



Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Great Smoky Mountains Chapter
239 Luther Burbank Drive
Lake Lure, NC 28746

If you love good times and the outdoors like we do, you won't want to miss the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Great Smoky Mountains Chapter's 16th annual banquet and fundraiser. We guarantee you a great time supporting a great cause!

This year's banquet is Saturday, August 8, 2009 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Hotel. Doors open at 5:00 PM. During the "social hour" you'll enjoy drawings, raffles, games, drinks, and the silent auction. Dinner and live auction will follow.

Since 1984, the Elk Foundation has permanently protected more than 1,100 square miles of critical elk habitat. We've opened up more than 500,000 acres of previously closed lands for the public to hunt, fish and roam. And, we've greatly enhanced another 5.3 million acres of elk country. In addition, the Elk Foundation has funded more than 5,700 projects to promote conservation education and North America's hunting heritage.

In North Carolina, the Elk Foundation has enhanced 425 acres of critical habitat for elk restored to Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Elk once roamed North Carolina, but were gone from the state by 1750. Beginning in 2001, the Elk Foundation and National Park Service released elk into the Park as an experimental population. Today more than 100 elk roam the Park, and wildlife officials say they are here to stay. By joining us Saturday, August 8th, you'll help us do even more.



Our work in North Carolina includes funding local conservation education and hunting heritage activities to introduce youth and women to the outdoors, promote hunter safety and responsibility, provide physically challenged individuals with a hunting experience, and involve kids in conservation. Each year, the Elk Foundation co-sponsors the annual Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby. This fun, free, family event draws nearly 2,000 youth, ages 11 and under, and features fly-tying exhibitions and presentations by fishing professionals and RMEF.

Free Cyclops Xenon flashlight



with your new or renewed membership when you attend the event

\$39.95
retail value

* batteries not included

This year's banquet: We will be celebrating the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's 25th anniversary and will have many commemorative items in our raffles and auctions. There will be unique and exciting items for the whole family! If you have never attended a banquet, this is a great year to join the fun and excitement!

Browse the enclosed invitation to learn more about some of the exclusive Elk Foundation merchandise you'll see there.

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Here are some other things you should know:

- Become a Life or a Sponsor Member and be entered in a special prize drawing.
- Progressive Rifle & Archery Drawings with chance to win hunting trips.
- Professional Bull Riders World Finals Package.
- Exciting New \$1000 Raffle Package.
- Special Ladies raffle, a tent raffle, wingspan raffle, gridboard, plus others.

If you have previously attended one of our banquets, then you know what a fun time we have. For those of you who have never attended a banquet, please call us for more information and to learn about the exciting hunting trips, rifles, RMEF 25th anniversary merchandise, live and silent auction items, and the camaraderie experienced at this event. Our banquet monies go to RMEF projects which make a difference for wildlife and help us to share the joy in viewing the elk roaming Cataloochee Valley and the Oconaluftee Valley of the GSMNP and the Big Cove area of the Qualla Boundary. We hope that you will come prepared to bid on our auction items, enjoy a terrific meal at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Hotel, talk to other RMEF members, and especially our own "Mr. Elk", Kim DeLozier. As chairperson, I welcome your telephone calls (828-506-3308).

I hope to see you at the banquet. Together, we'll make a lasting impact on elk country and our hunting heritage.

Yours in Conservation,

Joyce Cooper, Chairperson

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p.s. If you can't join us at the banquet, please use the RSVP form to join the Elk Foundation today! Help conserve elk country and our hunting heritage.



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Answer the Call of Elk Country

Event: Great Smoky Mountains Chapter Banquet

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2009

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Harrah's Cherokee Casino Hotel

777 Casino Drive
Cherokee, NC 28719

Join us for the Great Smoky Mountains chapter banquet where fun and fundraising combine for a memorable event - all in a spirit of camaraderie shared by folks who love the outdoors.

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See the other side of this invitation to learn more about our auctions & raffles.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation RSVP & Membership Form

Name: _____ Member# _____

Address: _____

YES! I'll be at the banquet!

	Quantity	Total Price
Single Supporting Ticket (includes 1 meal & 1 supporting membership)	\$80.00	_____
Couple Supporting Ticket (includes 2 meals & 1 supporting membership)	\$125.00	_____
Single Sponsor Ticket (includes 1 meal & 1 sponsor membership)	\$345.00	_____
Couple Sponsor Ticket (includes 2 meals & 1 sponsor membership)	\$390.00	_____
Corp Table (includes 1 Sponsor membership, 3 Supporting memberships, 8 meals & \$200 in raffle tickets)	\$855.00	_____
Life Member Sponsor (includes meal & 1 sponsor membership plus entry into sponsor drawing)	\$310.00	_____
Meal Only (for current RMEF members and their family members, including Life)	\$45.00	_____
Raffle Tickets (\$100. Worth of Raffle Tickets for \$55.) Deadline: August 4	\$55.00	_____
GIANT Raffle (\$500. Worth of General Raffle tickets, choice of gun from list, other raffle tickets, cap)	\$1,000.00	_____

I can't make the banquet. Please process my membership now!

Annual Supporting Membership	\$35.00	_____
Annual Sponsor Membership	\$300.00	_____
Life Membership (minimum \$300 down)	\$1,500.00	_____

(Please print clearly)

Check enclosed Visa MC Discover AMEX (Security Code _____)

Card # _____ Exp Date _____

PRINT Name _____ Signature _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

TOTAL _____

Please call Penny Gilliam at (828) 691-0801 with any questions.



Take home a bit of elk country. And leave a bit for the future.

Join fellow hunters at your Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquet. In addition to possibly taking home some of the exclusive Elk Foundation merchandise below, you'll be ensuring the future of elk and elk country.

Live Auction



2009 Banquet Edition Rifle: Winchester Model 70 Super Grade .325 Short Mag

Beautifully engraved and selectively plated with 24 kt. gold

Drawing



2009 Sponsor Rifle: Browning A-Bolt Special Hunter .300 Short Mag

RMEF 25th Anniversary logo featured on grip cap

Live Auction



Professional Bull Riders World Finals Package

Includes 3 nights at Silverton Casino & Lodge in Las Vegas, 2 tickets to each world finals, 2 VIP pre-party passes, 2 VIP lunch tickets, and Pro Bull Riders merchandise.

Live Auction



Hunting Trip

WYOMING GOVERNOR'S TAG!
Plus several other hunting trips will be available.

Please complete both sides of this RSVP and return it in the enclosed envelope today.

Return To:

Penny Gilliam
Great Smoky Mountains Chapter
239 Luther Burbank Drive
Lake Lure, NC 28746

Please let us know who will be attending.

Guest name: _____
Guest name: _____
Guest name: _____
Guest name: _____
Guest name: _____

Have you moved?

New Address: _____
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