

R3 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome!

This is our fourth 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.



2021 R3 Virtual R3 Summit!-Save the Date

****June 10th 2021 at 9am-noon (EST)****

You can review the 2020 recording of the Summit here! : <https://youtu.be/yA15Lh1-wEk>

Archery Trade Association (ATA)

Stakeholder Meetings: The Archery Trade Association is planning to host a Virtual State Stakeholder Meeting with Kentucky on February 16th at 3pm EST. The purpose of this meetings is to facilitate connections and partnerships on a state and local level. The anticipated outcomes from this meeting are for stakeholders to be aware of what others are doing, identify where organizations and programs fit on an archer's and/or bowhunter's pathway, and begin to work together towards common goals.

To register for the virtual meeting visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7035099118954971664> . Previously recorded meetings can be viewed at <https://www.pathlms.com/archery-trade-association/events/2163>



Archery360 and Bowhunting360: Archery Trade Association's informative, engaging websites and social communities are specifically designed to build excitement around bow sports. Content is added several times per week and includes interactive maps that allow users to pinpoint retail shops in their area, how to and instructional videos on a variety of topics, and articles featuring updates in technology, inspiring interviews with industry specialists and entertaining stories about the sports. For added benefit, newsfeeds can be embedded directly to other websites. Check out the content that is available for you at <https://archery360.com/> and <https://bowhunting360.com/>.

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NWTF and Daniel Boone National Forest



Swain Stewardship Agreement Turns Timber Revenue into Habitat Improvements. In September 2019, the Daniel Boone National Forest and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) signed the Swain Stewardship agreement as a way to leverage funds received from timber sales to improve habitat and forest conditions.

The agreement allows the NWTF to purchase and sell timber from 295 acres of the Stearns Ranger District on the Daniel Boone National Forest. The NWTF will then use timber sale profits to fund habitat improvements for wildlife, like turkey, deer, and small game, on the district. By purchasing that timber, the NWTF can ensure that money from the timber harvest and sales is funneled directly back into on-the-ground conser-

vation work. Over the next two to three years, this agreement is set to deliver 71 acres of shortleaf pine tree planting, 36 acres of site preparation for natural regeneration, 71 acres of site preparation for tree planting, approximately 934 acres of crop tree release, 112 acres of seedling release, 296 acres of mid-story tree removal, 8.79 miles of road maintenance, and 286 acres of wildlife opening edge treatment.

Thanks to the habitat and forest condition improvements offered by this shared stewardship agreement, the Stearns Ranger District can plan to offer improved wildlife opportunities for many future generations of hunters and other wildlife recreationists.

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Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

Upcoming Events: We have a KYBHA Virtual Pint Night planned the last week of every month for the year. The next two dates are 1-27-21 & 2-25-21. Wednesday January 27th is when author and adventure hunter Colonel Michael Abell will be joining us to discuss how to decide where to go, how you apply for tags in other states, and how to plan and prepare for your hunt of a lifetime. Details for scheduled and soon to be scheduled events can be found at our Facebook group Kentucky Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our Instagram page @Kentuckybha

Past Events: On opening day of Kentucky's modern gun season, KY BHA collected 29 Whitetail deer heads for CWD sampling from hunters at C & W Meat Packers. The heads were taken to KY Department of Fish and Wildlife for further analysis. In December, MTN DEW Outdoor Grants awarded KY BHA with a \$5,000 grant to forward our efforts in preserving wild public lands, waters and wildlife in KY. KY BHA was one of twenty organizations to receive this grant.

NEEDS: none

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University of Kentucky– Shooting Sports

Past Events – The Kentucky 4-H Shooting Sports program is looking forward to warmer weather and the start of a new season for our youth. We are a nationally recognized program that focuses on fostering life skills and positive youth development through healthy competition, service, leadership and education. There are a variety of disciplines offered within the program including archery, muzzleloader, pistol (air & .22 caliber), rifle (air & .22 caliber), shotgun, and hunting and outdoor skills, all of which are taught by a National or State Certified Instructor. Shooting Sports is open to all youth, 9 to 18 years of age as of their 4-H age (age as of Jan. 1st of that year).



Interested in getting involved in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program? Contact your county extension office for more information.

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FCA: Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Upcoming Events: Virtual Bass Fishing Tournament: May 7-9, 2021. \$15 Per Angler and \$60 Per Team of 6

Daily Prize each night and division prizes at awards ceremony. Check out @wkyfcaoutdoors Facebook page.

TOURNAMENT SITE: www.ianglertournament.com

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION: <http://ianglertournament.com/WKY-FCA-OUTDOORS>

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION: <https://www.westkyfca.org/fishing-2021>

Past Events: On January 16 and 17 we attended Open Season Outdoor Expo in Paducah. We use the inflatable ranges to raise money for the scholarship fund. Scholarship-97% of 2021 FCA Outdoors and West Kentucky FCA senior scholarships have been contributed to!!! Link to continuing to contribute is below.

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Ducks Unlimited T.R.A.P. Program



DU T.R.A.P-Team Resources Assistance Program– provides discounted merchandise and professionally design marketing and fundraising materials for official youth shooting teams that guarantees all net revenues earned stay with they participating teams for immediate use.

Contact Anna Malone at 901-758-3899 or amalone@ducks.org

Ducks.org/TRAP

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NASP® NASP® Teacher Certifications- For the calendar year 2020 we trained 2,913 educators.

While this is a great number it is 61% less than we certified in 2019. The main reason for the decline was that our only offering until September 1, 2020 to be trained was our 8-hour live instruction. In September we launched our Hybrid BAI training alternative which allows a person to take four hours of the certification program on-line and then attend a scheduled field day for the remaining 4 hours of practical exercising and coaching. This hybrid is proving popular with state agency NASP® Coordinators and people needing to be trained. Since September there have been 107 live classes with 732 teacher trainees and 57 (35%) hybrid classes with 361 (33%) trainees. We expect this trend to continue to turn towards the 50:50 online/field day option instead of 100% in person.

NASP® Tournaments- In a typical year we will have a bit over 1,000 of such events, with nearly 400,000 students attending (some are repeats). To compare non-COVID 2019 to 2020, there were 1,072 of these local tournaments from September 2019 through February 2020. This year, from September 2020-March (scheduled), 2021 there have been or are scheduled 409 events. It is interesting to note that during this fall and winter tournament season there have been 84 virtual tournaments to Only 32 last year (non-covid).

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Appalachian Outdoorsmen Association- (AOA)

Saturday January 9th, AOA sponsored a Kentucky Wounded Heroes rabbit hunt. A total of 12 Heroes from around the Commonwealth arrived in West Liberty and were taken afield by 3 teams of local rabbit hunters and a fun time that all will remember. There were a total of 10 rabbits harvested with a lot of fellowship and positive therapeutic effects for all participants. Appalachian Outdoorsmen would like to thank and show our appreciation to the hunters that made this possible for these heroes. We would also like to thank the property owners for allowing the use of their property. Everyone was excited and enjoyed the day. This will become an annual event and anyone wanting to assist in any way towards next season please feel free to contact us.

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League of KY Sportsmen's

Upcoming Events: KTBA 3D Archery Shoot & 6th District Youth Shoot at Mercer County Fish and Game Club on February 13th, 2021. No entry fee for Youth Shooter 16 and under. Traditional (recurve/longbow) for over 16 years old. 16 and under may use Mathews Genesis Bows. Equipment provided if needed. Contact Tina Hitchner for pre-registration or more information at tinahitchner@yahoo.com Details for scheduled and soon to be scheduled events can be found at our Facebook group League of Kentucky Sportsmen.

Past Events: We had amazing day on Jan. 16th with kids that participated in the 6th district youth bird hunt. A huge THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered it would not have been as successful as it was without your help and a huge shout out to Cedar Creek Quail Club, KDFWR, The League of KY Sportsmen Cedar Creek Sportsmen Club and all the dog handlers and their amazing dogs. Everyone who hunted harvest a bird!

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