



Annual Lenape Wapiti Conservation Banquet

Bear Creek Mountain Resort

101 Doe Mountain Lane

Macungie, PA 18062

March 25th, 2023

Doors Open 4:15 pm

Greetings Friends in Conservation,

For all of you who helped make our 2022 banquet a resounding success, thank you! We hope we can count on you this year in celebrating our eleventh Annual Conservation Banquet on **SATURDAY, March 25th, 2023 at BEAR CREEK MOUNTAIN RESORT!** *Pennsylvania's wild elk herd, at approximately 1,500 animals, is 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. The 245 acre Elk Country Visitors Center (ECVC) continues to be a world class destination, welcoming over 4.4 million visitors since opening in 2010! 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. All proceeds raised for KECA stay in Pennsylvania!*

This year's banquet theme is "March Madness". Join us for a fun evening helping a premier organization, and bid winter farewell. Again, this year we will be offering a special prize involving 10 randomly placed "COW CALLS". 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 prize. And remember, there will ONLY be 10 chances to win this prize. This is "No Bull", you will really enjoy this new opportunity!

Chef Anthony promises a **great menu including a premium cut of elk, beef, crab, 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 25th for a fun evening 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.**

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! 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. We can accommodate requests for tables of 11 or 12 on an 'as needed' basis. Please feel free to note any special seating considerations as well. All seating requests must be received by February 26th, 2023. 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 memberships, auctions, raffles and our many games! Disclaimer: seating restrictions apply this year, so applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis. 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 **Savage Axis II .308 with scope and engraved stock**. The gun is awarded to one lucky winner the night of the banquet. Gun winners from the sixteen Conservation Events 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 Event of the season.

Live Auction

- 1) **Elk Mountain Homestead** weekend getaway for up to 10 persons, **July 20 – 23, 2023**. 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 **August 26, 2023**. 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 9th and 10th, 2023**.
- 4) **“Rack Shack”** - two night three day stay, 3 bedroom, for up to 6 persons - May, June, July or August – book your stay for a two-night stay in the modern cabins just miles from the visitor center in the heart of elk country.

5) Banquet Rifle: *Remington 700SPS in .30-06 with engraved stock.*



6) E-bike, Oklahoma Joe grill & smoker, and more!

Silent Auction: more than fifty unique items. Keep an eye out for “Key” and “Cow Call” items for additional prizes.

Sponsor/Life Membership Drawing



Kimber R7 Mako in 9mm 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 the third 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 2023.

We will also have a special veterans only raffle of a challenge coin plaque.

Special Games

With prizes including a 20-gun gun safe, 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

55" TV, Paddleboard, knife set, firearms 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: air fryer, pizza oven, Fox Pro predator call, Chrome Book, 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 two tickets for ladies' raffle bonus drawings!

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 and we look forward to seeing you at Bear Creek!

Sincerely,

Sharon and Martin Snyder, and the Lenape Wapiti Conservation Banquet Team

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