

Eddie V's Father's Day Sweepstakes

Official Rules

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. A PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.

- 1. Eligibility:** Eddie V's Father's Day Sweepstakes (the "Sweepstakes") is open only to legal residents of the 48 contiguous United States (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) and the District of Columbia who are at least 21 years old at the time of entry. Employees of Sponsor ("Sponsor"), Merkle Inc., Buffalo Trace Distillery, and their parent and affiliate companies as well as the immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings, and children) and household members of each such employee are not eligible. The Sweepstakes is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations and is void in Alaska, Hawaii, and where prohibited. Participation constitutes entrant's full and unconditional agreement to these Official Rules. Sponsor's decisions are final and binding in all matters related to the Sweepstakes. Winning the prize is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth herein.
- 2. Sponsor:** Darden Corporation, 1000 Darden Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32837.
- 3. Timing:** The Sweepstakes begins on May 20, 2026 at 12:00 a.m. Eastern Time ("ET") and ends on June 21, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. (the "Promotion Period"). Sponsor's servers are the official time-keeping devices for the Sweepstakes.
- 4. How to Enter:** During the Promotion Period, visit <https://www.eddiev.com/events/fathers-day-blantonssweepstakes> ("Promotion Site") and follow the links and instructions to accurately complete and submit the registration form, including your first and last name (initials are not sufficient), email address, birthdate, phone number (only used for winner communication purposes), the Eddie V's location that you frequent, confirmation that you are at least 21 years of age, and agreement to these Official Rules. You automatically will receive 1 entry into the Sweepstakes.

Limit: You may receive 1 entry during the Promotion Period. Multiple entrants are not permitted to share the same email address. Any attempt by any entrant to obtain more than 1 entry by using multiple/different email addresses, identities, registrations and logins or any other methods will void that entrant's entries and that entrant may be disqualified. Use of any automated system to participate is prohibited and may result in disqualification. In the event of a dispute as to the identity of an entrant, Sponsor will rely on the information submitted by the entrant to register for this Sweepstakes. If any additional information provided by entrant is inconsistent with the information provided at registration for this Sweepstakes, Sponsor may disqualify such entrant and such disqualification may result in the forfeiture of any prizes won. Sponsor, in its discretion, may require additional documentation from entrant to show proof of entrant's identity.

- 5. Prize Drawing and Winner Requirements:** Sponsor's decisions as to the selection of the potential winner are final and binding. Sponsor will randomly select 1 potential Sweepstakes winner from all eligible entries received during the Promotion Period on or around June 28, 2026. Potential winner will be notified by Sponsor via email. Potential winner will be required to sign and return a Declaration of Compliance, Liability Waiver and, where not prohibited, a Publicity Release ("Declaration") and must also provide Sponsor with a completed IRS Form W-9, each of which must be received by Sponsor within 5 days of the date notice or attempted notice is sent, in order to claim the prize. If the potential winner cannot be contacted or fails to sign and return the Declaration or provide the IRS Form W-9 or any other requested information within the required time period, the potential winner forfeits the prize. In the event that the potential winner forfeits the prize or is disqualified for any reason, Sponsor will award the prize to an alternate winner by random drawing from among all remaining eligible entries. Up to 3 alternate drawings will be held, after which the prize will remain un-awarded.

6. Prize, Approximate Retail Value (“ARV”), and Odds of Winning:

- A. Prize: ONE GRAND PRIZE:** A trip for winner and 1 guest (*who is at least 21 years of age*) to Louisville, Kentucky in October or November 2026 (exact dates to be determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion). Trip package includes round trip, coach-class air transportation for 2 from a major airport near winner's home (determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion) to Louisville, KY; 2 nights' accommodations at a hotel determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion (single room, double occupancy OR two separate rooms based on winner's preference); dinner for 2 at The Capital Grille in Louisville, KY (including gratuity); a guided tour of Buffalo Trace Distillery, including lunch for 2 and a private tasting; and round trip ground transportation between destination airport and hotel, hotel and dinner at The Capital Grille, and hotel and the Buffalo Trace Distillery. Winner must travel on the dates determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion or prize will be forfeited. Travel must be booked at least 30 days prior to departure. Travel must be round trip. Sponsor will determine airline and flight itinerary in its sole discretion. No refund or compensation will be made in the event of the cancellation or delay of any flight. Travel is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Sweepstakes, and those set forth by the Sponsor's airline carrier of choice as detailed in the passenger ticket contract. All expenses and incidental travel costs not expressly stated in the package description above, including but not limited to, additional ground transportation, meals not expressly outlined in the prize description, incidentals, gratuities, passenger tariffs or duties, airline fees, surcharges, airport fees, service charges or facility charges, personal charges at lodging, security fees, taxes or other expenses are the sole responsibility of winner. Winner must have proper identification and a valid credit card for hotel check-in and to cover incidental expenditures. Travel companion must travel on same itinerary and at the same time as the winner. Travel companion must execute liability/publicity releases prior to issuance of travel documents. Travel restrictions, conditions and limitations may apply. **By accepting the prize, winner and winner's guest voluntarily assume all risks related to traveling and attending scheduled events.** Winner and travel companions are responsible for complying with any requirements set forth by airline, hotel, excursion and event venues or other vendors offering services that are part of the trip prize. Failure to comply with any requirements may result in forfeiture of the prize or elements of the prize. Forfeiture of any aspect of the trip due to failure to meet these requirements will not impact the value of the trip as reported on an IRS Form 1099. If in the judgment of Sponsor air travel is not required due to winner's proximity to prize location, ground transportation will be substituted for round trip air travel at Sponsor's sole discretion. Sponsor will not replace any lost, mutilated, or stolen tickets, travel vouchers or certificates. Sponsor is not responsible if any portion of the prize is delayed, postponed or cancelled for any reason, in which event that portion of prize is forfeited in its entirety and no substitution will be provided except as in Sponsor's sole discretion. Estimated approximate retail value: \$4,025.00. **There are various factors that may impact the actual value of the trip as reported on winner's IRS Form 1099, including but not limited to airfare fluctuations, distance between winner's departure location and destination, and winner's accommodation preference (shared or private room). Winner will not receive difference between actual and approximate retail value.**

Prize is non-transferable, and no substitution will be made except as provided herein at the Sponsor's sole discretion. Sponsor reserves the right to substitute the prize or any component thereof for one of equal or greater value if the designated prize should become unavailable for any reason. Winner is responsible for all taxes and fees associated with prize receipt and/or use and will receive an IRS Form 1099 reporting the actual value of the trip. All other costs and expenses associated with acceptance of the prize that are not expressly set forth herein shall be solely the winner's responsibility.

- B. Odds of Winning:** The odds of winning the prize depend on the total number of eligible entries received during the Promotion Period.

- 7. Release:** By receipt of the prize, winner agrees to release and hold harmless Sponsor, Merkle Inc., Buffalo Trace Distillery, and their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, suppliers, distributors, advertising/promotion agencies, and prize suppliers, and each of their respective parent companies and each such company's officers, directors, employees and agents (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all actions, claims, injury, loss or damage arising in any manner, directly or indirectly, from participation in this Sweepstakes and/or acceptance, use, inability to use, misuse or redemption of a prize (including any injury or harm related thereto).
- 8. Publicity:** Except where prohibited, participation in the Sweepstakes constitutes winner's consent to Sponsor's and its agents' use of winner's name, prize information, likeness, photograph, voice, opinions and/or hometown and state for promotional purposes in any media, worldwide, without further payment or consideration. Sponsor is not obligated to use any of the above-mentioned information or publicity materials but may do so and edit such information or materials at its sole discretion, without further obligation or compensation.
- 9. General Conditions:** Sponsor reserves the right to cancel, suspend and/or modify the Sweepstakes, if any fraud, technical failures, human error, or any other factor impairs the integrity or proper functioning of the Sweepstakes, or any event or cause beyond Sponsor's control (e.g. events such as natural calamities, national emergencies, wide spread illnesses, declarations of war, acts of God, acts of terrorism) interferes with any aspect of the Sweepstakes, including but not limited to fulfillment of the prize(s), as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. In such event, Sponsor, in its sole discretion, may elect to hold a random drawing from among all eligible entries received up to the date of discontinuance and may modify the prizes offered herein. Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual it finds to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Sweepstakes, including but not limited to submitting fraudulent entries, or to be acting in violation of the Official Rules of this or any other promotion offered by Sponsor in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. Any attempt by any person to deliberately undermine the legitimate operation of the Sweepstakes may be a violation of criminal and civil law, and, should such an attempt be made, Sponsor reserves the right to seek damages from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. Sponsor's failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. In no event will more prizes than are stated in these Official Rules be awarded. If, for any reason, more prize notifications are sent (or more claims are received) than the number of prizes offered as set forth in these Official Rules, Sponsor reserves the right to award the intended number of prizes through a random drawing from among all eligible prize claims received. In the event there is a discrepancy or inconsistency between any other statements contained in any Sweepstakes-related materials and the Official Rules as posted on the Promotion Site, the Official Rules as posted on the Promotion Site shall prevail, govern, and control.
- 10. Limitations of Liability:** The Released Parties are not responsible for: (1) any incorrect or inaccurate information either caused by printing errors or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Sweepstakes or provided by entrants; (2) technical failures of any kind, including but not limited to malfunctions, interruptions, or disconnections to the internet, in phone lines or network hardware or software; (3) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the Sweepstakes, including but not limited to the entry process; (4) technical or human error which may occur in the administration of the Sweepstakes, including but not limited to the processing of entries; (5) late, lost, undeliverable, damaged or stolen mail; or (6) any injury or damage to persons or property which may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from entrant's participation in the Sweepstakes, or to the receipt, use, inability to use, or misuse of any prize. If for any reason an entrant's entry is confirmed to have been erroneously deleted, lost, or otherwise destroyed or corrupted, entrant's sole remedy is another entry in the Sweepstakes, if it is possible.
- 11. Disputes:** Except where prohibited, entrant agrees that: (1) any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Sweepstakes or any prize awarded shall be resolved

individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida or the appropriate Florida State Court located in Orange County, Florida; (2) any and all claims, judgments and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering this Sweepstakes, but in no event attorneys' fees; and (3) under no circumstances will entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and entrant hereby waives all rights to claim, indirect, punitive, incidental and consequential damages and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, or the rights and obligations of the entrant and Sponsor in connection with the Sweepstakes, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Michigan without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules (whether of the State of Michigan or any other jurisdiction), which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Michigan.

12. Severability: If the application of any provision of these Official Rules to any particular facts or circumstances shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable by a court, arbitration panel or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction, then (a) the validity, legality and enforceability of such provision as applied to any other particular facts or circumstances, and the other provisions of these Official Rules, shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby; and (b) such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent possible. In addition, if any provision contained in these Official Rules shall for any reason be held to be excessively broad as to duration, geographical scope, activity or subject, it shall be construed by limiting and reducing it, so as to be enforceable to the extent compatible with applicable law.

13. Entrant's Personal Information: Information collected from entrants is subject to Sponsor's [Privacy Policy](#).

14. Winner List: For a winner list, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope referencing "Eddie V's Father's Day Sweepstakes Winner List" to: Darden Corporation, 1000 Darden Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32837 by September 16, 2026. The winner list will be available after winner confirmation is complete.

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