

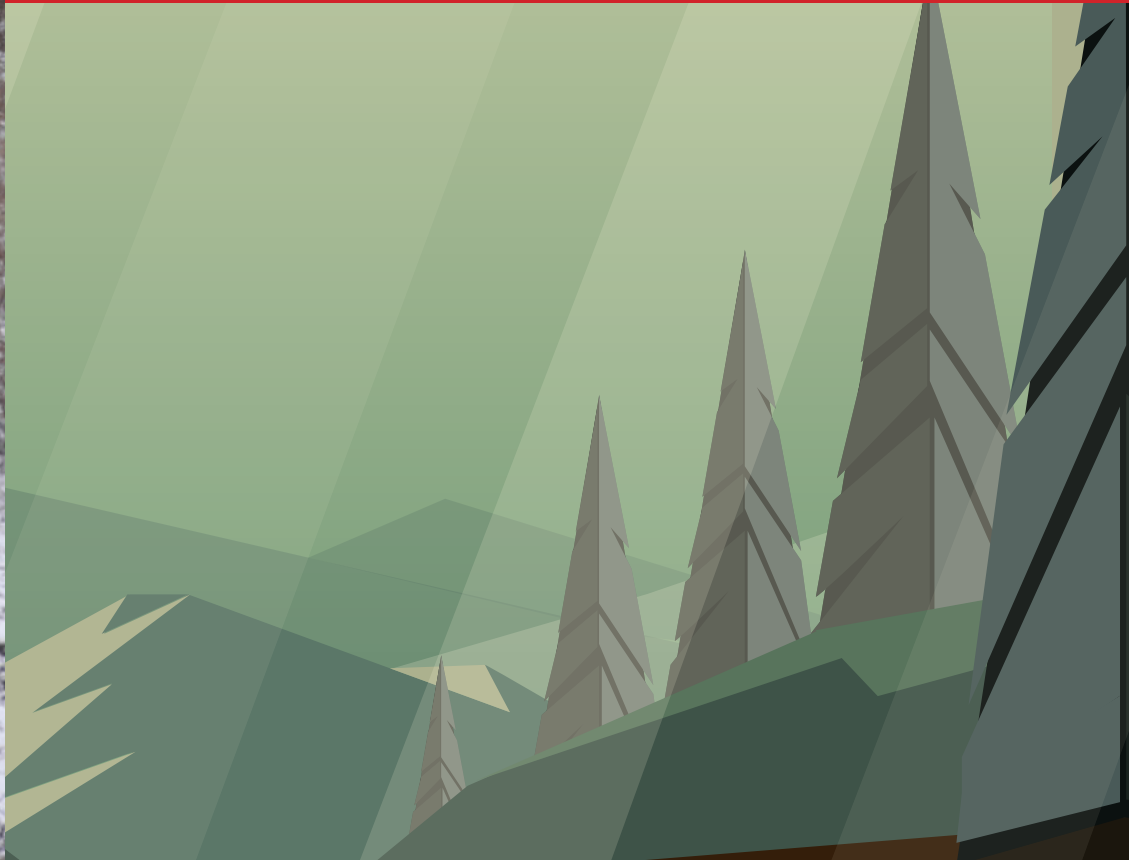


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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

2026 & 2027 Kentucky Elk Hunt Reveals





KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE

THE MOST TRUSTED NAME IN THE OUTDOORS

WHAT WE DO

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife supports a \$8.7 billion outdoors economy

More than 1.6 million acres open to public hunting

Manage the largest elk herd east of the Rocky Mountains

Created a top five state for trophy bucks while managing a herd of 1 million deer

Stock more than 4 million fish annually

Build and maintain boat ramps and shooting ranges for the public

Stock 44 lakes near urban areas through the Fishing in Neighborhoods program

Help more than 700 landowners a year create wildlife habitat

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

We inform and educate more than a quarter million kids and adults through outreach programs

Kentucky's National Archery in the Schools program includes 154,000 participants

Educators present conservation programs to more than 65,000 students a year

Summer Conservation Camps include 4,800 campers

Salato Wildlife Education Center hosts more than 45,000 visitors annually

Kentucky Afield television show and magazine

Programs for new hunters and anglers, including Field to Fork, Hook and Cook and Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

Outdoors recreation generates a

\$8.7BILLION

impact in Kentucky

MISSION STATEMENT

Serving people, conserving fish and wildlife.

SOCIAL MEDIA

More than **727,400**
social media fans
and growing



512,500



29,400



21,200



164,300

BOATING

\$2.1
BILLION

1,200,000
Participants

FISHING

\$2.3
BILLION

968,000
Participants

HUNTING

\$2.0
BILLION

435,000
Participants

WILDLIFE WATCHING

\$2.3
BILLION

4.3 Million
Participants

PARTICIPATION AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

2 MILLION CUSTOMERS



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH
AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

2023-24 CONSUMER SHOWS AND EVENTS*

Archery Trade Association
TBD

Cincinnati Travel, Sport and Boat Show
Cincinnati, OH

Louisville Boat RV and Sportshow
Louisville, KY

**Kentucky Sport, Boat and Recreation
Show** Lexington, KY

**National Wild Turkey Federation
Convention and Sport Show**
Nashville, TN

KY State NASP
Louisville, KY

KY State Fair
Louisville, KY

*Consumer shows and events schedule subject to change

*Increase your reach and
sales by engaging, activating
and couponing our users*

**Partner with a brand
that serves more
than **TWO MILLION**
customers and enjoys
an approval rating
exceeding **87 PERCENT****

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources helps you:

- Change/reinforce image
- Increase brand loyalty
- Create awareness visibility
- Align with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife brand
- Stimulate sales trial usage
- Showcase industry commitment
- Showcase conservation/preservation commitment
- Simply display/showcase product, service
- Enhance retail partner relationships
- Increase B2B networking
- Educate prospective customers
- Entertain client's prospects
- Motivate employees
- Interact directly with existing and potential customers
- Connect to specific user groups
- Leverage social media to help launch new products
- Engage platforms that reach every generation of consumers

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY



BACKGROUND

Strong partnerships are vital to preserving Kentucky's wildlife success and sustaining its rich hunting and fishing traditions.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY DETAILS:

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) manages the largest wild free-ranging elk herd east of the Rocky Mountains. The official Kentucky elk zone consists of over 4.2 million acres in Southeastern Kentucky. Elk hunting permits are awarded by random drawing.

In 2001, after 150 years, Kentucky hosted its historic first elk hunt offering only twelve permits through the drawing a number that has since grown. In May 2026 and 2027 these highly coveted permits will be drawn during the one-day Elk Hunt Drawing Reveal events.

The Presenting Sponsor shall Provide:

The purpose of the 2026 and 2027 Elk Hunt Drawing Reveal events are to raise awareness about the successful restoration of the species to promote elk conservation and hunting and to announce the names of those drawn for the 2026 and 2027 elk hunting permits. The events should be designed around the announcement of the elk hunting permit recipients, but will also allow the sponsor a unique opportunity to deliver its brand and messages to wildlife conservationists and enthusiasts throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky as well as to non-residents who participate in the Kentucky elk hunt drawing. Due to the time and expense in publishing, advertising, coordinating, preparing, and hosting the Elk Draw event, the KDFWR is seeking a multi-year sponsor.

KDFWR is seeking a sponsor for the 2026 and 2027 Elk Hunt Drawing Reveal events for the following

- Design, coordinate, promote, and staff the one-day 2026 and 2027 Elk Hunt Drawing Reveal events.
- Host the one-day 2026 and 2027 Elk Hunt Drawing Reveal events between May 9- May 19, 2026, and 2027, at the location venue and on the specific day as chosen by the sponsor.
- Provide cash and in-kind benefits to the KDFWR.
- Promote the Kentucky Elk Hunt Drawing Reveal events through the sponsor's organic and paid marketing communication assets beginning no later than April 1, 2026, and 2027.

The support generated through this sponsorship will provide a public benefit to the Commonwealth by ensuring that future generations of Kentuckians can learn about view, hunt, and otherwise enjoy elk in Kentucky's natural environment.

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

The Presenting Sponsor shall Receive:

The opportunity to have its company/ organization logo listed on all of the KDFWR's printed and digital materials promoting the 2026 and 2027 Elk Hunt Drawing Reveal events.

The opportunity to incorporate the event and event name into its own advertising and promotion of the event (coordinated with and pre-approved by the KDFWR).

The opportunity to exhibit on site at the 2026 and 2027 Elk Hunt Drawing Reveal events.

The opportunity to secure a third party to live stream the 2026 and 2027 Elk Hunt Drawing Reveal events.



NOTES- Within 30 days of selection, the selected sponsor shall execute a contract with the KDFWR outlining the responsibilities for the event. The selected sponsor shall be required to coordinate with the Certified Public Accountant, (identified by KDFWR) that is delivering the results of the elk hunt drawings and verifying the chain of custody of the results from the Commonwealth Office of Technology, which is conducting the drawing, to the Accountant, and then to the selected sponsor announcing the names.



SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS

SECTION I

General Information

A PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This sponsorship opportunity is being issued by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in accordance with KRS 45A.097. The purpose of this document is to solicit responses from one individual/company to sponsor the **2026 and 2027 KY Elk Hunt Drawing Reveal events**.

B SUBMISSION DATES

Responses shall be delivered by 2:00 p.m. (EDT), **July 15, 2025** to:
Brian V. Blank

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
1121 Louisville Road
Frankfort, KY 40601

C INQUIRES

Contacts with agents of the Commonwealth for information concerning response procedures shall be limited to the representative listed below. All communications, oral, written (regular, express, electronic mail or fax), concerning this document shall be addressed to:

Brian V. Blank

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

#1 Sportsman's Lane Frankfort, KY 40601

502.892.4428

brian.blank@ky.gov

It should be understood that any verbal representations made or assumed to be made during any oral discussions are not binding on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources or the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

D VERIFICATION/CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources may request verification/clarification documentation from the sponsor of any information provided in its response.

E COST OF PREPARING RESPONSE

Costs for developing the response are solely the responsibility of the sponsor. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources shall provide no reimbursements for such costs.

F CANCELLATION

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources may, upon a thirty-day (30) written notice to the sponsor, terminate this agreement completely or in part, for convenience or for default. In such event, all documents, data, studies and reports prepared for Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources under the award shall become its property. Any equipment, goods or services remaining may be paid back to the vendor, unless for default. In the event that the award is terminated for default, the sponsor shall forfeit its equipment or goods to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Pursuant to KRS 45A.105 the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources reserves the right to cancel or reject responses that are deemed not to be in the best interest of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



SECTION II

Scope

KDFWR continues to seek out and expand outreach opportunities that promote hunting, fishing and conservation. With the support of sponsors, we are proud to be able to offer direct connection with customers who stay connected with the agency via traditional, social media and digital platforms.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources conserves and enhances fish and wildlife resources and provides opportunities for hunting, fishing, trapping, boating and other wildlife-related activities. For more information, please visit our website at www.fw.ky.gov

SECTION III

Statement of Sponsorship

- A** General Nature of Proposed Sponsorship. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. As such, it must comply with applicable state laws, regulations and procedures as they relate to donations, sponsorships, procurement and other acquisitions.

SECTION IV

General Conditions

A SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

During the award term, sponsors will provide cash and/or in-kind contribution during the term of the agreement.

B MODIFICATIONS TO AWARD

Any modifications to the award shall be in writing and processed through the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources representative as identified herein.

C DISPUTES

Except as otherwise provided in this document, a question or act arising under the award, which is not disposed of by mutual agreement, shall be decided by the Finance and Administration Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Pending final determination of any dispute hereunder, the sponsor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the award and in accordance with the Finance and Administration Cabinet. This section does not preclude consideration of legal questions in connection with the decision provided for above, provided that nothing in the award shall be construed as making final the decision of any administrative official, representative or board on a question of law.

D FORUMS AND VENUE

This award shall be construed according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Any legal proceedings against

the Commonwealth regarding any resultant award shall be brought in Commonwealth of Kentucky administrative or judicial forums. Venue will be in Franklin County, Commonwealth of Kentucky.

E EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

The sponsor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age (except as provided by law), marital status, political affiliations or handicap. The sponsor must take affirmative action to ensure that employees, as well as applicants for employment, are treated without discrimination because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, (except as provided by law), marital status, political affiliation, or handicap. Such action shall include, but is not limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Sponsor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for



employment, notices setting forth the provision of this clause.

The sponsor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the sponsor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, (except as provided by law), marital status, political affiliation, or handicap, except where it relates to a bona fide occupational qualification. The sponsor shall comply with the nondiscrimination clause contained in Federal Executive Order 11246, as amended by Federal Executive Order 11375, relative to Equal Employment Opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and the implementation rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Labor and with Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations. The sponsor shall comply with related Commonwealth laws and regulations. The sponsor shall comply with regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor of the United States in Title 20, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 741, pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 11758 and the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The sponsor shall comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and any amendments thereto, and the rules and regulations there under, and Section 504 of Title V of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended and the Kentucky Civil Rights Act.

F CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

The sponsor deemed most susceptible for award shall furnish a copy of the official documentation, such as certificate of authority and/or appropriate filing of certificate of assumed name, which authorizes the vendor to conduct business in

the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a domestic or foreign corporation or other recognized business entity, prior to contract award. The Commonwealth reserves the right to verify any information provided prior to contract award. Furthermore, a failure to maintain any and all required proper authorization to conduct operations in Kentucky under the specified business name of the vendor during the life of any contract awarded may be deemed a breach of contract by the vendor and treated accordingly by the Commonwealth.

G ACCESS TO RECORDS

The contractor, as defined in KRS 45A.030 (9) agrees that the contracting agency, the Finance and Administration Cabinet, the Auditor of Public Accounts, and the Legislative Research Commission, or their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, records or other evidence, which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purpose of financial audit or program review. Records and other prequalification information confidentially disclosed as part of the bid process shall not be deemed as directly pertinent to the contract and shall be exempt from disclosure as provided in KRS 61.878(1)(c). The contractor also recognizes that any books, documents, papers, records or other evidence, received during a financial audit or program review shall be subject to the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 to 61.884. In the event of a dispute between the contractor and the contracting agency, Attorney General, or the Auditor of Public Accounts over documents that are eligible for production and review, the Finance and Administration Cabinet shall review the dispute and issue a determination, in accordance with Secretary's Order 11 - 004. (See *attachment*)

SECTION V

Technical Response Format

A RESPONSIVENESS

In order to be considered for selection, responses submitted by the sponsor shall be completely responsive to this document. All conditions printed herein are hereby made a part of the conditions under which the response is submitted and shall be incorporated into any award on this project. Further, the contents of a response shall become part of any award resulting from that response.

B TECHNICAL RESPONSE

The technical response is requested to be brief and concise and should include the following:

- Signed solicitation cover page
- Title Page with contact information
- Table of Contents (if applicable)
- Any deviations from stated requirements
- Sponsor background including date established and a brief history
- Acknowledgement of all addenda
- Notarized Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors and Contractors
- Sponsorship Response





SECTION VI

Technical Response Evaluation

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources's shall evaluate all technical responses in accordance with KRS 45A.695.

Each response shall be evaluated as follows:

Responsiveness to Solicitation - 20

POINTS Conciseness/clarity

Title page/table of contents

Transmittal letter sponsor information

Sponsor and Background - 20 POINTS

Date established

Brief historical information

Nature of business – Compatibility with Mission of Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

Sponsorship Response - 60 POINTS

Financial value being offered to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Note: Financial value may be monetary, in - kind, and/or an enhancement of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources experience. A sponsorship shall not constitute an “official endorsement” of a particular company by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as the sole vendor of choice.

TOTAL POINTS 100 POINTS The technical response are to be emailed to: brian.blank@ky.gov. The technical response shall be evaluated and scored by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources evaluation committee. Total maximum score on the technical response is 100 points.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

All sponsorships must be in compliance with **KRS 45A.097**. Requests for sponsorships will be posted publicly. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources with a written proposal that addresses the two factors listed below. Sponsorship will be awarded based upon **KRS 45A.070(3)** as follows:

Financial value to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Financial value may be monetary, trade or in - kind; and

Enhancement of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources experience. A sponsorship shall not constitute an “official endorsement” of a particular company by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as the sole vendor of choice.

An entity that has a business or regulatory relationship with the agency, or who may be lobbying or attempting to influence matters of that agency, may be considered for a sponsorship opportunity only if there is a clear benefit to the Commonwealth, or the sponsorship promotes economic development or tourism in the Commonwealth.

Each company wishing to do business with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources must complete and submit a Required Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors and Contractors as found here. For more information on KRS 45A.097, please visit <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statutes/statute.aspx?id=47025>

THANK YOU!

Brian V. Blank
Direct 502.892.4428
EMAIL: brian.blank@ky.gov



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