



Partners in Conservation,

The Keystone Elk Country Alliance (KECA) continues to conserve and enhance Pennsylvania's Elk Country; the Endless Mountains Chapter has planned its Annual Conservation Banquet; at the **Shadowbrook Resort** in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, on **Saturday, May 13th, 2023**. The evening will be filled with fun games, raffles, silent and live auctions as well as, many other exciting things to experience! This chapter is celebrating its fourth year in the Northern Tier! We look forward to sharing the evening with you and all that Elk Country has to offer.

We have many exciting items on our **Live Auction**. This year's *banquet rifle* is a **Remington 700 SPS .30-06 rifle**. This rifle is individually numbered as part of the series and will feature an engraved stock with scenery of the 2022 KECA Bull; harvested by Roy Moon.

Our Live Auction will also feature an Elk Country favorite; **The Elk Mountain Homestead Stay**; nestled in the heart of the Elk Country Visitor's Center property. This rental is a two story, three-bedroom home, that sleeps up to 12 people. It is complete with a full kitchen, bath, fireplace, and modern amenities. The Elk Mountain Homestead will be available the **weekend of September 28th through Oct 1st, 2023**. This is a **RUT SEASON** stay! This stay will delight you and your guests with many elk viewing opportunities from our famous Silo viewing area overlooking the meadows.



The Elk Country Wagon Ride is always a popular Live Auction feature! This private, horse drawn wagon ride for up to 22 people at the Elk Country Visitors' Center will be on **Sunday, September 3rd, 2023 @6:45pm**. This is approximately a 45-minute ride through the heart of Elk Country Visitor's Center property. This wagon ride is sure to be a wonderful memory; full of excitement and education about the elk herd. Make sure to bring your camera!

The **Elk Calf Round-up** is something you don't want to miss! This *once in a lifetime experience* will take place on **Saturday, June 10th, 2023**. The winner along with *one guest* will participate with PGC Elk Biologist, Jeremy Banfield. This experience includes a social gathering and meal; on **Friday evening June 9th, 2023**, before this exciting adventure through Elk Country!

LIFE AND SPONSOR MEMBERS: Don't miss out on the Sponsor and Life Member drawing for a **Kimber R7 Mako 9mm customized KECA accents**. This is a great piece, for anyone's collection! We will draw 1 winner for every 5 Sponsor or Life Memberships. *For more information on how to become a Sponsor or Life member, please see your application.*

New this year!

"Pick of the Herd" Raffle: The winner of this raffle has the ***first pick*** of our Live Auction items; ***excluding the Banquet Rifle and The Elk Mountain Homestead Stay.***

A banquet, pre-purchase opportunity, is available. *Please see your application.*

The evening will also feature **several raffles and games** of chance, **Silent auction**, and our **tiered General Raffle**. Don't worry ladies...we didn't for about you! Our **Ladies Raffle** is a crowd pleaser, with several opportunities to take home a prize! Our **youth** are always welcome; they are our future generation of conservation and education. There will be a special prize for any youth in attendance. As a **BONUS**, everyone who purchases an **Early Bird Raffle** is also entered in to **win a firearm, the night of banquet!** *Please see your application, for more details.*

Early Bird Raffle tickets: this raffle will give you \$200 in general raffle tickets for every \$100 in general raffle tickets purchased (2-for-1). **PLUS**, you will receive (1) *special* Early Bird gun raffle ticket; for every \$100 early bird purchased. Get your applications in early and take advantage of this opportunity.

ALL EARLY BIRD APPLICATIONS MUST BE postmarked by **May 3rd, 2023**, to qualify for this awesome deal and a chance at the Early Bid Raffle Drawing!

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE: This \$20.00 ticket will get you a chance at a custom, Savage Axis II .308 Win Rifle, featuring a hardwood stock and scope.

The winner of the rifle will be entered with 15 other rifle winners from other 2023 KECA banquets, for a chance to win a guided, companion elk hunt (1 bull and 1 cow) at the Fishtail Ranch in Chama, New Mexico. The final Progressive raffle winner will be drawn, at the final banquet of the year!! You wouldn't want to miss all the excitement of this raffle and winning the hunt of a lifetime! We kindly ask; to be a banquet attendee or KECA member for this raffle.

Paying by check? If you choose to pay your banquet entry with a check; you will receive **(1) \$20/strip of tickets**, as a thank you; to further assist our chapter funds and allow us, more opportunities to serve you better.

Want to share the evening with friends/family and want to sit together? If you have a seating request, please include on a separate sheet and we will do our best to accommodate your request. Special accommodations are not eligible, for our sponsor table raffle.

The meal will be a delicious, buffet style; compliments for the Shadowbrook Resort & Six West Restaurant. We will also offer a cash bar, including soda and water.

Hotel Accommodations are available on the grounds of Shadowbrook Resort, but are limited.

For Accommodations, call 1-800-955-0295. Mention "Keystone Elk Country Alliance" for a discounted rate. Shadowbrook Resort also offers a full 18- hole golf course on the grounds for those who are looking for a weekend getaway!

Please join us for an exciting, enjoyable evening, celebrating, supporting, and protecting Pennsylvania's Elk Country for future generations!

Your partners in conservation,

Mike and Erin Yost and the entire Endless Mountains Chapter

All applications are due by May 6th, 2023.