# YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KENTUCKIANA CHAPTER OF SCI FUNDRAISING BANQUET Saturday, February 10, 2024



#### Dear KYSCI Members:

I want to personally invite you, your family, and your friends to our upcoming 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Banquet at the Audubon Country Club in Louisville, Kentucky on Saturday, February 10, 2024. You may dress for our annual "Safari After Dark" theme to celebrate safaris of by-gone days or dress like a modern-day hunter or dress casual – but remember, this year's event is the Saturday before Valentine's Day, so we will welcome creativity! Regardless, join your Kentuckiana friends and have a great time celebrating our hunting heritage! Visit our Chapter's website, <a href="www.kentuckianasci.com">www.kentuckianasci.com</a>, to see this year's live auction items, in-house only Super Silent items and to register for the banquet!

Social Hour begins at 4:00 P.M. with dinner being served at 7 P.M. The Silent & Super Silent auctions opens at 4:00 P.M. and our live auction begins at 8 P.M. We have a wonderful variety of hunting trips up for auction this year plus many other items of interest. Dave Noem of Noem's Wildlife Artistry will have a fascinating display of trophy mounts from around the world and numerous outfitters/donors will have displays and be on hand to discuss their hunt donations.

As you know, our local Chapter members, in coordination with other SCI Chapters around the world, work diligently and without pay. SCI is relentless in its efforts to protect your 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights and opportunity to hunt for you, your children and grandchildren. Please join us and continue to be a part of protecting our 2nd Amendment Rights and our freedom to hunt.

Fundraising banquets are our only source of income for our youth, humanitarian services programs, and more and we need your participation. Again, please join us for a wonderful, family friendly evening on Saturday, February 10, 2024, and bring your family and friends. If it is not possible for you to attend, please support your local SCI Chapter by following and bidding through the <a href="www.onlinehuntingauctions.com">www.onlinehuntingauctions.com</a> and <a href="renewing your membership">renewing your membership</a> in SCI and Kentuckiana SCI. Also support your Chapter's sister program KHFH by <a href="making a tax-deductible donation">making a tax-deductible donation</a> to the <a href="Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry Program">Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry Program</a>. I look forward to seeing you at the banquet!

Sincerely,

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Lowell Stevens III Kentuckiana Chapter SCI President





### CHAPTER VISION & PROGRAMS

The Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI is run by *volunteers* who are dedicated to protecting our hunting heritage. SCI receives only 30% of the net funds raised by our Chapter fundraiser. Of that 30%, we can reclaim 15% through grants. The remaining 15% of the funds raised goes to SCI to help offset operating expenses, for conservation efforts, to preserve our right to hunt, and to protect our right to own firearms. Effectively, 85% of the funds raised by our Chapter at our fundraising banquet are retained by our Chapter & used for our local projects.

On the local level, our main focuses are educating our youth (who are the future of hunting) and uniting the voice of sportsmen and women through our legislative affairs committee. KYSCI funding is responsible for the following and *much more*:

- Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Program On Hold Due to COVID Our all-volunteer, firearm safety & responsibility training program helps youth & apprentice hunters obtain Hunter Safety Orange Cards & provides hands-on training in archery, shotguns, rifles, muzzleloaders, tree stand safety, blood trailing, anatomy, field care of meat, & more.
- **Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry (KHFH)** Our Chapter created, helps fund, & supports the Board that runs KHFH. This program pays for processing legally killed but unwanted deer. The processed meat is distributed to food banks & homeless shelters & provides over 300,000 meals yearly.
- Sam Monarch Memorial Youth Scholarship Each year an outstanding KYSCI affiliated student entering college shall be awarded a pro rata scholarship valued at \$2500.
- National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) KYSCI helps establish programs, train coaches, & fund, in part, NASP in many local schools.
- Youth Shooting Sports Programs KYSCI provides funding to purchase equipment & supplies for children and teams who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate.
- KYSCI co-sponsors with Chapter members, the **SCI Humanitarian Services "Blue Bag"** project wherein member hunters hand-deliver clothing, school supplies & medical supplies to needy children in depressed countries around the world.
- NWTF River Ridge Long Beards "Wheeling for Whitetails" Supporter where disabled veterans enjoy guided crossbow hunting for whitetail, and more.

KYSCI promotes SCI's Mission Statement that calls upon each of us to be "a leader in protecting the freedom to hunt & in promoting wildlife conservation". Please continue to be a member of SCI & KYSCI as we believe your goals and our goals are one in the same. Please continue to support our Chapter by being a member and attending our banquet. Go to <a href="https://www.kentuckianasci.com">www.kentuckianasci.com</a> to register for our banquet and to see what is up for auction.

## KYSCI INTRODUCES LEGISLATIVE UPDATES THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE



www.kysci-lac.com

Your KYSCI Board has joined that leadership role to fulfill our mission to be *First for Hunters.* Visit <a href="https://www.kysci-lac.com">www.kysci-lac.com</a> to learn what actions affecting sportsmen are in front of our lawmakers. Find contact info for Kentucky Legislators & KDFWR Commissioners.



### FOLLOW UPDATES ON KYSCI'S WEBSITE

www.kentuckianasci.com

The Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI is proud to introduce our new Chapter website. If you have not had the opportunity to visit your new Chapter website, please take time to browse now and keep up to date with the latest Chapter events and happenings.

- Membership Join to protect hunting & conserve wildlife around the world
- Events Find information about upcoming events, dates & contact info
- Fundraiser Follow hunts & other auction items & register to attend
- **Awards** Highlights of KYSCI & members outstanding achievements
- **Newsletters** Find copies of all newsletters from 2009 to date
- Legal Briefs Highlights sportsmen's issues related to KY & IN & National
- Links Provides links to our Chapter sponsors and donors
- Contact Info Gives contact information for the Chapter
- **Scholarship** Application for Sam Monarch Memorial Scholarship
- Facebook Page Has a link to our Chapter Facebook page
- Legislative Action Committee Provides a direct link to Legislative updates

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