



OUTDOOR COOKING CHAMPIONSHIP, COWBOY FAST DRAW AND BAXTER KIDS TROUT POND HEADLINE 2020 CENTRAL OREGON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW®

REDMOND, OR – The Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show presented by Leupold returns to the First Interstate Bank Center and Deschutes County Fair & Expo, March 12th-15th, 2020. New features, personalities and exhibits are planned for this year's show including the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show Outdoor Cooking Championship.

With more than 300 fishing, hunting and outdoor-recreation-related businesses all in one place, the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show is Central Oregon's second-largest event behind the county fair. The show offers an unrivaled mix of how-to, where-to and purchasing opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts. From ATV's, hunting gear and fishing tackle to apparel, boots and food items, the show is a blend of educational opportunities, new products, events, outfitters and guides from near and far, destinations, boats and RV's that occupy most of the sprawling First Interstate Bank Center and Deschutes County Fair and Expo grounds.

The first-ever Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show Outdoor Cooking Championship draws award-winning, competitive outdoor barbecue and grilling pros from all over North America to compete over all four days of the show. Some of these pros will be delivering daily cooking seminars and sharing their expertise, recipes and techniques. It's the first-ever competition of this magnitude to come to the area with world-class cooks competing. . . all outdoors, during the show. Samples are shared freely with attendees on a first come, first serve basis. Expect to see steaks, burgers, fish, chicken, pork, brisket and Dutch oven cooking on display.

Thousands of trout will be planted in the Baxter Auto Parts Kids Trout Pond. Kids, 12 and younger, can fish for free and take (or release) as many as two trout. All the gear and bait is provided. Volunteers are on-hand to help kids catch and land their fish. The trout pond along with all the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show features are free with admission into the show.

Make our day and visit the Cowboy Fast Draw. How fast is fast? Shooters will be measured down to 1/1000th of a second and when the pro's show, the times are startling. The times are recorded on special keepsake cards. Shooting is free, wax bullets are fired and targets are supplied along with 45 caliber pistols and holsters. It is one thing to be fast but something entirely different to be fast AND accurate. The Crooked River Rangers of Central Oregon will be on-hand to make sure everyone has fun while staying safe. Participants must be a minimum of 8-years-old to draw out of a holster, and children under 12 must use the off-hand thumb to pull back the hammer. Children under 8 may shoot with a coach holding the six gun.

Central Oregon's largest RV show, fills the fairgrounds with new RV's of all sizes and descriptions. Expect to see the area's top dealers all in one place, competing side-by-side with the region's most popular travel trailers, motorhomes, toy haulers, campers and fifth wheels on display and on sale. It's a show-within-a-show!

The Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show Boat Sale is back too! From kayaks to state-of-the-art fishing boats, ski boats, wakeboard and wakesurfing boats, this is an ideal opportunity to shop, compare and save!

On-site RV and boat financing is available through Selco Credit Union. Boat and RV shoppers get free admission into the show if they pre-qualify for a boat or RV loan at a local Selco Credit Union branch.

The State Indoor Archery Tournament and Oregon State Elk Calling Championship returns to the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show for its second year. This event expects to draw hundreds of archers and callers from around the state who will compete for a variety of awards. The archery competition occurs all four days of the show. The State Elk Calling Championship is one-day only, Saturday, March 14th. The State Indoor Archery Tournament will be held on the fairgrounds at the High Desert Activity Center while the Oregon State Elk Calling Championship will be held in a tent next to the High Desert Activity Center.

The Head & Horns Competition is back with a new Wall of Kings display and exciting prize packages for this year's competition entries. The Head & Horns Competition has been running since 1997 with literally tens of thousands of horns, antlers, heads and sheds measured (turkey beards are measured as well). Certified measurers are at the show and entries into the competition must be made before 6PM on Saturday, March 14th, 2020 to qualify. And the head, horns or antlers to be measured can be from someone else. Maybe there's a set of antlers in the attic that's been gathering dust for decades you inherited from a great great uncle...bring them in!

There's a fee to have antlers, horns, head or antler sheds measured, \$10, and another entry fee, \$30, if they are entered into the competition. It's well worth it! With prizes like Ruger rifles, Leupold scopes, Fort Knox Safes, Gerber Gear, Browning Pro Apparel Package and Danner boots, there's plenty of great gear to win along with prizes from Muzzy, Block Targets, Rage, RMEF, Hornady and Carbon Express. For complete details on the Head & Horns Competition visit nwbiggame.com or call David Morris, the competition organizer, directly at 541-530-2749.

Crown Royal's Purple Bag Project that benefits our troops abroad makes its debut at this year's Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show. Located in the First Interstate Bank Center, show-goers fill Crown Royal bags with a variety of goodies that are provided free by Crown Royal and then sent by Crown Royal to military service members overseas. They even provide a free pen and card for a personalized note of thanks to include in the bag. Be sure to stop by, fill a bag and support our service members in all branches of the military overseas. It's free and fun!

The Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show will be featuring a huge 12,0000 gallon Bi-Mart Freshwater Demo Tank with a variety of local fish species including walleye. Top pro's and guides and will be giving daily seminars at the tank and demonstrating the use of several different lures and techniques. It's a unique opportunity to see the action and use of these baits in their freshwater environment. Bass, kokanee and walleye fishing tactics, techniques and gear are covered in detail at the Bi-Mart Freshwater Demo Tank.

Looking to book a vacation, dream hunt or in-state guide? The Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show plays host to dozens of guides from as far away as Africa and New Zealand to local fishing and hunting guides in the Northwest. For those looking to book an Alaska getaway, they will find several choices, right along with Oregon and Washington coastal trips, British Columbia salmon and halibut and Idaho hunts. The show is a great place to either start planning a trip or book a trip and take advantage of show specials that may be offered.

The Sport Show seminar series continues to be an essential element of the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show. Top professionals and experts share detailed information on a variety of topics ranging from horse and mule packing, fly tying and kokanee fishing to bow hunting, public lands hunting, customizing your kayak, outdoor and camp cooking and ice fishing. There are dozens of free seminars daily that cover the full spectrum of northwest fishing and hunting pursuits.

Show hours are Thursday-Friday, 12PM to 8PM, Saturday, 10AM-8PM, Sunday, 10AM-4PM. Admission is \$12 Adults, \$5 Juniors (6 to 16), 5 years and younger are free. \$7 Military discount with any military I.D. \$6 after 4PM admission adult special – Wednesday-Saturday. \$3 after 4PM admission special for Juniors (6-16). \$18 Two Day pass. Parking is FREE. For complete show info visit TheSportShows.com.

"Sportsmen's Shows" have traditionally focused on hunting and fishing interests and the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show is no different. The Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show embraces men and women of all ages to get their hunting and fishing journey started or hone their already seasoned outdoor skills. "The Sport Shows" include the Washington Sportsmen's Show, Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show and Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show. Combined, this is the largest sport show series west of the Mississippi.