

Keystone Elk Country Alliance Westmoreland County Chapter C/O Bob & Bev Gettemy 611 Marguerite Road Latrobe, PA 15650

In 2009, the Keystone Elk Country Alliance (KECA) was formed to conserve and enhance Pennsylvania's elk country for future generations. KECA completes its mission via conservation and education, habitat enhancement, habitat acquisition, partnering with land and wildlife management agencies, and funding an endowment for the long-term viability of the Elk Country Visitor Center (ECVC). KECA fundraising chapters hold annual banquets to help raise funds to keep the ECVC growing and educating people every day about elk in Pennsylvania and the conservation of wildlife in elk country. In addition to conserving elk habitat and growing out elk country endowment. Additional details are available at www.ExperienceElkCountry.com.

One important aspect of KECA's mission is conservation education, which is being fulfilled with the Elk Country Visitor Center in Benezette, PA and our distance learning program. The ECVC opened in September 2010 and has been visited by over 4.3 million visitors from all 50 states and 45 countries. The ECVC consists of a state of the art 4-D theatre, interactive education programs, elk viewing, horse drawn wagon rides and much more.

KECA is a 501 (c3) Charitable non-Profit Organization (ID# 27-1804444/000) with its primary means of support coming from membership dues, donations, and proceeds raised from fundraising banquets held by the chapters throughout the state. All local chapters consist of volunteers dedicated to the conservation and preservation of Pennsylvania wildlife and wild areas. All proceeds raised remain within the state of Pennsylvania.

The Westmoreland County Chapter of the Keystone Elk Country Alliance is seeking monetary donations to underwrite the cost of merchandise for both our live and silent auctions as well as merchandise donations for our annual fundraising Conservation Banquet, which is being held the afternoon of **February 4**, **2023 in Crabtree at Rizzo's.** <u>All Donors will be recognized at the event and/or in the banquet program given to each attendee.</u>

We are hopeful that you will consider a donation to be used for Annual Conservation Banquet. Any contribution you could make may be mailed to either of the parties listed below or contact us, and we would be happy to pick it up in person. For monetary donations, please make checks payable to **"KECA, Westmoreland County Chapter."** Thank you in advance for your generous donation and support.

Yours in Conservation,

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Keystone Elk Country Alliance Annual Westmoreland County Chapter Conservation Banquet Saturday February 4th, 2023 Rizzo's Malabar Inn, Crabtree PA Doors open at 1:30 p.m. - Meal at 3:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend the Westmoreland County Chapter Conservation Banquet of the Keystone Elk Country Alliance (KECA). This exciting annual event will be held on Saturday February 4th, at the Rizzo's Malabar Inn in Crabtree, PA.

We are very excited to get back into the swing of things and have opted to move our Banquet date back into the traditional Winter and Spring Banquet Season. Rizzo's also is ready to bring back a delicious Italian meal that is sure to fill your bellies as well! We really hope everyone is able to attend and join in on the fun!

There will be many items available on our LIVE and SILENT Auctions and we are planning on having lots of big prizes and firearms too! Bidding on our Elk Mountain Homestead Stay is going to be popular with a fantastic summer date for Thursday – Sunday, June $22^{nd} - 25th$. This is the perfect time of the year to enjoy hiking, fishing, and summer time watersports in Elk Country! And you don't want to miss the chance on this year's PRIVATE Horse Drawn Wagon Ride for up to 22 people at the Elk Country Visitor Center on Sunday, September 10th, 2022 at 5:45 pm! This is a 45-minute ride through elk country surrounded by bugling and sparring bulls in full rut. Also, that night someone will go home with our 2023 Banquet Rifle – *Remington 700 SPS .30-06* with fully custom engraved stock featuring the 2022 KECA Tag Bull harvested by Ray Moon this past fall. This rifle is like nothing you have ever seen before!



We will also have a **New Life and Sponsor Member** drawing for a *Kimber R7 Mako 9mm with custom grips* featuring a beautiful Pennsylvania bull. We will give away *one gun for every five* sponsor or new life members, so **if** we have **50** sponsors or new life members, we will give away **TEN** Kimber handguns! This year we will also be offering an alternative prize for our winners of the drawing of a 75QT Custom KECA Bison Cooler, proudly made in the U.S.A!



You will also be able to take a chance on the **Progressive Raffle**, with an even better *grand prize*! A \$20 ticket will get you a chance at a **Mossberg Patriot Predator 6.5 CDM Rifle with Vortex Sonora Scope** with a Custom KECA logo on the stock. The winner of the rifle will be entered with 16 Progressive winners from our Chapter Events for a chance to win a **guided BULL AND COW elk hunt for two hunters in Chama, New Mexico at Fishtail Ranch**!

Conservation Education continues to be our organization's number one mission and the Elk Country Visitor Center continues to drive economic development in our region. Please join us on February 4th, 2023 to help "*conserve and enhance Pennsylvania's elk country for future generations*" and celebrate continuing conservation in Elk Country.

Yours in conservation,

The Westmoreland County Chapter Committee