

*An
American
Tradition...*



The value of the Elks' charitable works since their inception in 1868 is more than \$4 billion.

The Elks National Foundation, the charitable arm of Elks, disburses more than \$34 million annually. The Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, meet the needs of today's veterans, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in areas where Elks live and work.

Visit www.elks.org/enf to learn why we call the ENF the "Great Heart of Elkdom."

We enjoy doing the good works we do, and the people we do them with — our families and our friends.

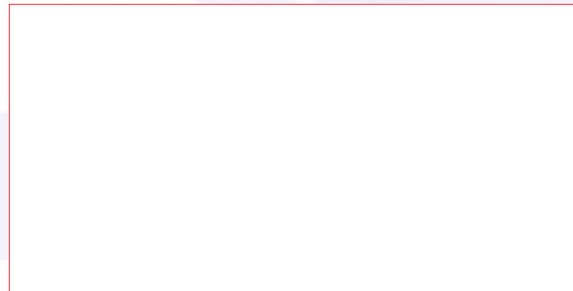
The **Elks**

*Since 1868,
we've been serving
our communities,
our states, and our country.*

Now you know.

Want to help?

*For more information,
contact your local Lodge.*



Elks Care — Elks Share

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*What
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I Pledge Allegiance...

Elks Elks are community. No matter where you go in the country, an Elks Lodge is right around the corner. Elks provide charitable services that help build stronger communities with more than 700,000 Members and nearly 1,800 Lodges nationwide. Join us in service to your community!

Elks Elks National Foundation invests in our country's future by awarding more than \$4.5 million in college scholarships each year. Two of its three scholarship programs are exclusively for Elks families. The Foundation also helps Elks to build stronger communities by funding local service projects that address unmet needs.



Elks Elks Drug Awareness Program promotes cooperative approaches to prevent the use of illicit substances by young people. The program educates students, parents, schools, and volunteers about the dangers of drug use through literature, multimedia tools, workshops, and training seminars.

Elks The Elks National Hoop Shoot is a free-throw contest for kids ages 8 to 13. The program encourages children to set challenging goals and push themselves to practice, persist, and, most importantly, develop grit during their formative years.



Elks Elks sponsor activities from Little League to Scouting. More than 6 million youths participate in these activities each year.

Elks Elks are committed to their mission, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further and promises service to our nation's veterans and military members with a special focus on service to those in need.



Elks Elks are committed to ending veteran homelessness. Elks provide furniture and supplies for veterans exiting homelessness, offer emergency assistance to help veterans prevent or exit homelessness, host Stand Downs and resource fairs, support veterans shelters, and more.

Elks Elks partner with the Department of Veterans Affairs to help veterans with disabilities by sponsoring adaptive sports programs and tournaments. Events like the National Veterans Winter Sports Clinic and the National Veterans Wheelchair Games serve hundreds of veterans each year, helping them recover, adjust, compete, and engage.



Elks Elks support and befriend hospitalized and recovering veterans in VA hospitals and facilities nationwide. Hundreds of volunteers serve each month by planning recreational activities, hosting social events, teaching art and exercise classes, donating supplies, and more.

Elks Elks use hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in grants to serve veterans and military members in their communities. Projects include providing hospitalized veterans with food and clothing, hosting military family recreation events, and helping homeless veterans.

Elks Elks volunteers work with local hunters to collect and prepare hides. Finished leather is used to provide thousands of therapy kits for recovering veterans and professionally-crafted gloves for veterans in wheelchairs.



Elks From supporting National Guard Units and student veterans to assisting with medical care and providing entertainment to veterans in homes and hospitals, Elks are there for veterans on every part of their journey.

Elks Each Elks State Association has its own charitable project. These include summer camps for financially disadvantaged children; in-home treatment for people with disabilities; children's hospitals; cancer research; and safe, temporary havens for abused families.



Elks In thousands of communities, the men and women of our Lodges work to meet local needs, whether that's funding the food bank, supplying instruments for the high school band, holding a drug-free prom, or promoting literacy at libraries.

Elks We believe in helping others, but we also believe in having fun. Some of our Lodges feature swimming pools, golf courses, playrooms, and ballrooms. Most have dining facilities, and all offer family entertainment.

