

Bugling Contest

Rules & Regulations

Elk Bugling Contest – 5 Divisions:

_____ 18+ Men _____ 18+ Women _____ Sr. Youth (12-18) _____ Youth (7-11 years) _____ Jr. Youth (6 & under)

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the competition is to create a family friendly, **FREE** competition to see who can imitate elk sounds and allow the contestants to demonstrate their ability to reproduce these sounds. Because not all elk sound exactly alike, it is expected that not all contestants will sound exactly alike. Every contestant has an equal opportunity to win. Entrants must agree to be featured on the Visit Estes Park and Town of Estes Park web pages, social media and in public marketing materials.

DIVISIONS

A minimum of three contestants are required for each division. If fewer than three contestants register, that division will be combined with the next higher division. Contestants cannot enter more than one division, nor can they enter the contest more than once.

PRIZES

Winners will be selected by expert Tom of Mile High Game Note Calls. Prizes are provided by Mad Moose. Each adult category offers a ceramic elk statue (\$29.95/each). A game set for the Sr. Youth category (\$16.95). Elk mini building blocks for the Youth category (\$14.95). A puzzle for the Jr. Youth category (\$9.95).

TIMES, LOCATION AND SUBMISSION

Bugling Contest virtual submission end 11:59pm, Oct. 1. The Bugling Contest is held virtually and submissions must be sent to VisitEstesPark@VisitEstesPark.com w/ subject line "Bugling Contest" w/ the video attached and the name and division included.

BUGLING DEVICES/PROPS RULES

Only vocal calling or sounds produced by hand-held or breath-operated instruments may be used. Contestants can only produce sounds specified by the announcer; cow/calf and bull elk sounds. Electronic devices and the use of props such as trees, antlers, breaking branches and other devices are prohibited. Contestants are prohibited to operate instruments by stepping on them or squeezing them between their knees or under their arms. Calls, grunt tubes, or any other instruments used can be a maximum of four inches in diameter and no more than three feet long. Contestants must be able to carry their calls to the calling area on their person. Duffle bags and backpacks are **NOT** allowed. A table will be provided for the contestants to put their devices on while they are calling.

CONTESTANT CONDUCT

All contestants must adhere to the rules and regulations of the contest. Any contestants who harass the announcer or other contestants will be disqualified immediately and indefinitely. Any entrant failing to comply with any of the requirements as herein set forth shall be disqualified from the contest and will be ineligible to compete.