

# Welcome to the GOBBLER

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As we enter our fourth year of the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt, we are excited about the upcoming year and hope to have all of you join us on this journey.

What lies ahead for us?

We are currently working on developing our brand. Special thanks to Board Member Kelsey Puryear and her team at Murray Road Agency for creating our marketing brochure.

We also aim to be intentional about executing the strategic plan of the organization, setting and adhering to the goals established by the Board of Directors.

The Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt is more than just the event in April; the Board works year-round to enhance conservation and habitat efforts across Kansas—not only for wild turkeys but for all wildlife.



The Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt office will be closed December 24 - January 4. We will re-open on January 5, 2026

## ATTENTION NEW HUNTERS FOR 2026

**Hunter's Safety - if you were born on or after July 1, 1957 you will need to participate in a hunter education course.**



## 2026 KOSTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2026 Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt Board of Directors is:

- **Darren Jackson**, Butler County Commissioner - Board Chairman (26-27)
- **David Adams**, Retired Law Enforcement, Board Vice Chairman (26-27)
- **John Britt**, Parks of Augusta, Immediate Past Chairman
- **Mike Hayden**, Former KS Governor, Treasurer
- **Becky Wolfe**, Hunt Coordinator, Secretary
- **Marc Murrell**, Kansas Wildscape Foundation
- **Jarrold Nichols**, Verge Technologies, LLC
- **Steve Seymour**, KOSTH Founder
- **Leonard Moore**, Greenwood County Sheriff's Dept.
- **Kim Gonzales**, USD 259 Counselor
- **Kelsey Puryear**, COO Murraray Road Agency-SC
- **Bryan Lewis**, Attorney Bryan Lewis Law-TN
- **Gunnar Sullivan**, Outdoor Mentors
- **Jennifer Yarbrough**, Land Agent, Midwest Land Group

We are still seeking one board member to fill a vacant position. If you are interested, contact Becky at [becky.wolfe@kansasoneshotturkeyhunt.org](mailto:becky.wolfe@kansasoneshotturkeyhunt.org)

## NEW MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS FOR KANSAS ONE SHOT TURKEY HUNT

### MISSION:

*The Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt promotes conservation and mentorship while celebrating hunting heritage, engaging youth, veterans, and first responders by bringing together outdoor enthusiasts, community leaders, and first-time hunters at a premier hunting event in Kansas.*

### VISION:

*To inspire future generations of hunters and conservationists by fostering a lasting legacy of stewardship, education, and community through the tradition of turkey hunting in Kansas.*

Non-Resident Turkey Permit  
Application

**January 13-February 13**

Apply for Unit 6, secondary  
Unit 5



## 2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS-TENTATIVE



### 2026 Schedule of Events

#### April 16, 2026

- 10:00 am Hunter Initial Check-In at Host Hotel (Holiday Inn Express-3100 El Dorado Ave-El Dorado KS)  
Hunters receive special bags and the famous peanut butter cookies by Dave Adams
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Youth and American Heroes pick up their guns at our FFL Dealer & sight their gun at the range  
**YOUTH MEET AT THE CIVIC CENTER BY 5 PM**
- 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm **OPENING CEREMONIES:** El Dorado Civic Center, 201 E. Central  
For Hunters, Guides, Sponsors and community dignitaries - CASH BAR  
Guides & Hunter Check In - Receive camo, shells, complete any paperwork-KS Dept of Wildlife and Parks will be available.

#### April 17, 2026

- 4:00 am - 5:00 pm **Gobbler's Breakfast & Turkey Weigh-In** - Butler County Community Building, 206 N Griffith  
Breakfast begins at 4 am - **PICK UP FIELD LUNCHESES PROVIDED BY GOODCENTS**  
Last weigh-in is 5 pm - Guides and hunters should plan for travel time back to the weigh-in.
- 11:00 am - 1:30 pm **Longbeard Luncheon** - Butler County Community Building - **COMMUNITY EVENT (Open to Public)**  
Meals prepared by BASE (Bluestem Assoc. for Student Education) as a fundraiser
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm **VENDOR BOOTHS** - Educational and community booths. **SILENT AUCTION** - Auction items to further the mission of the KOSTH.
- 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **ALUMNI CLUB MEETING**-Members plus all Hunters, Guides & Landowners - Learn about the Alumni Club & provide valuable input into the hunt, conservation, habitat, and the overall hunting industry.
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **The ROOST Social** - Butler County Community Building (4-H) - A Social for Hunters, Guides, Landowners, Sponsors and their guests. Heavy appetizers will be served and cash wine and beer bar.



### 2026 Schedule of Events-Continued

#### April 18, 2026

- 4:00 am - 5:00 pm **Gobbler's Breakfast & Turkey Weigh-In** - Butler County Community Building, 206 N Griffith  
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- 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm **STRUTTERS BANQUET** - Butler Community College Hubbard Welcome Center, Clifford Stone Rm  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** - Live & Silent Auction, Entertainment, Dinner, and Cash Bar

*The KOSTH Board of Directors encourages you to attend these planned events and participate, build relationships, and support the efforts of KOSTH and everyone who works diligently to put these together.*

*All proceeds from auctions go toward future hunts, programs, and the Marvin L McCown Scholarship.*

**Some events are only for hunters, guides, and sponsors.**

**Those events open to the public are:**

**Friday and Saturday, Weigh in, vendor booths, and luncheons at Butler Community Building (4-H)  
Strutters Banquet on Saturday Evening.**