

# 11TH ANNUAL "DING" DARLING & DOC FORD'S TARPON TOURNAMENT

## Sponsorship Opportunities



In 2023, the highly anticipated "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament will be kicking off its 11th year and we are asking you to continue the success of the event by becoming a sponsor. 100% of the support raised from sponsors goes directly into the vital conservation work at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, making a real difference.

The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is the location of the first recorded tarpon caught on rod and reel. To celebrate the historical moment and Southwest Florida's history of fishing, the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society & Doc Ford's began the "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament.

With 100% of the entry fees going back into prizes for the participating anglers, the only way the charity (DDWS) raises support for conservation is through its sponsorships and other donations. This tournament is highly regarded by anglers, professional and amateur, as being the best tarpon tournament around. If you are new to the tournament, you will learn right away, they are right! If you are a returning sponsor, thank you. It is our sponsors who truly make the difference in what this tournament can do in helping the conservation efforts, including water quality research, at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

As the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and Doc Ford's look forward to another successful season, we hope you will become a sponsor to support the Refuge.

This year's tournament will kick off with the Captains' Night on Thursday, May 18, 2023. All sponsors and participants are invited to enjoy food and drinks, along with a silent auction. Friday, May 19 is tournament day, followed by the "Silver King" Awards Banquet for anglers and sponsors.

There will be a number of guaranteed slots for sponsors of certain levels. Sponsorships can be a combination of cash or in-kind. Should you have questions when reviewing the sponsor packet, please call tournament coordinator April Boehnen at 239.472.1100 ext. 256 or email at [aprilb@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:aprilb@dingdarlingsociety.org). Thank you for your consideration of support for the "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's 11th Annual Tarpon Tournament.

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Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level:

- Silver King (\$40,000+)       Champion (\$25,000)       Premiere (\$15,000)  
 Presenting (\$10,000)       Platinum (\$5,000)       Gold (\$2,500+)       Silver (\$1,500+ cash)

Please indicate how you would like to be listed in advertising, brochures, press releases, and other acknowledgement materials: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to remain anonymous. Please do not publicly recognize my/our gift.

I/We hereby pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society to become a sponsor of the 2023 "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's 11th Annual Tarpon Tournament. Please call 239-472-1100 ext. 256 to discuss in-kind support for sponsorship recognition.

**Please make checks payable to: "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society.  
Please mail checks to P.O. Box 565, Sanibel, FL 33957.**

I/We would like to make a gift with a MasterCard, Discover, or Visa:

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC code: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Special notes: \_\_\_\_\_

*Gifts to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, a 501(c)3 organization, qualify for federal & state tax deductions or credits as laws allow.*

