

R3 NEWSLETTER

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KENTUCKY

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Welcome!

This is our second R3 newsletter! Our hope is to increase communication between R3 partners in Kentucky. As you scroll through you will find partners:

- Upcoming/past events
- Immediate needs
- Contact information

**Please keep in mind that some of these dates listed below may be canceled/reschedule due to COVID-19.



R3 Virtual R3 Summit!

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and Kentucky State University have canceled the R3 Summit on April 14 due to COVID-19 Coronavirus. The summit will be rescheduled for **September 24** to be a virtual Summit through Zoom platform. Summit will run from **8:30am –noon Eastern**

Kentucky Ducks Unlimited

New Tools for Kentucky Waterfowl Wonder

The next steps are in motion on a multi-year effort to enhance a historic western Kentucky waterfowl area.

Ballard Wildlife Management Area is an 8,000-acre state-owned habitat on the banks of the Ohio River. Established in the 1950s, Ballard quickly gained national reputation as a Canada goose hunting destination as populations from the southern shores of Hudson Bay and James Bay visited the area by the tens of thousands each year.

A changing climate and shifting land uses have dramatically reduced the number of geese wintering here each season. In 2017, Ducks Unlimited joined representatives from nine state, two federal wildlife agencies, two joint ventures and other non-profit organizations to contemplate habitat management, hunting management and water level management at Ballard WMA. The decision was to shift habitat conditions from a centralized deep-water roost for geese to a variety of shallow, moist-soil wetlands with interspersed refuge areas for ducks.

One of the projects that broke ground in 2020 was the installation of new water-control infrastructure on a 243-acre managed unit.

Read more here: <https://www.ducks.org/conservation/glar/kentucky/new-tools-for-kentucky-waterfowl-wonder?po=kentucky>

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Quail Forever

Upcoming Event: Commonwealth Chapter youth committee met last evening and regrettably we have decided to cancel this year Youth Day scheduled for 9/26. Between planning a safe atmosphere and issues with Fern Creeks lake there were too many obstacles to overcome. Thanks for last year and we look forward to next.

NEEDS: none

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Past Events: The first ever FCA Outdoors virtual Bass Tournament was a great success! Participants from 12 state entered bass through the Hook'd app. Pro Anglers Micah Frazier and Randy Howell gave great messages during the online opening ceremony and awards presentation. The Ceremonies can be vied on the FCA outdoors YouTube Channel

NEEDS: none

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League of KY Sportsmen (LKS)

Upcoming Events:

We had several fishing derby's and squirrel rifle shoots scheduled but due to the restrictions in place, all have been cancelled thus far.

NEEDS: none

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University of Kentucky– Shooting Sports

Upcoming events: The only event we have coming up is the Kentucky 4-H Shooting Sports Virtual "Mail-In" Tournament running Sept 14th-30th. This is in lieu of our normal in-person State Competition which was cancelled.



<https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/shooting-sports-calendar>

Past events - We were unable to host any events April-July.

NEEDS: - none

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Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

Upcoming events: August 15 we will conduct clean up event at Paintsville Lake in Johnson County.

September 25-27 we are planning a campout weekend at Twin Knobs campground in Rowan County.

*Ongoing membership drive for military BHA members are in the works.

Past events: We conducted a clean up of Peabody WMA. Great turnout and had several new members join the organization after helping out with the project.

NEEDS: none

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Fishing League Worldwide (FLW)



George H W Busch Vamos A Pescar Education Fund <https://www.takemefishing.org/educationfund/>

This was the grant the FLW Foundation receive in partnership with the TWRA (Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency). The goal is to increase fishing opportunities and education to those in the Hispanic community. This particular grant was to be used in the Nashville, TN area. The FLW Foundation received \$5,000 from the grant program and another \$5,000 from the TWRA to conduct three events and administer grants to area high schools to help establish high school fishing teams. The program was supposed to be conducted in 2020 but has been moved to 2021 due the pandemic. The next round of grant requests will begin this fall.

KENTUCKY DEPT. OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Mentor-to-Win a \$1,000 Kayak Fishing Prize Package...

<https://app.fw.ky.gov/specialdrawing/default.aspx>

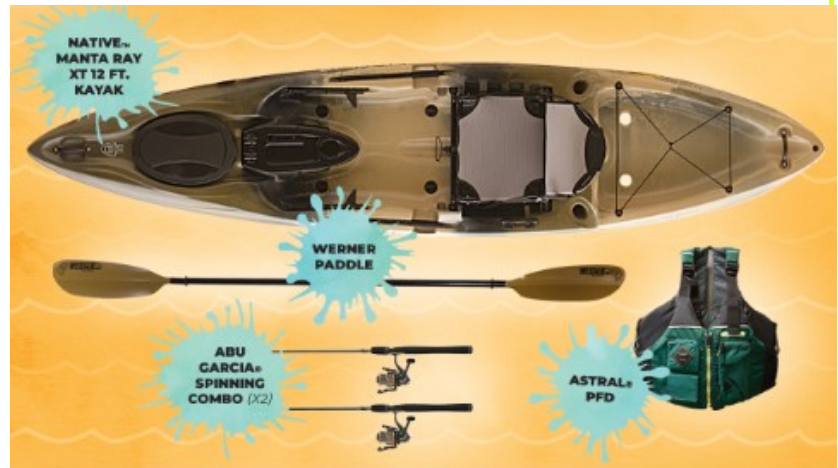
Buy an annual Kentucky fishing license and sign up someone else age 16+ and you could win! Contest ends August 31, 2020.

Please share!

Mentor/Youth Dove Hunt

The hunts are quota only and the application period is 8/1-8/14. Fields set aside for Mentor/Youth Hunts are open Sept 5. to pre-register hunters only. Hunts require pre-registration (see link below). On Sept 5, adult dove hunters can introduce a young hunter to early dove season. Thereafter, unreserved slots will be available on first come first serve basis. Mentor/youth dove fields on wildlife management areas reopen to the public Sept 6. There is a chance that they are cancelled this year, due to the virus protocols.

<https://app.fw.ky.gov/MentorHunt/doveMentorHunt.aspx>



Trout Unlimited—Louisville

Update about Facebook Page: Instead of a page which only allows you to like and follow this New Page is set up as a “Private Group Page” where we can communicate with one another sharing events, information, pictures, buy/sell our used gear, etc. between the group. It is visible and searchable, but private to only those willing to request to join. Anyone can join, you don’t have to be a current member. www.facebook.com/groups/LouisvilleTU



Did you know?

There is an Army Outdoor team that travels nationwide, marketing the outdoor life while serving in the Army? This program is based out of Fort Knox in KY.

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