

Celebrate This Fourth of July Weekend Responsibly

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 1, 2025)— Team Kentucky is reminding all Kentuckians that if their Independence Day celebration includes alcohol, they should celebrate responsibly.

Impaired driving crashes typically increase over holidays, so Team Kentucky is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to remind drivers that “Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.” Even one drink can affect a driver’s ability to operate a vehicle safely. Planning for a sober, designated driver before the festivities begin can help prevent serious injuries and loss of life on Kentucky’s roadways.

“As we celebrate our nation’s independence, I encourage every Kentuckian to make smart choices and put safety first,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Driving under the influence puts lives at risk — yours and others’. Plan ahead, use a designated driver or call a ride service. Above all, never get behind the wheel impaired. Together, we can make this a safe and joyful holiday weekend for everyone across the Commonwealth.”

According to the Kentucky State Police database, last year in Kentucky, there were 93 crashes involving a drunken and/or drugged driver over the Fourth of July holiday period, resulting in 41 injuries and eight deaths.

As part of the nationwide “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” initiative, KOHS is coordinating with local and state law enforcement to increase high-visibility patrols and sobriety checkpoints throughout the holiday period.

"If you use drugs or alcohol and decide to drive, you're putting yourself and everyone else on the road in danger," said Transportation Secretary Jim Gray. "These substances make it harder to think clearly, react quickly and stay in control. You might feel okay to drive, but you're not. It's just not worth the risk."

To prevent tragedies, follow these recommendations:

- Before the festivities begin, plan to get home safely at the end of the night.
- If you’re impaired, use a ride-booking company, taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation to get home safely.
- If you see an impaired driver, safely pull over and contact law enforcement. You may dial the Kentucky State Police’s toll-free line at 800-222-5555 or call 911.
- If you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to their destination safely.
- Wear a seat belt! It is not only the law; it is also the best defense against an impaired driver. Buckling up helps prevent injury and death if you are involved in a crash.

For more information visit [kyhighwaysafety.com](http://kyhighwaysafety.com).

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



FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 1, 2025) — 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.

LCHS Class of 1967 Reunion

LCHS Class of 1967 Reunion will be held at the Natural Bridge State Resort Hemlock Lodge in the Trillium Room on September 6, 2025 4pm-9pm.

**4Th of July Celebration**

Lee County Little League Baseball Game 5:00 pm

Cake Walk : Under the Pavilion 6:00 P.M

Want to DONATE A CAKE Message: Jolene Coomer, Kim Smallwood, Josh Smallwood

LCMHS “Pride of the Mountains” Marching Band

**Car Wash and Bake Sale**

Dollar General Store Parking Lot Next to Auto Zone on Hwy 11 in Beattyville

**Saturday, July 5, 2025**

**CAR WASH**

Come out and support Lee County's talented youth!

Help the band as they earn their own funds for competitions!

In honor of Independence Day, We will be CLOSED Friday, July 4th !

**Happy Independence Day!**

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