

Take someone fishing and be eligible to win a kayak prize package

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is hosting a “Mentor to Win” contest to encourage experienced anglers to introduce new people to the fun of fishing this summer.

“Available to everyone regardless of age, background and experience level, fishing is one of the easiest recreational sports to start and enjoy,” said Easton Copley, a conservation educator with the department. “By mentoring new anglers in this fun and relaxing pastime, experienced anglers are eligible to win a kayak

prize package from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.”

Free to enter, and open to anyone licensed to fish in Kentucky for the 2025-2026 license year, the contest winner will receive a new kayak, paddle, personal flotation device (PFD) and two spinning rod and reel combos.

Anglers 16-years-old and older can mentor a new angler, also age 16 or older, at least one time this summer through Aug. 31 to be eligible for the prize package. Both mentor and mentee must possess a valid Kentucky fishing license for their outing. The

new angler must have never purchased a Kentucky fishing license or must have not purchased an annual Kentucky fishing license in the last three years.

The mentor will use the MyProfile portal on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website to enter the name and identification number of the person that they took fishing. Mentors can enter as many times as they like by taking multiple people fishing.

Complete contest details are available on the department’s website. Excellent fishing opportunities are

available year-round at waterbodies across Kentucky and can easily be found on the Waterbodies Search page. In addition to many large lakes and streams, more than 40 Fishing in Neighborhood (FINs) lakes are located across the commonwealth to provide excellent fishing close to home.

Additional resources are available to help mentors and beginners alike learn anything they need to know to get started fishing. The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Fishing landing page provides entry to many other

digital resources including a quick start guide to Recreational Fishing, weekly Fishing Reports, statewide Fish Stocking schedules and fishing advice and stories from seasoned pros.

The Fish Boat KY app, available for both Apple and Android phones, is a handy fishing tool that will help anglers find waterbodies, boat ramps, and other water access on the fly, and lets anglers buy a license, review the Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide, get the Fishing Forecast, stocking locations, and more.

Public asked to help with Kentucky summer turkey brood survey

FRANKFORT — Kentucky’s native wild turkeys are spending their summer days eating, moving and raising their recently hatched poults. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources asks the public to be on the lookout for turkeys as they move around and share their observations to help biologists better understand and manage wild turkey popu-

lations in the state.

“Monitoring our turkey flock for its long-term conservation depends on teamwork,” said Zak Danks, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Wild Turkey Program coordinator. “Fish and Wildlife staff can’t be everywhere all at once. That’s where hunters and wildlife enthusiasts across the state can really help, reporting turkey sightings to our survey.”

To report sightings of wild turkeys during the survey window, July 1 to Aug. 31, visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Summer Turkey Brood Survey webpage, or enter the key words “turkey survey” in the search bar on the agency’s website (fw.ky.gov) to access the online survey portal, link to the mobile survey app or download a printable form that can be mailed or emailed

to the department. Data collected through this survey help the department to better understand turkey population trends over time.

“An easy-to-use mobile phone app and website make participating in the survey easy,” Danks said. “I’ve compiled thousands of turkey observations reported by interested citizens and staff into a statewide index that provides a glimpse into the

summer’s reproductive success, which is important to the sustainability of the wild turkey population.”

Hunters across the southeastern U.S. have reported seeing fewer turkeys in recent years. State fish and wildlife agencies are conducting scientific research to shed more light on the status of turkey populations. Turkey observation data gained through the public

survey are used in conjunction with research findings, making this citizen-science data set vital for long-term conservation.

Questions on the annual summer turkey brood survey or turkey hunting may be directed to the agency’s information center at 800-858-1549, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (ET) weekdays, excluding state holidays, or at info.center@ky.gov.

Bluegrass State Games' track and field registration open

LEXINGTON — Registration is open for the track and field portion of the Bluegrass State Games.

The Bluegrass State Games' track and field competition will be held at Eastern High School in Louisville on Saturday, July 19.

The entry fee for the track and field competition is as follows: 18U - \$30, adults - \$35, on-site registration - \$40.

The deadline to register online is 8 p.m. on Friday, July 18.

The track and field competition will be comprised of various events for multiple age divisions. The events will include shot

put, discus, javelin, 1,500 meter walk, broad jump, long jump, high jump, triple jump, softball throw, 3,000 meter run, 400 meter hurdles, 200 meter dash, 800 meter run, 100 meter dash, 1,600 meter relay, turbo javelin, 110 meter hurdles, 400 meter relay, 1,500 meter run, 400 meter dash, medley relay (co-ed), pole vault, 100 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles.

Registration for the track and field competition is available online via the Bluegrass State Games' website at www.bsgsg.org. Entry forms may be emailed to kyle@bluegrasssports.org.

Marion County Country Ham Days Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show set for Sept. 28

LEBANON — The Marion County Country Ham Days Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show is set to be held on Main Street in Lebanon from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28.

Energy Insurance Agency of Lebanon is sponsoring the Marion County Country Ham Days Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show

Each entrant will receive a free T-shirt, while supplies last.

The show will feature Top 50 awards and 25 trophy categories.

A breakdown of the classes follows.

Sponsor’s Awards (Energy Insurance Agency

of Lebanon): Best Pre-49; Best 50-59; Best 1980-2000; Best 2001-Present; Best Mopar; Best GM; Best Ford; Best Corvette; Best Truck; Best 4X4; Best Street Rod; Best Muscle Car; Best of Show.

Motorcycle: Best of Show Motorcycle; Runner-up Best Motorcycle.

Jeep: Most Trail Ready; Pavement Princess; Jeep’s Choice; Best of Show Jeep.

The gate hours will be 7 a.m.-noon.

Judging will begin at 9 a.m.

Results will be announced at 3 p.m. on the Main Stage.

Registration is \$20, due on the day of the event.

Marion County Youth Soccer Association fall registration open

LEBANON — The Marion County Youth Soccer Association has opened registration for its fall season.

The registration for the upcoming fall soccer season will close on Friday, Aug. 15.

MCYSA offers recreational soccer for children ages 4-13 (2025 birthday). The

divisions offered in the league are U6, U8, U10, U12 and U14. Player age/divisions are determined according to Kentucky Youth Soccer Association’s rules. The age groups and birthyears are as follows: Under 14 - 2012 and 2013, Under 12 - 2014 and 2015, Under 10 - 2016

and 2017, Under 8 - 2018 and 2019, Under 6 - 2020 and 2021.

Children who turn 4 years old in 2024 are eligible to play in the youth soccer league.

A link to register for the league is available on the Marion County Kentucky Youth Soccer Facebook Page.

Take precautions when traveling to avoid bringing home bedbugs

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It’s a scenario all too common: A family or individual returns from vacation, whether it’s just a short trip or an international one. Once at home, they unpack their belongings, including any souvenirs to remind them of their vacation.

But they could also be bringing home another kind of souvenir that no one wants: Bedbugs.

With a record 82 million Americans expected to travel between July and October, according to AAA, that puts Americans in the middle of one of the biggest outbound travel seasons in years.

According to Martin Seeley, CEO and Senior Sleep Specialist at MattressNextDay, there are ways to protect travelers from these pests, both before you leave and after you return home. Seeley has over three decades of experience in the world of sleep and has been featured in renowned publications such as Men’s Health, Daily Mail, The Sun, The Independent, Forbes, and GQ.

“Bring a large zip-top bag for your worn clothes,” Seeley said. “Bed bugs are more attracted to used clothing than clean, so seal it up until laundry day.”

While you are at the hotel, Seeley said it’s important to keep your suitcase off the bed.

“Many people put their luggage right on the mattress, prime bed bug territory,” said Seeley. "Instead, use a luggage rack or hard-surfaced area, ideally near the door."

He said it’s also important



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Bedbugs are a common nuisance vacationers can bring home with them. But there are ways to make sure you don't bring any of these pests back from vacation.

to inspect the mattress and headboard for any signs of bed bugs.

"Pull back the bedding and check mattress seams, under the mattress, and between the bed and the wall," he said. "If you suspect bed bugs, act quickly. Check for tell-tale signs like small reddish-brown spots on your sheets, moulted skins, or clusters of tiny bites on your skin, often in a line or zig-zag pattern. You'll usually find bed bugs in the seams and folds of your mattress if they have decided to take residence."

Seeley also said to avoid drawers and hang your clothes instead of putting clothes in bedside drawers or under-bed storage, because those areas are harder to inspect.

Even if you don't see signs of infestation, Seeley said, it's

still a good idea to take precautions when you get home.

"Don't unpack in your bedroom," he said, opting instead to open your suitcase in a well-lit area with a hard floor, "like a hallway or laundry room." Seeley said to vacuum your suitcases thoroughly, check the folds, zippers, seams, and pockets. Afterwards, store the suitcases away from sleeping areas.

"Wash everything - even the clean stuff," said Seeley. "Use the hottest setting your clothes allows. This helps eliminate any unseen pests that might have come along."

If you do suspect bedbugs, Seeley urged vacationers to act fast by vacuuming, steam cleaning, and isolating anything that can't be washed.

REQUESTS FOR BIDS
Tucker Road Bridge Installation
Marion County Fiscal Court will accept sealed bids for furnishing all labor, equipment, and material to remove an existing bridge on Tucker Road and install a 10'-2" tall, 50-foot long out-to-out clear span prestressed concrete box beam bridge with 5-inch concrete deck, 20' wide with guardrail.
Sealed Bids will be opened on July 17, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. at the Marion County Courthouse, located at 223 N. Spalding Ave, Suite 201, Lebanon, Kentucky. Contract documents (plans, specifications, and bid forms) can be obtained by contacting Bradley T. Spalding, P.E., at (502) 507-1674.
Marion County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and waive formalities.
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By Marion County Judge Executive

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- Write effective, accurate cutlines

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