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A Big KOSTH Welcome to Brooke Burden



Hiring of Administrative Assistant

We are thrilled to welcome Brooke Burden to the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt (KOSTH) team as our new Administrative Assistant! Brooke will play a pivotal role in supporting our mission, assisting the Hunt Coordinator with a variety of administrative duties, event planning, and board and committee work. Brooke brings to this position a passion for conservation and community engagement. Brooke will be available to assist you from 9 AM to 2 PM, Tuesday through Friday, so please feel free to reach out during these hours.

We celebrate her addition to the KOSTH family and encourage everyone to connect with Brooke and participate in our upcoming events.

Mark Your Calendars: 2027 Kansas Hunt Dates Announced

2027 Hunt Dates Are Here

Great news! The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) has announced the opening dates for the spring turkey season, allowing us to lock in the dates for the 2027 Hunt. Mark your calendars for **April 15–17, 2027!**

Following recent discussions, the nonresident permit draw process will remain unchanged for 2027. Based on previous years, we expect the nonresident application window to open from mid-January through mid-February. We'll reach out to all nonresident invitees with exact dates as soon as KDWP officially releases them.

Preference Points: Under the KDWP preference point system, applicants who are unsuccessful in the lottery draw automatically earn one preference point for that season. In subsequent draws, permits go first to applicants with the most preference points, increasing your chances in the next draw. We encourage all invitees to apply to earn those preference points.



KANSAS ONE SHOT TURKEY HUNT						
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Guides Meeting Set for October 14

It's time for our first Guides Meeting for the 2027 Hunt! This will be a great opportunity for current guides, prospective guides, and their families to connect. We'll keep the meeting brief so we can focus on catching up, getting to know one another, and giving away some fantastic prizes.

Speaking of prizes, this year's giveaway feature is a bit different than usual—one lucky guide in attendance will win a **Taurus G2C 9mm pistol!**

This semiautomatic pistol features DA/SA action and a 12-round capacity, making it ideal for versatile use. Its 3.2-inch barrel and polymer grip offer comfort and control, while the steel ramp front sight and adjustable 2-dot rear sight enhance aiming capabilities. Lightweight at just 22 ounces, it is easy to carry and handle.

CALLING ALL GUIDES!

**2027 Hunt
Guides Meeting**

Butler County Community Building (4-H South Side)
206 N Griffith El Dorado, KS, 67042
October 14th, 2026
6:30 P.M.

As a thank you for your time and resources, join us for dinner!
Your family is welcome to attend but please
RSVP by Monday, October 5th.

All new guides will need to stay for a brief meeting after the event.

RSVP TO 316-261-9352
OR
INFO@KANSASONESHOTTURKEYHUNT.ORG
BY OCTOBER 5TH.

**Guide Gun Drawing
Must be present to win!**

Youth Program: Invest in the Next Generation of Hunters



Youth Program Application Process for 2027

There are some changes to the Youth Program this year. The KOSTH will take over the 2027 application process. Some of the changes taking place will be:

- Youth ages will be 12-18 moving forward.
- Applications will open on December 12, 2026, and will close on January 16, 2027.

If you know a young person age 12-18 who is eager to hunt wild turkey but may not have the necessary resources, this program is a fantastic opportunity for them.

The application will be on our website starting December 12th at [Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt](#)



Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt

Sponsorship Opportunities

Grand Slam Sponsorship-\$10,000

- Signature sponsor for the Opening Ceremonies & Strutters Banquet
- Special recognition included in all event signage & print materials
- Recognition on social media & hunt website
- Three (3) Hunter spots
- Two (2) minute commercial (provided by sponsor) - shared on social media and website
- Three (3) minute podium time at the Opening Ceremonies
- Place marketing materials on tables at Opening Ceremonies & Strutters Banquet

Big Tom Sponsorship-\$5000

- Special recognition included in all event signage & print materials
- Recognition on social media & hunt website
- Two (2) Hunter spots
- Place marketing materials on tables at Opening Ceremonies

All sponsors receive two (2) tickets to all events of the hunt

Beard & Spurs Sponsorship-\$2500

- Recognition included in all event signage & print materials
- Recognition on social media & hunt website
- One (1) Hunter spot

Boss Gobbler Sponsorship-\$1000

- Recognition included in all event signage & print materials
- Recognition on social media & hunt website
- Vendor Booth Available

Longbeard Sponsorship-\$500

- Recognition included in all print materials
- Recognition on social media & hunt website
- Vendor Booth Available

Any donation amount is welcome!
Visit
www.kansasoneshotturkeyhunt.org
to make your donation.

The Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt is a nonprofit, public charity under 501(c)3.
All donations are tax deductible.

Sponsorship of the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt helps us create opportunities to share Kansas' great outdoors, mentor and pass on the hunting heritage to Kansas youth, and build amazing relationships. It isn't just sponsorship; it's an investment in people, the great outdoors, and the future of hunting in Kansas.

Every sponsor. Every donation. Every opportunity makes a difference.

We would welcome cash sponsors and merchandise sponsors.

Use this link for cash/credit card sponsorship and contact us for product/merchandise donations.

[Our Website Sponsorship Page](#)

Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt Celebrates 5 Years

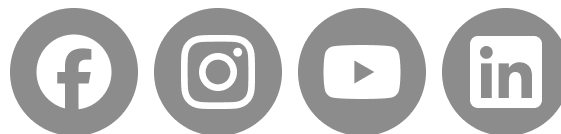
**CELEBRATE
Successes**

It All Started 40 Years Ago...

It is hard to believe that an idea and a concept to bring "celebrities" to El Dorado, Kansas, began 40 years ago with the KS Governor's One Shot Turkey Hunt. Now the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt will celebrate 5 years in 2027.

Over the last 5 years, we are proud to have achieved several major milestones:

- **Established the Marvin L. McCown Memorial Scholarship:** Honoring Marv McCown, who co-founded the original Governor's Hunt alongside Mike Hayden 40 years ago.
- **Partnered on Habitat Assessments:** Collaborated with local landowners and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) to evaluate private land and enhance vital wildlife habitats.
- **Supported Wild Turkey Research:** Partnered with KDWP and Kansas State University for two years to collect research samples from harvested birds, studying diet, parasites, and factors contributing to wild turkey population declines.
- **Planted Our First Pollinator Plot:** Established a new plot at El Dorado Lake to prevent soil erosion, reverse habitat loss, and provide crucial food and shelter for young turkey poults and pollinators.
- **Launched the KOSTH Alumni Club:** Created a lifetime membership network for our hunters, guides, landowners, and volunteers, hosting our inaugural annual meeting in 2026.
- **Evolved Our NWTF Partnership:** Continued our strong relationship with the National Wild Turkey Federation by selecting a youth National Calling Contest participant to honor and present at the annual NWTF Convention.
- **Re-established Partnership with the Zuni Tribe:** Welcomed members of the Zuni Tribe from New Mexico to collect feathers from harvested birds for sacred ceremonial offerings, ensuring that every feather is fully utilized and honored.
- **Established Downtown El Dorado Office:** Opened our new physical office in downtown El Dorado to better serve our sponsors and volunteers, support daily operations, and provide a dedicated hub for KOSTH activities.



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