



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN
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YOUTH BIG GAME HUNTING STORY Official Rules

No purchase necessary to enter or win.

A purchase or payment of any kind will not improve your chances of winning.

The Youth Big Game Hunting Story (the “Contest”) is open to legal residents of the 50 states of the United States of America and the District of Columbia (collectively, the “USA”). Entries received from outside the USA will not be considered. The Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. **Void in other countries, U.S. territories, and where prohibited or restricted by law.**

Eligibility. The Contest is open only to legal residents of the USA who are 18 years old and younger at the time of entry (“Entrant”). Employees of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, their immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling), and members of the same household are not eligible to enter. This promotion is void where prohibited.

Sponsor. The Contest is sponsored and administered by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (“RMEF”), 5705 Grant Creek Road, Missoula, MT 59808.

Additional Sponsor/Promotional Participant: The Contest is also sponsored by MidwayUSA, 5875 W Van Horn Tavern Rd, Columbia, MO 65203, US.

Agreement to Official Rules. By entering, Entrants agree to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of RMEF, which are final and binding in all respects relating to the Contest. Winning a prize is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth in these Official Rules.

How to Enter. Entries must be received between 12:00:00 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on October 9, 2026 and 11:59:59 p.m. MDT on March 31, 2023 (the “Contest Period”). RMEF’s computer system is the official timekeeping device.

Limit one (1) entry per person, regardless of method of entry. Entries in excess of this limit or submitted using multiple identities or devices will be void.

Methods of Entry:

1. **Email:** Entrants may enter by submitting a 1,000- to 2,000-word story to the Bugle editors at bugle@rmef.org.

All entries become the exclusive property of RMEF and will not be acknowledged or returned. Entries that are incomplete, illegible, fraudulent, corrupted, or otherwise non-compliant with these rules, as determined by RMEF in its sole discretion, will be disqualified. By submitting your entry, you are giving RMEF permission to copyright your entry materials. If copyrighted, RMEF has the right to reproduce copies, prepare derivative works, distribute copies, perform the work publicly, and display the work publicly.

Winner Selection.

RMEF Bugle staff will be the sole judge in determining the winner(s).

Chances Of Winning a Prize: The odds of winning a prize depend on the number of entries and how well the submission meets the judging criteria or how many votes the submission received.

Notification. Potential winner(s) will be selected on or about March 31, 2026. Potential winner(s) will be notified by telephone, social media platform, email, or physical mail. If the selected winner is unreachable,

ineligible, fails to respond within **fourteen (14)** calendar days, or does not comply with the rules, an alternate winner may be selected at RMEF's sole discretion.

Online entries are deemed to be made by the Authorized Account Holder of the e-mail address or social media account submitted at time of entry. Authorized Account Holder means the natural person who is assigned to an email address or social media platform by an Internet access provider, social media platform, online service provider, or other entity that is responsible for assigning email addresses or social media accounts.

Prizes. The following prize(s) will be awarded:

- **Six (6) \$200 MidwayUSA Giftcards**

Total approximate retail value of all prizes: \$1200.

All prize details are at the sole discretion of RMEF and subject to change or substitution of equal or greater value. No transfer, substitution, or cash equivalent of any prize is permitted, except at RMEF's sole discretion. Any taxes, fees, or other costs associated with prize acceptance and use are the sole responsibility of the winner(s).

Method of Prize Delivery. Prizes will be delivered to winner(s) using one of the following methods, at the sole discretion of the RMEF:

1. **Mail or Courier Service:** Physical prizes will be shipped to the mailing address provided by the winner within 30 business days of prize confirmation. Shipping is limited to addresses within the contiguous United States.
2. **Email Delivery:** If the prize consists of digital content (e.g., gift cards, vouchers, or tickets), it will be sent to the email address provided by the winner at the time of entry or prize confirmation.
3. **In-Person Pickup:** In certain cases, winners may be required to claim their prize in person at a designated location. Winners will be notified in advance and must present valid identification.

RMEF is not responsible for any delays, loss, or damage incurred during delivery. Prizes that are undeliverable due to incorrect contact information or failure to respond within the required time frame may be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner solely at RMEF's discretion. Prizes will be awarded within approximately 30 days of winner verification, except in cases of delay of availability. Sponsor is not responsible for such delays

Additional Prize Conditions. Each winner may be required to sign and return a prize release, waiver and tax forms within **fourteen (14)** calendar days of initial notification.

Prize winners must demonstrate legal eligibility to take possession of the prize and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including BATF and DMV requirements depending on the prize. Firearm prize winners must conform to all local, state and federal regulations as applicable and must make arrangements for delivery of prize with a federally licensed firearms dealer (FFL) as required by State and Federal law.

Failure to respond, provide necessary documentation, or comply with these Official Rules within the required time may result in disqualification and selection of an alternate winner at RMEF's sole discretion.

No prize substitutions, cash equivalents, or transfers are permitted except at the sole discretion of RMEF. If the prize becomes unavailable, RMEF may substitute a prize of equal or greater value. The ARV is based on pricing at the time these rules were published and may fluctuate. Any difference between the stated ARV and actual value will not be awarded.

The winner's name, likeness, statements, and other entry materials may be used by RMEF for promotional purposes in all media without further compensation, unless prohibited by law. The winner is responsible for all applicable taxes and will receive a 1099-MISC or equivalent form for the ARV of the prize.

General Conditions. RMEF reserves the right to cancel, suspend, or modify the Contest for any reason, including but not limited to fraud, technical issues, or any factor that impairs the integrity of the Contest. RMEF may disqualify any individual it suspects of tampering with the entry process or violating these Official Rules.

Any attempt to deliberately damage any website or undermine the operation of the Contest is a violation of criminal and civil laws. RMEF reserves the right to seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Failure by RMEF to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver. In case of a dispute regarding an email entry, the authorized account holder of the email address used to enter will be deemed the Entrant.

RMEF is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the printing of the offer, administration of the Drawing or in the announcement of any prize or for any suspension of the Drawing or inability to implement the Drawing or award the prizes as contemplated herein due to any “force majeure” event beyond its control, including delays or interruptions caused by acts of God, acts of war, natural disasters, pandemic, weather, utility outages, acts of terrorism or any federal, state, or local government law, order, or regulation, order of any court or regulator.

Release & Limitation of Liability. By entering, Entrants release and hold harmless RMEF and its respective officers, employees, volunteers, affiliates, sponsors, and agents (“Released Parties”) from any and all liability arising from participation, acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of the prize(s), including but not limited to injury, death, or property damage. Released Parties are not responsible for technical failures or errors, unauthorized human intervention, entry data corruption, lost, delayed, misdirected, or damaged entries or mail, or other causes beyond their control. Entrants waive any right to claim punitive, incidental, or consequential damages, and any implied warranties related to the prize. All prizes are awarded “as-is.”

Use of Data. Personal information collected during the Contest will be used in accordance with RMEF’s Privacy Policy, available at: <https://www.rmef.org/policies/privacy-policy/>. By entering, Entrants consent to the use of their information as described therein.

Disputes. Except where prohibited, all disputes arising out of or relating to this Contest or any prize(s) shall be resolved individually, without resort to class action, and exclusively by the appropriate court located in the State of Montana. These Official Rules shall be governed by the laws of the State of Montana, without regard to its conflict of law provisions. ANY CLAIMS, JUDGMENTS AND/OR AWARDS SHALL BE LIMITED TO ACTUAL OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ENTERING THIS SWEEPSTAKES. ENTRANT HEREBY WAIVES ANY RIGHTS OR CLAIMS TO ATTORNEY’S FEES, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OF ENTRANT, WHETHER FORESEEABLE OR NOT and WHETHER BASED ON NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE.

Winners List. When each winner is confirmed, winner names (first name and last initial only) and hometowns will be posted online at <https://www.rmef.org/media/youth-hunters-could-win-200-midwayusa-gift-card-for-hunting-stories/>

To request the name and address of the winners, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope by January 31, 2027, to:

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Attn: Youth Big Game Hunting Story Winner Request
5705 Grant Creek Road
Missoula, MT 59808