

R3 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome!

This is our third 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 maybe canceled/ reschedule due to COVID-19.



R3 Virtual R3 Summit Success!

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources hosted the third R3 virtually on September 24 through Zoom Platform. You can review the recording of the Summit here! : <https://youtu.be/yA15Lh1-wEk>

Archery Trade Association (ATA)

Conservation Initiative- The ATA's new Conservation Initiative strives to boost hunting participation nationwide by teaching archers and non-hunters their role in conservation, and detailing how hunters contribute generously to wildlife-management programs. The Initiative shares activities, resources and information with educators, state-agency staff, tournament directors, conservation officers and other ATA partners to explain how archers and bowhunters improve land access, wildlife management, and habitat-restoration programs. The ATA hopes these efforts encourage archers to buy more gear, try next-step opportunities, and introduce friends and family to bows and arrows. Website for Conservation Initiative Resources: <https://archerytrade.org/conservation-initiative/>



Bowhunters United- Bowhunters United, a national consumer-facing bowhunting organization, launched Oct. 1 with a goal of building a strong future for current and prospective bowhunters. BU will also provide space for bowhunters to share their passion with other bowhunting enthusiasts, and encourage members to become mentors, informed conservationists, better bowhunting advocates, and responsible public-land stewards. Website for Bowhunters United: <https://www.bowhuntersunited.com/>

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NWTF-Henderson County Chapter

The Henderson County Chapter of the NWTF sponsored our annual Jake's Day event in September. We offered Fishing, Archery, Shotgun and a BB gun range. We set up a trap station where anyone and their mentor could film themselves shooting to fulfill the current range day requirement for the hunter education card. The Henderson County Chapter of the NWTF targets youth 17 and under for Jake's Day. Our goal is to introduce our youth to the outdoors and hopefully produce future hunters and fishermen. All current CDC guidelines were followed in order to conduct this event.

NEEDS: none

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Backcountry Hunters and Anglers



Past Events:

*Our chapter held a successful small clean-up blitz at Elkhorn Creek in Franklin County. The team consisted of members of the Kentucky Army National Guard and veterans-both currently serving and retired.

* We celebrated Public Land Month in September by holding a Public Land Work Day by fixing the Archery Range and packing out 41 bags of trash at Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA.

* On October 14th, seventeen members of KYBHA supported a KY Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources/KDFWR biologists, Mr. Justin Heflin, with our latest annual event Trout Stocking. The GPS tracker data showed 6.74 miles and a little over 4 hours to carry 300 brook trout into Dog Creek at the Red River Gorge and hike back out. We had a special guest, KDFWR 6th District Commissioner, Mr. Rob Lear.

We have a shorter, although still challenging, trout stocking hike planned for October 20th also coordinated with Mr. Justin Heflin of KDFWR Fisheries Division. This event will be at Chimney Top, also in the Red River Gorge. Thank you to Mr. Heflin for his work, positive attitude, and collaboration on these events.

NEEDS: none

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University of Kentucky– Shooting Sports



Past Events – We were unable to hold our 4-H Shooting Sports State Competition in person as we typically would. In order to provide the youth across the state, who had worked so hard throughout the year in their shooting sports disciplines, with a culminating event the first ever KY 4-H Shooting Sports Virtual Tournament was developed. Participating youth were able to compete within their home counties and submit their scores for placement during a two-week period in September. We had 34 counties participate in this event with over 450 youth registered in 17 different disciplines. In early October a virtual awards ceremony was held to recognize the top individuals and teams for each discipline and age group. KY 4-H Shooting Sports is proud of the resilience of our dedicated youth, coaches, agents and families who helped make this event a success!

Needs: KY 4-H Shooting Sports invites you to place an order at our “At Home Concession Stand” in support of the Marion Creech Memorial Scholarship Fund. In a normal year our KY 4-H Teen Ambassadors would run a concession stand during the State Shooting Sports Competition. Not only does the concession stand provide for 4-Hers during the state competition but also serves as the largest fundraiser for the Marion Creech Memorial Scholarship Fund that provides a \$1,000 scholarship to a qualifying graduating senior each year. Unfortunately, due to the cancellation of the 2020 State Competition our Teen Ambassadors were unable to run the concession stand and raise these much-needed funds. To help make up for this loss in fundraising dollars we are asking for your support! A donation can be made online at the below web address or a check, made out to the KY 4-H Foundation, can be sent to the address provided below. Thank you for your support!

<https://kentucky4hfoundation.org/shootingsports/>

Address for check:

Kentucky 4-H Foundation,
Attn: Marion Creech Scholarship,
212 Scovell Hall , Lexington, KY 40546

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National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF)

NEEDS: With your help, we can recruit the next generation of hunters and secure a strong future for some of the greatest American outdoor traditions. Join the +ONE Movement by inviting a friend on your next hunt.

Enter the Huntwise +ONE Kentucky Whitetail Sweepstakes donated by HuntWise to have a chance to win a fully paid and guided five-day 2021 white-tail hunt in the heart of Kentucky, with all lodging, meals and beverages included in the package, (ARV: \$3,500.00) and a Lifetime HuntWise Elite Membership (ARV: \$1,499.00). Enter here now through **Nov. 23, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.** for your chance to win.

Winner picks hunting dates (must be within legal hunting season) and between options of hunting with archery equipment, firearm or muzzleloader. See rules for more details: <https://www.letsgohunting.org/articles/giveaway-enter-to-win-this-one%E2%84%A0-whitetail-hunt-sweepstakes/>



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**UNIVERSITY OF KY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE:
NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM**



Cook Wild Kentucky

The University of Kentucky's Cooperative Extension Service including the Nutrition Education Program, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Department of Animal and Food Sciences, have partnered with Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife's R3 Branch on the Cook Wild Kentucky Program. In October of 2019, an initial 17 Cook Wild Kentucky recipes were released and sent to county Extension offices as well as posted to NEP websites. These recipes highlighted nutritious and tasteful options for preparing wild game meat. Over the past year, the team has outlined a series of publications that describe best practices for the handling, butchering, and cooking of specific wild game meats such as venison, fish, fowl, and small game. The introductory publication is expected to be published before the end of the year. The next publication will focus on popular freshwater fish that can be caught in Kentucky and is scheduled to be published at the beginning of the 2021 spring fishing season. In addition, experts from the University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry and Natural resources, Department of Animal and Food Sciences, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife's R3 Branch and the Kentucky Afield TV crew are working together to create high quality informative how-to videos as digital learning tools. These videos will teach the proper methods for field dressing, deboning, and butchering of game species used in the Cook Wild Kentucky recipes.

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Trout Unlimited—Louisville Virtual Fly Fishing Class

Want to learn more about Fly Fishing? Join Orvis Virtual Fly Fishing class! Sign up below. You will complete the sessions at your own pace so you can pause and practice. When you are done, you can review the equipment list and then call or stop in the store to get on the water. **You can also sign up for your free Trout Unlimited Membership, a \$35 value.**

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/isT4gxb/virtualff101>

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Did You Know?

Last Fall, National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSFF) conducted an internal Learn to Hunt opportunity for their staff? Here is the video from the event <https://vimeo.com/385079711>

AND

The youth waterfowl season for the western zone is Feb. 6-7. Persons under 16 may hunt waterfowl if accompanied by an adult. For more information: <https://fw.ky.gov/Hunt/Pages/Waterfowl-Hunting.aspx>