

ELKFEST ACTIVITIES

In 2002 the Jackson BSA Elk Antler Auction expanded to what is now known as Elkfest with the auction as the signature event. Pictured below is a sampling of other Elkfest activities. To see more, visit the Events page on www.elkfest.org/events.htm.



Elkfest activities and events include:

- 👉 Antler Auction & Boy Scout Expo
- 👉 Rotary Club Private Vendors Sale
- 👉 Concert by the JH Community Band
- 👉 Food Court, JH Youth Baseball
- 👉 Kids Corner activities and games
- 👉 Official Elkfest Products Booth, GTA
- 👉 National Elk Refuge Booth
- 👉 JH Historical Society Demo Booth
- 👉 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- 👉 Mountain Man Rendezvous
- 👉 High Noon Chili Cook-off



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Boy Scouts of America

55TH ANNUAL

ELK ANTLER AUCTION



SATURDAY, MAY 21ST 2022

JACKSON TOWN SQUARE

Come and see the amazing and famous European mount of "The Big Bull" on display and **for sale this year**. Participate in the largest, and most famous, elk antler auction in the world. The Headwaters District Scouts will hold their annual Elk Antler Auction Saturday, May 21st, 2022 at 10:00 AM on the Jackson Town Square. This event marks what has become a rite of spring here in Jackson Hole, with the streets around the town square filling up with antlers, and buyers and sellers from all over the country. The auction is the signature event of Elkfest, a weekend of fun activities in Jackson celebrating elk and antlers.



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THE BIG BULL

AT AUCTION THIS YEAR

The winter of 2012/2013 saw the arrival of a special Rocky Mountain bull elk on the National Elk Refuge. Due to the bull's large antlers and wide spread, he became quite a celebrity with visitors to the National Elk Refuge. As his celebrity status grew, some of his fans began referring to him as "Brutus." While the National Elk Refuge refrains from assigning human names to any wildlife, they fully acknowledge the legendary status this animal has received from wildlife enthusiasts. The refuge refers to him as "The Big Bull." His status and antler size surpass any bull elk that refuge staff or folks in the Jackson Hole area can remember.

The Big Bull spent several winters occupying areas on the National Elk Refuge. During his time on the refuge, 4 sets of his antlers were collected. The extraordinary size of his antlers led the refuge to retain and display these sets. **Now you can own a piece of history from the National Elk Refuge.** With the sad news of The Big Bull's demise in November of 2017, he left us his last set of antlers, still attached to his skull. **His beetle cleaned, European skull mount will be sold at auction this year.** This mount is his only set being put up for auction. He may be gone, but he certainly is not forgotten. This is your one chance to make "his" story a part of yours.

Make plans to see the only public display we can provide.

See more about The Big Bull at elkfest.org/bigbull/



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AUCTION AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Boy Scout Elk Antler Auction is the Saturday, one week before Memorial Day weekend. It is a live auction. You must be present to bid or have someone representing you. The \$5 registration fee is not due until you receive your bidder card the morning of the auction. It is to your advantage to register early. Visit www.elkfest.org. The antlers sold at the Auction are collected from the National Elk Refuge. For those not wanting to participate in the auction, a limited number of antlers are available from the BSA retail booth, adjacent to the registration tent.



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Antler lots fill Center Street ready for inspection at 7 AM. Auction lot lists will be available.



Registration begins at 8 am in the tent adjacent to the red administration trailer. Registration forms will be available at 7 am along with Auction lot lists.

For more information and to register for the Auction, visit the BSA Auction page on www.elkfest.org. There are quick links in the left column for:

- 👉 Auction Registration Packet
 - * Notice to Prospective Buyers
 - * Terms and Conditions
- 👉 Frequently Asked Questions
- 👉 Previous Auctions Results

Visit the website for more information and details, about all the activities taking place during Elkfest.



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Auctioneer voices ring out, as Scouts bring antler center stage when the auction begins at 10 am.

AUCTION PROFITS

The profits from the auction are split 75/25. The 75% the Refuge receives is used for improvements to the habitat, like growing more natural grasses, improving irrigation on the refuge, and purchasing equipment for this work. It also helps pay for summer workers irrigating the fields to help grow grasses for a winter food source. The Scout's 25% is used for Friends of Scouting, BSA's annual fundraising drive. It also supplements the cost of day camps and camporees, training, including Wood Badge and Cedar Badge, Pinewood Derbies, Eagle Scout and leader recognition events, and many other district activities.

