



YOUR PARTNER IN CONNECTING  
TO TODAY'S SPORTSMEN AND  
SPORTSWOMEN

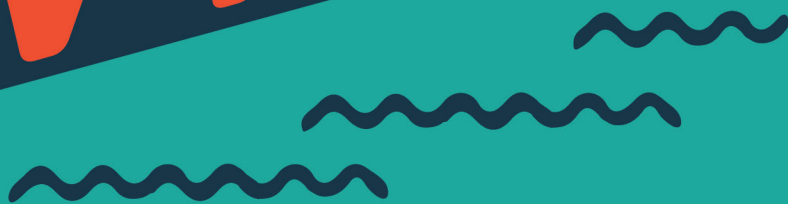
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# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

2024 Kentucky Wild Program



*Kentucky*  
**WILD**





# KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE

THE MOST TRUSTED NAME IN CONSERVATION.

## WHO WE ARE

*Team of professional scientists that study and manage birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, freshwater mussels, and other important species at-risk*

## WHAT WE DO

Restoration of the freshwater mussel community of the Licking River

Helped foster nesting Bald Eagles in Kentucky to a current historic level of 197 pairs

Partner with public and private landowners for monitoring of at-risk fish and wildlife populations throughout Kentucky

Describing new species here in Kentucky such as the newly described crayfish from the Jefferson County area

Founding of the internationally recognized KDFWR Center for Mollusk Conservation

Planting habitat and assisting partners locally and regionally to create better conditions for species such as the monarch butterfly, grassland songbirds and pollinators

Fight devastating wildlife diseases such as White-nose Syndrome and looking for innovative management and conservation techniques

Creation of landmark publications from information gathered on Kentucky's rich fish and wildlife heritage.

Bats of Kentucky

Amphibians and Reptiles of Kentucky

Fishes of Kentucky

Kentucky Breeding Bird Atlas

Cultured and released freshwater animals thought to be extinct!

Reared at the agency's Center for Mollusk Conservation, 1,449 federally endangered purple catspaw mussels have been released in their native waters

Outdoors recreation generates a

**\$6 BILLION**

impact in Kentucky

## MISSION STATEMENT

Serving people, conserving fish and wildlife

## SOCIAL MEDIA

More than **701,690** social media fans and growing



493,964



29,226



20,600



157,900

### BOATING

**\$1.9**  
BILLION

1,200,000  
Participants

### FISHING

**\$1.2**  
BILLION

554,000  
Participants

# PARTICIPATION AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

### HUNTING

**\$1.5**  
BILLION

347,000  
Participants

### WILDLIFE WATCHING

**\$1.3**  
BILLION

1,319,000  
Participants

# 2 MILLION CUSTOMERS



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

## CONSUMER SHOWS AND EVENTS\*

Archery Trade Association  
Indianapolis, IN

Cincinnati Boat, RV and Travel Show  
Cincinnati, OH

Nashville Boat Show  
Nashville, TN

Louisville Boat RV and Sport Show  
Louisville, KY

Lexington Boat and Recreation Show  
Lexington, KY

National Wild Turkey Federation  
Convention & Show  
Nashville, TN

Kentucky State NASP  
Louisville, KY

Whistler's Day  
Crittenden, KY

Kentucky State Fair  
Louisville, KY

*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

\*Consumer shows and events schedule subject to change.

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY



## BACKGROUND

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (“KDFWR”) monitors close to 900 species of snakes, bats, lizards, amphibians, mussels, songbirds, raptors and darters. Many of these creatures, most Kentuckians never see. It is the role of the KDFWR to protect, restore, and conserve these species and the places they live. Our ever-growing world creates a host of potential threats to the wildlife in Kentucky: invasive species, growing cities, competition for land, and demands for a limited water supply—all play a part. This growth places a heavy burden on wildlife and their habitats.

The Kentucky Wild Program raises awareness, engages, and facilitates more interaction with individuals across the state who are conscious and committed to preserving Kentucky’s natural heritage and wildlife. It provides experiences that educate and allow members and sponsors to take direct action to help Kentucky’s diverse non-game wildlife grow and thrive.

## Sponsors shall Provide:

KDFWR is therefore seeking financial and in-kind assistance for the Kentucky Wild Program.

The backing of this initiative through sponsorship will help ensure that future generations of Kentuckians can enjoy the diversity of wildlife and the habitats on which they depend.

As a Kentucky Wild Sponsor, you will significantly increase potential for delivering your brand and messages to wildlife conservationists throughout the entire state of Kentucky and to non-residents who participate in these activities in Kentucky.

Strong partnerships are essential to continue the conservation successes and the diverse wildlife natural heritage of Kentucky. By committing to this Program, sponsors help KDFWR achieve its mission as a steward of wildlife and natural resources in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

# SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

## Sponsorship Levels of the Kentucky Wild Program *Sponsors shall Receive:*

### **\$1,000 - \$4,999 – Kentucky Wild Ambassador One** (Capacity: 50)\*

- Opportunity to have your company's logo listed on all printed and digital program communications (excludes promotional contests, including but not limited to Register To Win (RTW), Photo, Video submission contest)
- Opportunity to coupon members one time during sponsorship year

### **\$5,000 - \$9,999 – Kentucky Wild Ambassador Two** (Capacity: 50)\*

- Opportunity to have your company's logo listed on all printed and digital program communications (including promotional contests, such as Register To Win (RTW), Photo, Video submission contest)
- Opportunity to coupon members twice during sponsorship year
- Opportunity to present to Kentucky Wild Members at State Fair event
- Native promotion one time per year on KDFWR's Facebook and Twitter Page

### **\$10,000 - \$14,999 – Kentucky Wild Ambassador Three** (Capacity: 25)\*

- Opportunity to have your company's logo listed on all printed and digital program communications (including promotional contests, such as Register To Win (RTW), Photo, Video submission contest)
- Opportunity to coupon members twice during sponsorship year
- Opportunity to present to Kentucky Wild Members at up to three (3) Kentucky Wild experiences during the sponsorship year
- Native promotion one time per year on KDFWR's Facebook and Twitter Page
- Opportunity to have your company's materials distributed at KDFWR's show booth during the sponsorship year and your company listed as co-sponsor of KDFWR's show booth

### **\$15,000 - \$25,000 – Kentucky Wild Ambassador Four** (Capacity: 10)\*

- Opportunity to have your company's logo listed on all printed and digital program communications (including promotional contests, such as Register To Win (RTW), Photo, Video submission contest)
- Opportunity to coupon members twice during sponsorship year
- Opportunity to present to Kentucky Wild Members at up to three (3) Kentucky Wild experiences during the sponsorship year
- Native promotion two times per year on KDFWR's Facebook and Twitter Page
- Opportunity to have your company's materials distributed at KDFWR's show booth during the sponsorship year and your company listed as co-sponsor of KDFWR's show booth
- 30 Second Video Commercial which will air on KDFWR's Social Media sites

\*One year renewal optional; Two year commitment requires 2X the investment listed in this proposal

# 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 individuals/companies to sponsor the **Kentucky Wild Program**. This sponsorship shall be for the time frame of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

### **B SUBMISSION DATES**

Responses shall be delivered by 2:00 p.m. (EDT), **December 1, 2023** to:

**Brian Blank**  
*Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife*  
#1 Sportsman's Lane  
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 Blank**  
*Kentucky Department of  
Fish and Wildlife Resources*  
#1 Sportsman's Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
502.892.4585  
[Brian.Blank@ky.gov](mailto: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 throughout the Commonwealth. With the support of sponsors, we are proud to be able to offer sportsmen and sportswomen who stay connected with the agency via Traditional, Social Media and Digital Platforms the Kentucky Wild Program.

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](http://www.fw.ky.gov), or contact **Brian Blank**, 502.892.4428, [Brian.Blank@ky.gov](mailto:Brian.Blank@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, sponsor will provide financial contribution based on sponsorship level.

### **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 or sponsors 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 (10) 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.

## SECTION V

# Technical Response Format

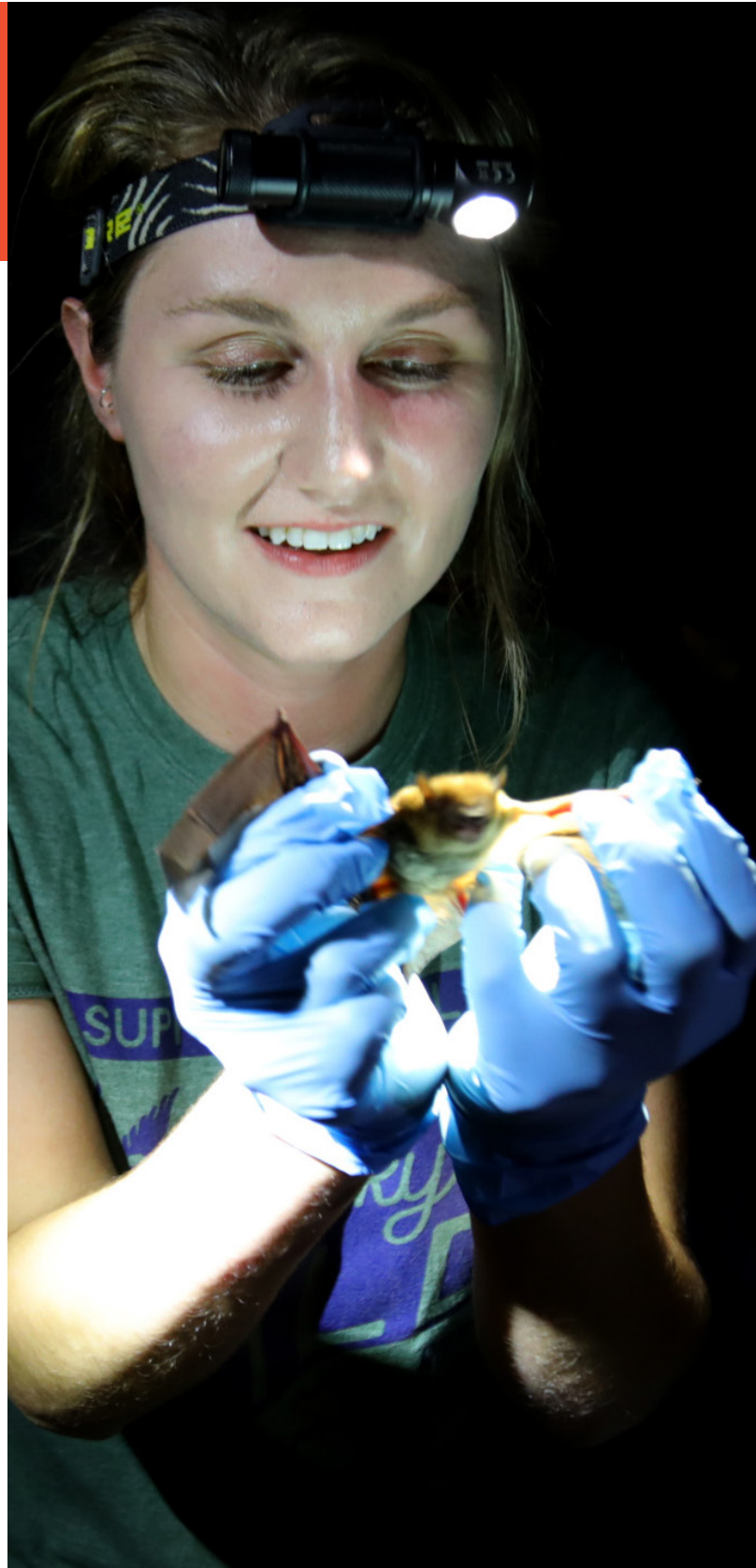
### **A RESPONSIVENESS**

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
- Sponsorship Response





## SECTION VI

# Technical Response Evaluation

*The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources shall evaluate all technical responses in accordance with **KRS 45A.097**. 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**

Display Item or Items being offered to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

### **TOTAL POINTS 100 POINTS**

Three (3) copies of the technical response are requested to be delivered in a clearly marked, sealed envelope to:

#### **Brian Blank**

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources  
1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601

*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.097(4)(f)** 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, and who is not 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.

For more information on KRS 45A.097, please visit <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statues/chapter.aspx?id=37250>

## THANK YOU!

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