2021 and we are planning our *founding* debut February 19, 2022! Kinda figured it would provide a great getaway for our folks up North and a super setting for all you "snow-birds" livin' down there to join in and catch up on what's happin' with KECA.

Then, we hope to share and expose to all you new folks, who we are; what we do; and the experiences, activities, and the dedication focused on the conservation and education opportunities provided by the Keystone Elk Country Alliance. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization supported by its members, donors, and volunteers dedicated to conserve and enhance Pennsylvania's Elk Country for future generations. The Elk Country Visitor Center in Benezette, Pennsylvania is a world class facility offering education programs and seminars, live elk viewing, horse drawn wagon rides, Expos and events, and educational opportunities that have touched over 76,600 students in classrooms across the USA in just the last two years alone, and so much more!

KECA is envisioning this as our Florida groundbreaking "founding event" designing a format to reach beyond our great PA Chapters' line-ups to morph into an annual Rendezvous expanding each year as we grow momentum. So please join as a "founding participant" to support establishing this event for years to come. As a great kick-off Rendezvous we picked an awesome location at the **Brownwood Hotel and Spa** in the beautiful "Villages" in Florida!

The evening will be action packed with a great line-up of Live and Silent auctions; games and raffles; hunting trips and firearms; where the participants, winners and highest bidders *benefit wildlife and Conservation Education*!

Best in outdoor products & indoor items with quite a few unique items

Wildlife Art & Vacation Getaways

- Hunts & Trips One of elk country's best hunts (offered in our famous Progressive Raffle) <u>Fishtail</u> <u>Ranch</u> ~ Owners Lee and Valerie Weiss will be here to help KECA kick off this Rendezvous
- In addition to the Progressive Raffle Hunt, Lee & Valerie have also offered a fully guided Bull Elk hunt available on Live Auction at the Southern Rendezvous only!
- Another unique item available on Live Auction will be an Off Road E-Bike made in the USA! You won't want to miss this!

Entertainment

Let us introduce you to music artist Joe Carter! Smokin' Joe as we fondly refer to him is known for his talent and music versatility and will highlight the night's activities as we celebrate *you*, *wildlife*, and *KECA*. There's toe-tappin' live entertainment so don't forget to pack your dancin' boots!

And who woulda' thunk you'd see a "Great Pennsylvania Bull Elk in sunny Florida?!! This massive bull will be on display at the Brownwood for some awesome picture taking opportunities. Folks, I'm tellin' ya this is gonna be a great night to experience Elk Country.

AND... that's not all... FRIDAY NIGHT "FUN NIGHT"

We are working on a Friday night gathering for all you early bird arrivals!! We're researching local activities to form a fun-filled evening exposing our friends to some of the highlights of the surrounding area. Hope this sparks your interests and you will sign up "YES" on your application to join us. So... stay tuned, please be patient (entertainment bookings at establishments for the new year are still being finalized) and we'll get more detailed info to you as we get this wagon train loaded!!

Ohhh yeah... Activities & Destinations

We've also attached a list of the amazing opportunities to take advantage of while basking in the glorious Florida sunshine... so make this a vacation getaway while joining us.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The beautiful Brownwood Inn & Spa will provide a top-notch sit-down meal and have also blocked off rooms for those who would prefer to stay and enjoy the evening. But, hurry FAST as we alerted earlier, the awesome KECA room rate of \$139.00 (rate is good Feb. 16 thru Feb. 22 –for extended stays) is soon coming to an end on January 19thso call right now and book.

Call Brownwood Hotel & Spas at 352-626-1246 and let them know you're booking for KECA event.

Please mark yer calendars for **February 19th 2022** and get your application submitted asap ~ that means NOW partners!! Our team will guarantee an evening of fun, camaraderie, entertainment, and a great chance to win some outstanding merchandise and elk country experiences.

Hope to see ya soon,

Your Central Florida Rendezvous Committee