

# THE STUFF YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT

WE'TZE TZEADY TO GO!





### **AUDIENCE TARGETING**

These are the audiences researched across the Core and Growth Origin Markets identified by Madden.

## FAMILY TRAVELER

Travelers who have taken a leisure vacation in the past 12 months, plan travel around the family, and have children under 18 in the house.

## ARTS & CULTURE TRAVELER

Travelers who have taken a leisure vacation in the past 12 months and visit art museums, theater, and other cultural events.

## ENTERTAINMENT TRAVELER

Travelers who have taken a leisure vacation in the past 12 months and who have identified themselves as someone who enjoys going out to entertainment spots, happy hours, bars, wineries, etc.

### OUTDOOR ADVENTURE TRAVELER

Travelers who have taken a leisure vacation in the past 12 months and who who have identified their hobbies to include golfing, fishing, biking, hiking, camping, and other outdoor activities.

## MOTORCYCLE TRAVELER

Travelers who have taken a leisure vacation in the past 12 months and who have looked at motorcycle content online in the past two months.

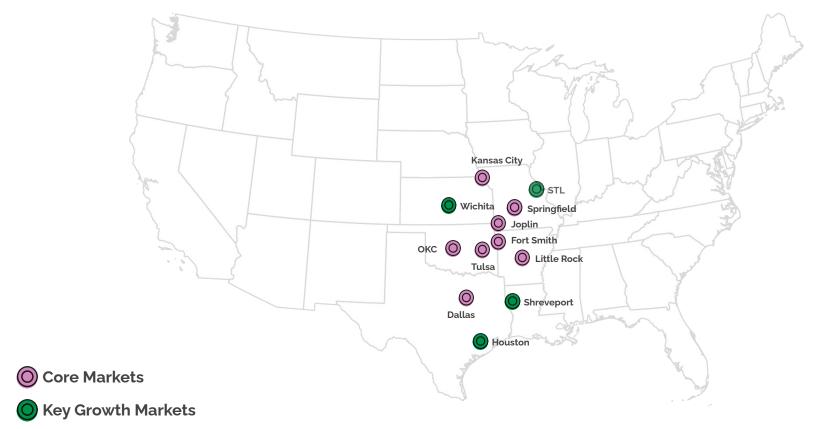
## WEDDING PLANNING TRAVELER

Travelers who have taken a leisure vacation in the past 12 months and who have been actively looking at wedding content online in the past two months.

## ROMANTIC GETAWAY TRAVELER

Travelers who have taken a leisure vacation in the past 12 months and whose purpose of the trip was to have a romantic getaway.

### **GEOGRAPHIC TARGETING ACROSS PAID MEDIA EFFORTS**



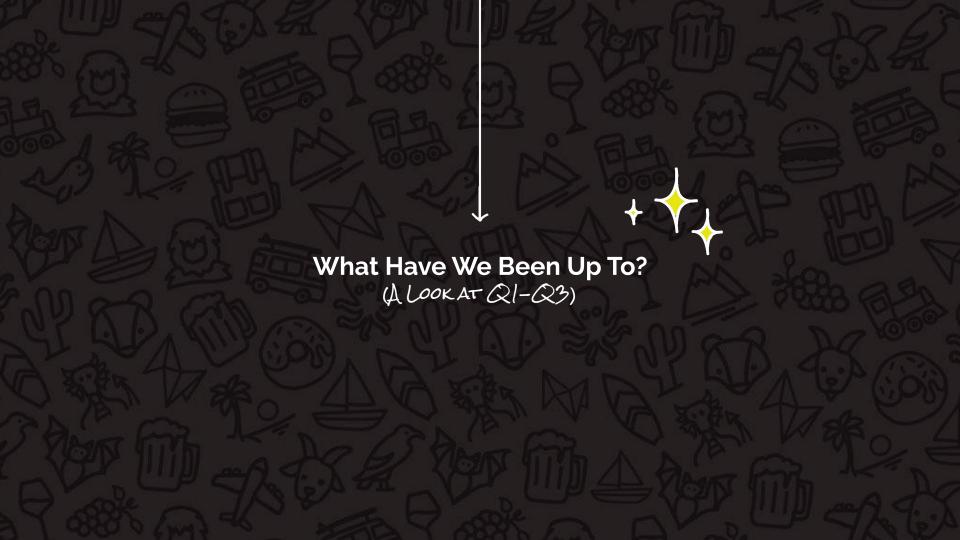


## 2024 Timeline (IT'S BEEN A BUSY YEATZ SO FATZ!)

Month	Oct'23	Dec '23	Jan'24	Feb	March	April	Мау	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Pitch to Community														
Onboarding & KBO Workshop														
Creative Adjustments														
Launch Digital Media with Current Creative														
Launch New Creative														
Quarterly Reporting Presented to CAPC and A&P														
Eureka Springs Immersion														
Video and Photography Production														
Public Relations & Media Monitoring														

## **FY24 Paid Media Calendar**

Month	Jan'24	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Google SEM	Goal: 105,100 Clicks											
Google Display		Goal: 17,957,000 Impressions										
Targeted Website Banner Ads with Visitor Spend Reporting				Goal: 5,556,000 Impressions								
Social Media Paid Ads			Goal: 181,581 Clicks									
Geo-Fencing: Custom Audiences & Events				Goal: 3,571,000 Impressions Geofencing Key Events								
Travel Endemic Media Expedia			Goal: 3,833,000 Impressions									
Video: OTT/CTV (Over the Top TV / Connected TV Streaming)				Goal: 667,000 Goal: 1,000,000 Impressions								
Influencer Paid Partnerships												
National & Regional Magazines: (National / Little Rock / Springfield / Kansas City)			Outside Mag (May/June, July/Aug) The Knot (July)  The Knot 417 Mag (Nov, Dec) AY Mag (Nov, Dec)									
In-Flight WiFi Video Ads				Goal: 10,000 Impressions								
Billboards: Kansas City & Northwest Arkansas												







## **Early 2024 Creative Pivot**















## **New Campaign Preparations**



# Madden Media Immersion Trip in March 2024

- → Account Strategy, Public Relations, Content Strategy
- → 18 Locations
- → "Storytellers" Breakfast

### **BRAND STRATEGY WORKSHOP: KEY QUESTIONS ASKED**

What is it we're selling?

What is the product / category or the 'units' of sale? What do we know?

What is the assignment? What are we building? Output/Deliverables?

Why are we doing it?

What do we want to have happen (that's measurable)?

Who are we talking to?

What do they currently think?

What's the one thing we need to tell them? In 7 words or less?

Why should they believe us?

What's the emotion we're trying to evoke?

What do we want them to feel as a result of seeing the communication? How do we want them to feel in our destination?

What is our personality?

In just a few words, define our attitude?

Where will the work run?

What's the optimal media environment?

How will the channels amplify the message?





# Curiosity in action

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## THIS HAT OR THAT







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### **OUR NORTH STAR**

Capturing the spirit of Eureka Springs, AR, in a single sentiment is a tall order. After all, we're describing a fiercely unique destination with the essence of an oasis. One that stands with a warm, open-armed welcome to all walks of life, providing everyone from outdoor adventurers to artists to motorcycle enthusiasts with the perfect way to include in their niche. One with something distinctly personal to offer every visitor: *freedom*.





where you're free to be































:30 OUTDOORS

:15 OUTDOORS

:15 COUPLES









### Our North Star: Free To Be

Capturing the spirit of Eureka Springs in a single sentiment is a tall order. After all, we're describing a fiercely unique destination with the essence of an oasis. One that stands with a warm, open-armed welcome to all walks of life, providing everyone from outdoor adventurers to artists to motorcycle enthusiasts with the perfect way to indulge in their niche. One with something distinctly personal to offer every visitor: *freedom*.

Free to Be is more than a campaign concept; it is an overarching descriptor that gets right to the heart of what folks will experience when visiting. It moves seamlessly through pillars and demographics, allowing it to be utilized in print and digital media and serving as the cornerstone of a video series showcasing Eureka's finest. Whether you want to be yourself, the best version of yourself, or someone else entirely, Eureka Springs is where you're free to be.

## ALWAYS OUTZ GUIDE!



### CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PLACES



### **Our October Shoot:**

While the exceptional beauty of Eureka Springs has long been established, our October video shoot gives us the opportunity to feature a direct, visual contrast between the individual allure of the changing seasons.

As an extension of our July shoot, October will not only allow us to fill in pillar gaps for a cohesive video campaign but will also—with a bit of help from nature's autumn hues—showcase a more complete example of *The Seeker's* experience in Eureka Springs.

Our goal is to capture the richness of this time of year in the deeper shades of reds and golds, the shadows of more haunting adventures, and the uninhibited freedom that is the cornerstone of Eureka's allure.

This footage will beautifully complement our existing sun-soaked summer captures.

























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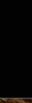
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Speak from a position of confident authority on the destination. There is no need for fluff; simply get to the heart of the matter by stating what it is and When copy space is tight letting the image drive it home. Keep the verbiage warm, friendly, and feel free to utilize the lagline and let it speak for self. Free to Be is In this visually-driven campaign, imagery will provide ample inspiration for copy to echo the emotional essence of the subject at-hand. Focus on the imagery and do not make the copy so long that it overwhelms or seems f you're low on space but want to spice it up. "Free to be X\* is another great option, selecting a Keep it brief and concise. Under normal circumstances, strive to keep all



adventurous

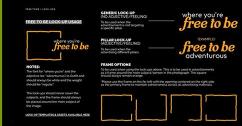
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OVERARCHING COPY GUIDANCE

familiar, with a touch of ES' signature eccentricity.

superfluous. Aim to tie copy directly to the image.

TYPOGRAPHY

Kamal

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FREE TO BE COLOR PALETTE

To be used primarily for the Free to the frame lock-up.

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ad copy to a maximum of one sentence or two short sentences.

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SECONDARY

PURPLE

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CMYK 49.94.5.0

Outfit

font, Outfit, should be used for "where you're" in the generic tock-up, as well as the adjective/feeting word (such as "adventurous") for the pillar-focused. lock-up. Karnal should be used for the "free to be" portion of the tock-up. It is fonts are used cohesively, please refer to this file as temptate when creating the Free to Be lock-ups. GENERIC LOCK-UP

USAGE GUIDELINES

Kamal and Outfit are the official fonts for

the Free to Be campaign. When creating the lock-up (see examples below) the

To be used as accent colors for campaign materials. See Slides 8 & 9 for examples.

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### **OUR AUDIENCE PERSONA**

### "The Seeker"

A **deep thinker** who has wondered about their place in the world and is interested in meeting others from **different walks of life** to help further expand their worldview.

The Seeker is **curious and soulful**, in search of travel that's rich with **authentic**, **meaningful** experiences, preferring destinations that are **unapologetically** themselves and **proud** of who they are.

Uninhibited throughout their visit, The Seeker remains open to take it all in: "What does this show me?" "What does this mean to me?" "How does this make me feel?"

A **respectful traveler, uninterested in flash or facade,** The Seeker is eager to meet the memories a destination holds and be inspired to make their own.









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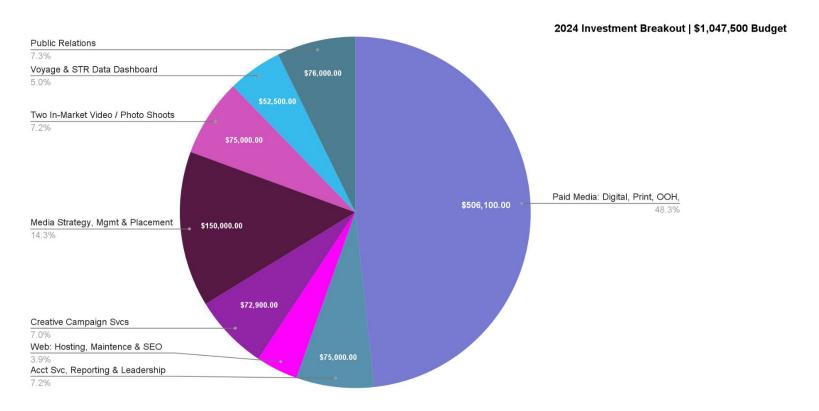
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### 2024 Eureka Springs Agency Plan Investment Breakout





## Your fabulous top performers.







# IMPRESSIVE >

**11M+**Branded
Impressions

**568,733** Clicks



SEM LEISURE	SEM "NEAR ME"	GOOGLE DISPLAY	GOOGLE REMARKETING	META PROSPECTING	META REMARKETING
<b>106,780</b> Clicks	<b>27,058</b> Clicks	<b>214,479</b> Clicks	<b>143,285</b> Clicks	<b>46,709</b> Clicks	<b>18,504</b> Clicks
<b>400,994</b> Impressions	<b>125,573</b> Impressions	<b>10,207,647</b> Impressions	<b>6,046,334</b> Impressions	<b>3,539,670</b> Impressions	<b>1,483,210</b> Impressions
<b>26.63</b> % CTR	<b>21.55%</b> CTR	<b>2.10%</b> CTR	<b>2.37</b> % CTR	<b>1.32%</b> CTR	<b>1.25%</b> CTR
<b>\$0.30</b> Avg CPC	<b>\$0.43</b> Avg CPC	<b>\$1.66</b> Avg CPM	<b>\$1.89</b> Avg CPM	<b>\$0.30</b> Avg CPC	<b>\$0.69</b> Avg CPC
<b>83,333</b> Click Goal	<b>21,538</b> Click Goal	<b>11,628,000</b> Impr. Goal	<b>6,329,000</b> Impr. Goal	<b>47,619</b> Click Goal	<b>33,962</b> Click Goal
<b>175</b> % Pacing to Overall Goal	<b>172</b> % Pacing to Overall Goal	<b>125%</b> Pacing to Overall Goal	<b>109</b> % Pacing to Overall Goal	<b>139%</b> Pacing to Overall Goal	<b>78</b> % Pacing to Overall Goal
Avg CTR: 7.41%	Avg CTR: 7.41%	Avg CTR: 2.02%	Avg CTR: 3.67%	Avg CTR 1.66%	Avg CTR 168%

## **YTD Digital Performance**

IMPRESSIVE >

**34M**\*
Branded
Impressions

**579,369** Clicks

### Continued

EXPEDIA	EPSILON	MOBILEFUSE	AZIRA (CTV)	INK	ARKANSAS IG TAKEOVER
<b>3,230</b> Clicks	<b>5,904</b> Clicks	<b>2,464</b> Clicks	<b>320</b> Clicks	<b>10,236</b> Clicks	<b>400</b> Clicks
<b>2,024,975</b> Impressions	<b>5,556,174</b> Impressions	<b>3,860,800</b> Impressions	<b>787,197</b> Impressions	<b>17,460</b> Impressions	<b>210,677</b> Impressions
<b>0.16</b> % CTR	<b>0.11%</b> CTR	<b>0.06</b> % CTR	<b>0.04</b> % CTR	<b>58%</b> CTR	<b>0.19</b> % CTR
<b>\$1.5M</b> Gross Booking \$	<b>\$9.00</b> Avg CPM	<b>\$6.06</b> Avg CPM	<b>\$30</b> Avg CPM	<b>10,000</b> Impr. Goal	<b>115,839</b> Reach
3,833,000	<b>5,555,555</b> Impr. Goal	<b>3,571,000</b> Impr. Goal	<b>1,667,000</b> Impr. Goal	CAMPAIGN COMPLETE	<b>\$1.55</b> Avg CPC
Impr Goal  100% Pacing to Overall Goal	CAMPAIGN COMPLETE	<b>100%</b> Pacing to Overall Goal	<b>100</b> % Pacing to Overall Goal		CAMPAIGN COMPLETE
	Avg CTR: 0.10%	Avg CTR: 0.59%	Avg CTR: 0.13%		

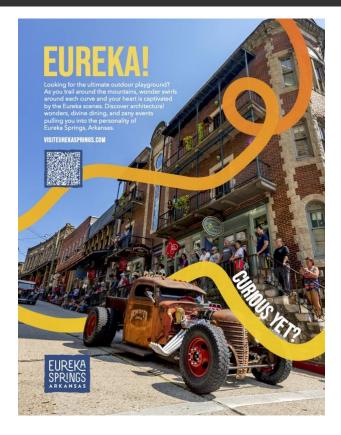


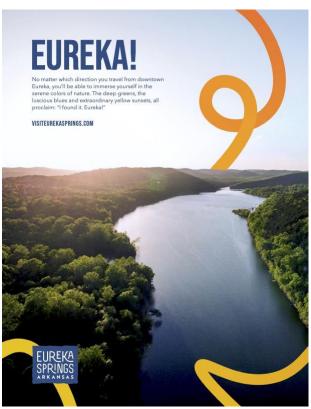
## **2024 PUBLICATIONS: THE KNOT**





## 2024 PUBLICATIONS: OUTSIDE MAGAZINE







## **DMO Tourism Industry Benchmarks**

PERFORMANCE TACTIC	YOUR CTR	MADDEN BENCHMARK CTR	DIFFERENCE	YOUR COST	MADDEN BENCHMARK COST	DIFFERENCE
SEM LEISURE	26.63%	7.41%	19.55%	\$0.30	\$0.48 CPC	\$0.18
SEM NEAR ME	21.55%	7.41%	15.16%	\$0.43	\$0.48 CPC	\$0.05
GOOGLE DISPLAY	2.10%	2.02%	0.08%	\$1.66	\$1.38 CPM	\$0.28
GOOGLE REMARKETING	2.37%	3.67%	1.3%	\$1.89	\$1.32 CPM	\$0.57
META PROSPECTING (CTS)	1.32%	1.66%	0.34%	\$0.30	\$0.27 CPC	\$0.03
META REMARKETING	1.25%	1.68%	0.43%	\$0.69	\$0.29 CPC	\$0.40
MOBILEFUSE	16.75% EER*	5% EER*	11.75%	\$6.06	\$10.67 CPM	\$4.61
AZIRA (CTV)	0.04%	0.13%	0.09%	\$30	\$30 CPM	FLAT

<sup>\*</sup>Expandable engagement rate for rich media expandable ad.



### Let's take a deep dive.

### **BIG WINS**

### **General Leisure & Near-Me SEM Campaigns:**

By implementing general leisure and near-me campaigns this year, we've significantly enhanced our ability to engage users actively searching in and around Eureka Springs. These campaigns have become the leading drivers of traffic to your website, with Paid Search seeing a 404% increase in users jumping from 30,173 to 154,923 this year, and a 264% increase in engaged sessions with 108k this year compared to the same period in 2023. These efforts are effectively reaching users interested in all things Eureka Springs—whether it's an out-of-state traveler planning their next trip or a local looking for a weekend event.

### **TOP PERFORMING**

### Display:

This year, your responsive display ads delivered standout performance, generating nearly 80k clicks and an impressive CTR of 2.25%. These ads accounted for 78% of total impressions and 83% of total clicks in your prospecting and responsive campaign. By allowing us to tailor messages more effectively, these ads are clearly resonating with your target audiences, as demonstrated by their strong engagement and performance.

### WHAT'S WORKING

### **Core Media + Innovative Tactics:**

This year, our core strategies in paid search and Meta remain strong, while we're seeing a growing user presence on emerging platforms like Ink, Mobilefuse, and Expedia. This trend is evident in your analytics, where key metrics such as total users, sessions, engaged sessions, and engagement rate have all increased compared to the same period in 2023

Additionally, placements in print media and OOH billboards are boosting brand awareness and keeping your destination top of mind for viewers.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Driving Conversions on Your Site:**

We've demonstrated our ability to drive valuable, engaged users to your website through various media tactics. Now, let's shift our focus to converting those users. Let's revisit your Google Analytics goals and review how they align with conversions in Google Ads.





# **Google Analytics Breakdown**

#### **KEY SITE METRICS**

Total users

± 40.9%

Sessions

473,960

\$ 44.6%

607,791

**★** 54.3%

**Engaged sessions** 

343,714

Average session duration

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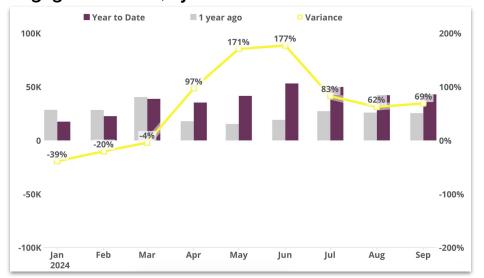
**\$** 20.5%

Engagement rate

56.55%

£ 6.7%

#### **Engaged Sessions, by Month (YoY)**



#### **Insights:**

- Overall, volume and engagement to the site are seeing growth YoY.
- The months of May and June saw the strongest growth in Engaged Sessions YoY.
- Considering Madden began its marketing efforts in early 2024, we expected there to be some ramp up time.
  - Early 2024 slightly underperformed, but as we made our way into Spring/Summer we saw the site really take off.
- An average session duration of 3 minutes, 28 seconds is healthy and showcases that users are diving into the site.

Source: Google Analytics 4; Jan 1 - Sep 30, 2024

## **Visitation & Website Performance Index**

(DMA-Level)





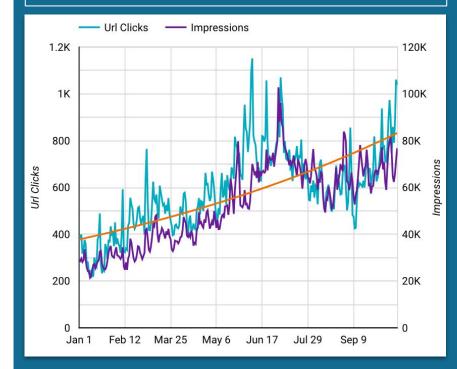


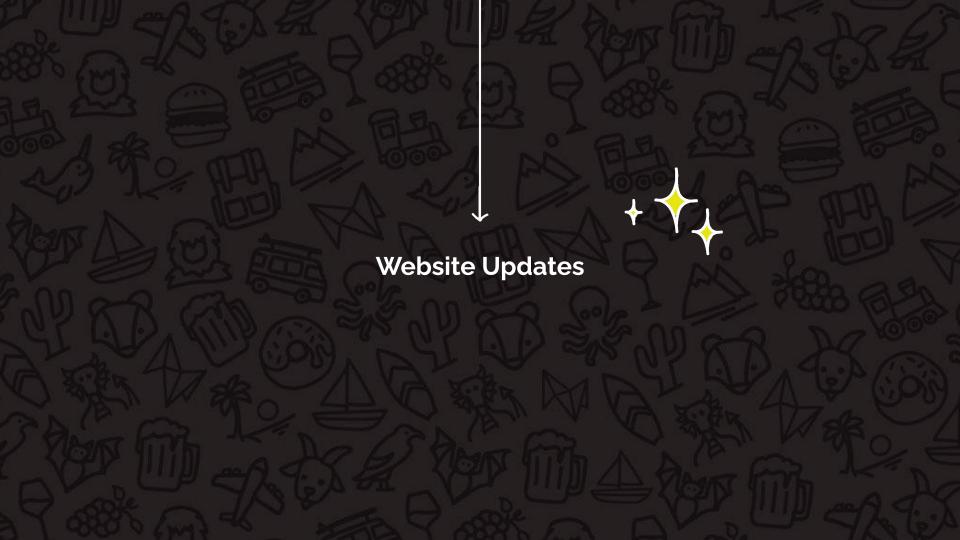
# SEO YTD 2024 Updates

## **Calibrating Pages for Users & Bots**

- → Despite a decrease from 2022 numbers, 2023 is seeing a recovery and continuing to increase in clicks, impressions, and average positions. In addition to Madden's regular monthly optimizations, we've worked on the following:
- → Redirects from Old Domain to New: In Spring 2024, Madden implemented page-level redirects from eurekasprings.org to visiteurekasprings.com, which allowed for capturing lost backlinks and directing keywords toward the pages that needed them most.
- → Assisting Content Strategy. Madden also performed a keyword GAP analysis to identify topic opportunities for th blog, as well as looking at new ways to optimize the "Things to Do" page and the "Events" page.
- → In Progress: Inlink Optimizations. Due to current layout constraints, some blogs have the opportunity to receive more inlinks through a designated "blog" page. We're in the process of getting an SEO-friendly version ready.







# **Web Sprints**

#### What We've Done So Far:

- → Calendar Integration
- → Template Clean Up
- → Page Speed Increase
- → General Maintenance

#### More to Do!

- → Meetings & Conventions
  - Create a mini hub on the website for group travel planners.
  - ◆ A sales tool for Jana
- → Promoting The Aud
  - Creating a microsite within the current website
  - Sharing the history
  - Increasing ticket sales



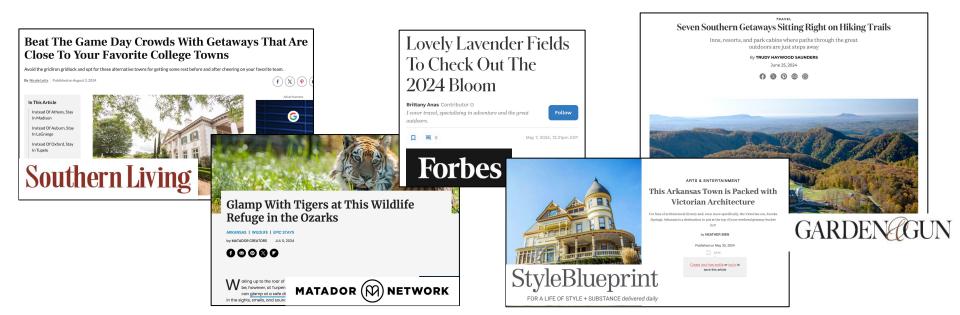


## **Public Relations: Secured Earned Media**

So far in 2024, Madden Media focused in on our core pitching angles to produce high-level coverage for Eureka Springs. Madden identified **95 pieces of coverage**, with Madden assisting for **18** of those placements.

#### Year-to-Date Madden-Generated

Placements: Readership: AVE: Social Shares: **18 155.3M \$1,436,766.10 5,788** 





## **Public Relations: Secured Earned Media**

TravelPulse Every State's Best March Events in 2024

Readership: 251,817 AVE: \$1,423.73

TravelPulse The Most Iconic Hotels in Every State

Readership: 274,060 AVE: \$1,423.73

Southern Living 25 Affordable Family Vacations You Haven't Thought Of Before

Readership: 15,823,211 AVE: \$120,751.73

Southern Living Mark Your Calendars: These Are The 8 Longest Yard Sales In The South

Readership: 15,823,211 AVE: \$120,751.73

Forbes Lovely Lavender Fields To Check Out The 2024 Bloom

Readership: 87,519,063 AVE: \$921,503.08

StyleBlueprint Why You Need to See Eureka Springs Architecture

Readership: 128,268 AVE: \$1,524.83

TravelPulse The Most Iconic Hotels in Every State

Readership: 274,060 AVE: \$1,423.73

Travel Pulse Every State's Best June Events in 2024

Readership: 274,060 AVE: \$1,423.73

**Garden & Gun Seven Southern Getaways Sitting Right on Hiking Trails** 

Readership: 438,106 AVE: \$4,403.72

The Travel Coolest Towns In The Ozarks For A Summer Vacation In 2024

Readership: 1,952,146 AVE: \$16,824.15

Lonely Planet The coziest small US towns to visit this fall

Readership: 3,715,729 AVE: \$34,370.49

Midwest Living Dine in a Cave, an Orchard or Even a River at These Unforgettable Ozarks

Restaurants

Readership: 370,722 AVE: \$3,429.18

TravelPulse Best Fair Weather Fall Getaways

Readership: 153,917 AVE: \$1,423.73

TravelPulse Every State's Best September Events in 2024

Readership: 153,917 AVE: \$1,423.73

Matador Network Glamp with Tigers at this Wildlife Refuge in the Ozarks

Readership: 813,268 AVE: \$5,077.70

Southern Living Beat The Game Day Crowds With Getaways That Are Close To Your Favorite

**College Towns** 

Readership: 13.054.241 AVE: \$120.751.73

TravelPulse Every States Best October Events 2024

Readership: 153,917 AVE: \$1,423.73

Men's Journal, 52 Fall Weekend Trip Ideas to Make You Fall in Love with Fall

Readership: 8,368,827 AVE: \$77,411.65



# **Public Relations: Quarterly Newsletters**

The Madden PR Team has written, designed and sent out three of your quarterly newsletters to our curated media list to spark interest in Eureka Springs in a variety of ways.

#### Q1 Newsletter: A Curious Case of Eureka Springs

→ Open Rate: 77.2%

#### **Q2 Newsletter: Romantic Outdoor Adventure**

→ Open Rate: 66.9%

#### Q3 Newsletter: The Festive Season

→ Open Rate: 76.5%



## **Public Relations: Press Trips**

### **Previous Press Trips**

- → Brian Cicioni USA Today, Travel + Leisure, InsideHook, Fodor's: April
- → <u>Heide Brandes</u> Freelance, *BBC, HuffPost, Southern Living, Cowboys & Indians, Business Insider, Travel Awaits:* **June**
- → <u>Nicky Omohundro</u> Freelance and Blogger, *Little Family Adventure, Outdoor Families Magazine:* **June**
- → Matt Kirouac Thrillist, BBC, Travel + Leisure, AFAR, TripSavvy, Conde Nast: June

## **Upcoming Press Trips**

- → <u>Trudy Haywood Saunders</u> Southern Living, Travel + Leisure, Thrillist: **November**
- → <u>Anne Rodriguez Jones</u> Architectural Digest, Travel + Leisure, Washington Post: **December**
- → <u>Erica Zazo</u> Backpacker, Outside, CNN Underscored, CNN: **June Pride Weekend**





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In Market: May 27-29, 2024

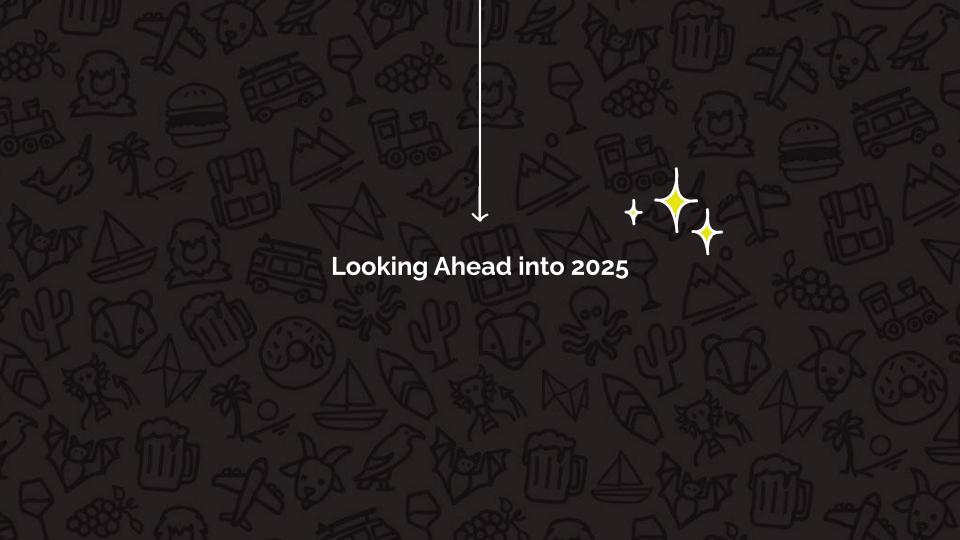
#### **Deliverables:**

- Instagram Stories
- <u>1 Instagram Reel</u>
- 1 TikTok Video

#### Metrics:

- 14 posts
- 41,045 Impressions
- 790 Engagements
- 644,600 Potential Reach
- 271 Saves
- 1.5% Instagram Engagement Rate
- 3.8% TikTok Engagement Rate
- \$2,341 Total Media Value





## **CONTINUING OUR MOMENTUM**

# FOCUS ATZEAS FOTZ 2015

#### Leaning into Audience Messaging for the Following:

- Weddings
- Nightlife
- Mountain Biking
- Group Travel

#### Paid Media Foundational Strategies for 2024:

- Foundational Digital: SEM + Google Display, Meta Prospecting + Remarketing
- Travel Endemic (Booking Sites)
- OTT/CTV
- Influencers
- Billboard Presence Year-Round





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