

2025 Kicking Bear Calendar Outdoor Giveaway

Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions about Giveaway and How to Order

Where does the money raised go towards?

100% of the money raised from the Calendar Outdoor Giveaway will go directly to the Kicking Bear Ministry.

What is the Kicking Bear Ministry?

Kicking Bear, a registered 501(C)3 organization, is a nationwide youth outreach ministry that was founded in the year 1999 by world renowned bowhunter, Ray Howell, and is headquartered in La Crosse, Wisconsin. We use our summer campouts, adventure days, youth hunts, and year-round mentorship to reach underprivileged and at-risk youth and to let them know that God has a purpose for them, and that purpose is good. Many of these children would never have the opportunity to experience the outdoors and the sport of archery, had it not been for Godly men and women who stepped into their lives. By encouraging other to reach outside their homes and become mentors, we can help break the cycle of broken families and put dreams in these kids' hearts that will change not only their lives, but their families' lives to come.

How can I order a calendar?

You can order a calendar at www.kickingbear.org or by using the mail in order form found on the Kicking Bear website. There are a limited number of individuals selling calendars. If you would like to be an individual selling calendars, please email mark.meeker@kickingbear.org for more information.

How are the drawings being drawn?

All raffles will be drawn by a stub drawing. Stubs will be drawn from a barrel for each prize.

Can I win more than once?

Yes, your stub number will be placed back into the barrel after each block of prizes is drawn, so you will be eligible to win once in each block of drawings. You will only be able to win once in the 50/50 Cash Raffle and you will only be eligible to win once in the Bonus Raffle drawing.

What is a prize block?

A prize block is the amount of prizes that is added because of the amount of calendars sold. For example, the additional \$20,000 worth of prizes added once 1,000 calendars are sold, that would be a block and then the next block would be when 1,500 calendars are sold.

Will I receive a ticket number?

Your ticket number will be your calendar number that will be located on the back of your calendar in RED. This number will be your number the Calendar Outdoor Giveaway, the 50/50 Cash Raffle, and the Bonus Raffle. If you purchased additional 50/50 Cash Raffle tickets, you would receive a ticket in the mail.

Can I order an additional 50/50 Cash Raffle tickets without purchasing another calendar?

Yes, you can purchase an additional 50/50 Cash Raffle tickets on our website for \$25 each or 5 for \$100. You will then receive a ticket in the mail for these tickets that are not associated with a calendar.

Can I just donate additional money without purchasing additional calendars?

Yes, on the online and mail in order form, there will be a "other" line to donate to Kicking Bear Ministries. There will be a remittance envelope in your calendar that you can mail in also if you would like.

I do not want to be in any raffles, can I purchase a calendar and not be entered into any raffles?

There will be a limited number of calendars to sell that will not enter them into any raffles, this includes the monthly raffles. The only way to purchase a calendar without any raffles would be through the Kicking Bear website.

How much is shipping and handling for my calendar?

We are just trying to cover our cost for shipping and it will be \$5 per calendar and \$20 if the calendar is purchase as (5) Platinum Packages for \$500.

What if I want to purchase more than 5 calendars?

You can order as many calendars as you would like. If you have any questions about a large order, please email us at mark.meeker@kickingbear.org.

Do I have to register my calendar like in previous years?

You only need to register your calendar if you purchase your calendar(s) from an individual and not online or by mail. Calendars ordered online or by mail will automatically be registered.

Do I have to register my calendar if I purchase it online or by mail?

No, you only need to register a calendar if it is purchased from any individual. You do not need to register a calendar if it is purchased online or by mail.

Why can I not put a calendar in a business' name?

This is because a business cannot enter a raffle. So, all calendars need to be in an individual's name.

Watching Giveaway on October 10th, 2025

How can I watch the Giveaway?

You can watch the Kicking Bear Calendar Outdoor Giveaway on the Kicking Bear YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@kickingbearministry

Will the Calendar Giveaway be live on Friday, October 10th, 2025? And how do I watch it?

Yes, all drawings will be live on the Kicking Bear YouTube page on Friday, October 10th at 6pm. The video will also then be posted to the Kicking Bear YouTube page to be watched after the event has concluded.

What if my calendar is lost in the mail?

No need to worry if your calendar is lost in the mail. Your calendar number will be in our database so even if the calendar is lost in the mail or if you lose it, you can still claim your prize. Winners have to match our database records in order to win.

Monthly Giveaway Questions

How can I watch the monthly drawings?

The monthly drawings will be drawn on the last day of every month on our Kicking Bear Facebook page.

What are the monthly drawings?

Monthly drawings are an incentive to purchase your calendar early. The monthly drawings will begin on January 31st, 2025 and go every month through December 31st, 2025. In order to be included in that's monthly drawing, you must purchase online or register your calendar by the 15th of that month. Then your calendar number will be eligible for that month's drawing and the remaining monthly calendar drawings for the rest of the year.

Do you notify the winners of the monthly drawings?

Yes, we will notify all monthly winners first by email and then by phone if there is not a response by email.

Can I win more than once during the monthly drawings?

You can win once every month that your number is entered to. Each month, all stubs will be put back into the barrel, so every number is eligible to win that month's prize list. Your number cannot be drawn twice in the same month's drawing. For example, your number can win 1 prize in January's drawing and 1 prize in March, but your number cannot win twice in January.

Prize Winner Questions

Do you notify the winners of the drawings on October 10th, 2025?

Yes, we will notify the winners starting on Monday, October 20th. Winning numbers will be posted on www.kickingbear.org and prize winners can fill out a prize claim form and claim their prize anytime after the drawing.

Do I have to pay taxes on prizes?

All winners are responsible for applicable taxes. A Federal Withholding (24%) is required for all prizes over \$5,000. Also, all taxes for prize pick up at stores is the responsibility of the prize winners if applicable.

Do I have to pick up a prize if I win?

We are trying our best to make sure that all prizes can be mailed to the winners so you will not need to pick up anything. Most prizes will be given as gift cards for the prize won. Kicking Bear will work with all prize winners to make sure the process is as easy as possible.

Do I have to pay for shipping of prizes?

Our goal is that no one will be charged for any shipping on prizes. There might be a charge if the winner would like a specific prize mailed to them from a website that a gift card is used.

What if I win a firearm and cannot claim it?

We will work with everyone if this is a problem for. Most firearms winners will be sent a gift card for the value of that firearm that you have won. The gift card can be used to purchase that specific prize, or the winner can use the gift card's value for whatever product they would like from the store the gift card is from.

What if I have a question that is not answered?

You can email us at mark.meeker@kickingbear.org and Mark will respond.