

WINTER REVENUE GUIDE TO PROMOTIONS



Make the Biggest Retail Season Your Biggest Revenue Season

Winter is traditionally the most profitable time of year for media companies. This year, let's make it your most profitable season ever.

We've designed this month-by-month guide to set you up for success - whether you're new to promotions or an experienced pro. Find an action plan, case studies, and advertisers to target, so that you can develop a revenue plan to bring in \$30K, \$60K, or even \$90K over these winter months.

It's time to get started!

Follow our guide, plan ahead, prepare your sales team, approach the right advertisers with the right ideas, and you'll set yourself up for your most successful winter yet.







set your goals and plan out everything you need to achieve them

Developing a great revenue strategy takes a bit of planning. Much like creating a great workout routine for the gym, a combination of specific exercises and stretches will do better than just repeating the same thing over and over.

So, what's your revenue workout strategy?

It all starts with picturing what you want your results to be. Setting a revenue goal is important, but often it's an overlooked step in the planning process. Once you've set your goal, you can fill in all the exercises you need to finish your revenue workout strategy.

Here are three revenue plans. See which one is right for you!

DECEMBER

Multi-Month Campaign (\$1,500)

Quiz Bundle (\$4,000)

Advertiser Sweepstakes (\$2,500)

Scared of Santa Photo Contest (\$5,000)

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TOTAL REVENUE: \$33,000

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Quiz Bundle (\$4,000)

Two Advertiser Quizzes (\$2,000 each)

Ticket Giveaway (\$3,000)

Advertiser Sweepstakes (\$2,500)

Scared of Santa Photo Contest (\$5,000)

JANUARY

Multi-Month Campaign (\$1,500)

Quiz Bundle (\$4,000)

Two Advertiser Quizzes (\$2,000 each)

Two Ticket Giveaways (\$6,000)

Two Advertiser Sweepstakes (\$2,500)

FEBRUARY

Multi-Month Campaign (\$1,500)

Two Quiz Bundles (\$4,000 each)

Two Advertiser Quizzes (\$2,000 each)

Big Game Pick'Em (\$6,000)

Ticket Giveaway (\$3,000)

Two Advertiser Sweepstakes (\$5,000)

TOTAL REVENUE: \$65,500

DECEMBER

Two Multi-Month Campaigns (\$1,500 each)

Two Quiz Bundles (\$4,000 each)

Two Advertiser Quizzes (\$2,000 each)

Two Ticket Giveaways (\$3,000 each)

Three Advertiser Sweepstakes (\$2,500 each)

Scared of Santa Photo Contest) with two sponsors (\$10,000)

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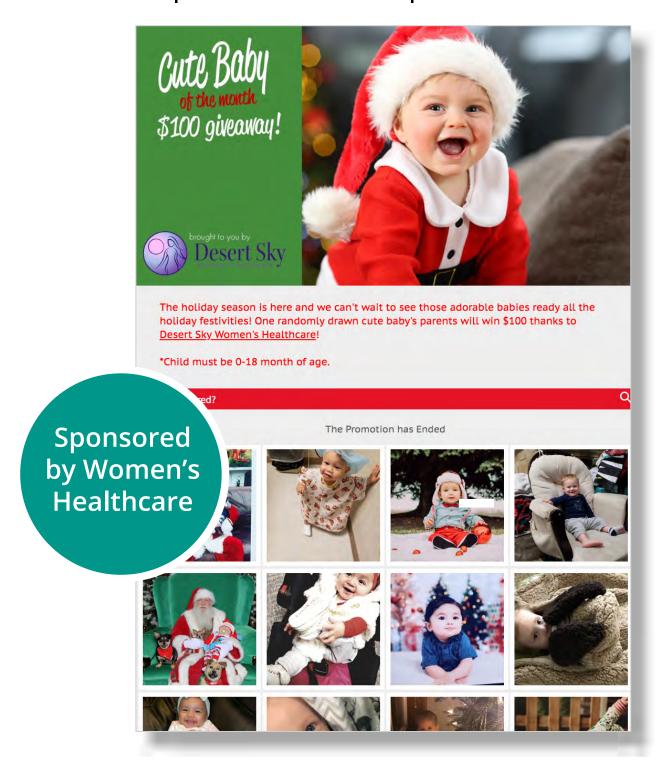
Adding a citywide ballot can earn an additional \$30,000+

S TOTAL REVENUE: **\$95,500**



Cute Baby of the Month

KVEW-TV | Kennewick, WA | DMA: 126



THE GOAL

The team at KVEW-TV wanted to bring in recurring revenue with a cutest baby photo contest. They secured a Women's Healthcare clinic and had them sponsor a monthly cutest baby photo contest with different themes around holidays and more.

THE SOLUTION

They decided to run this contest as a photo sweepstakes and were able to collect data and entries from mothers. This ensured they would be able to reach their target audience to provide healthcare to women who were mothers of young children. They used different themes such as Sporty Baby of the Month, Halloween Baby of the Month, Messy Baby of the Month, and Summer Baby of the Month.

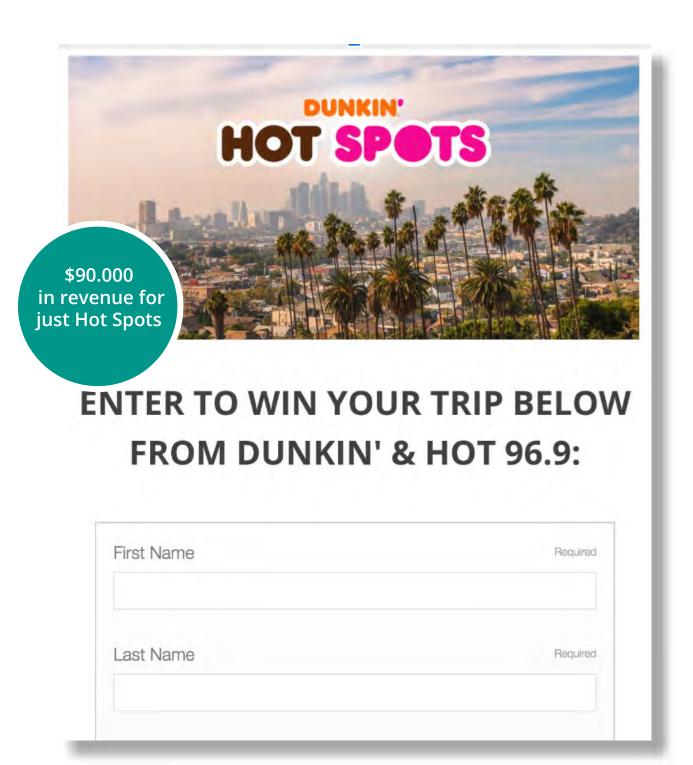
THE RESULTS





Inspiration for Multi-Month Campaigns





Dunkin' Hot Spots 2019

HOT 96.9 Beasley Boston Boston, MA | DMA: 7



Scared of Santa Photo Contest

Southeast Missourian | Cape Girardeau, MO | Circ: 15,275



THE GOAL

The team at the Southeast Missourian partnered with SoutheastHEALTH, a local hospital, to help them create brand superiority for their Pediatrics department throughout the region and to boost their email database.

THE SOLUTION

They knew Scared of Santa contests draw a great crowd, especially from parents with young children. This is the perfect demographic for a Pediatrics department.

The submission round ran for four weeks and the voting stage ran for one week. To drive participation, users could vote once daily and gave away two \$250 Visa gift cards. 175 fantastic Santa photos were submitted. The paper gained 835 opt-ins and they secured 655 opt-ins for SoutheastHEALTH.

THE RESULTS



\$9,000 revenue for the paper



2,700+



650+

opt-ins for sponsors

Inspiration for December



8,000 entries

\$24K in

12 Days of Giveaways KRTV-TV & KXLH-T

Helena, MT | DMA: 190



24 Days of Giving

Chattanooga Times Free Press Chattanooga, TN | Circ: 80,100

Inspiration for December



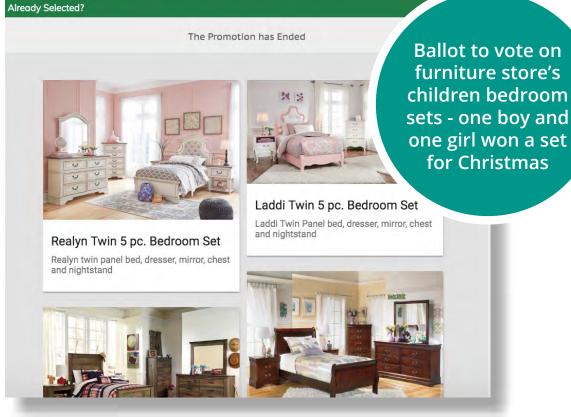
Best Holiday Decorations Photo Contest 2018

WWAY-TV

Wilmington, NC | DMA: 134





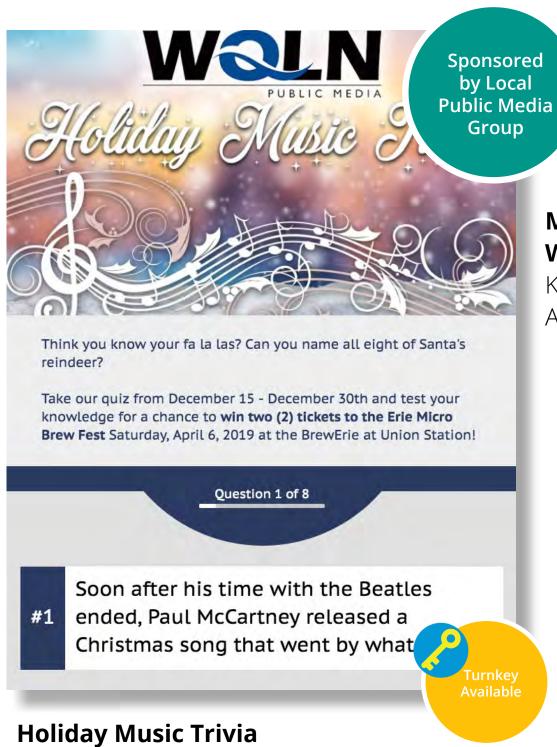


Ashley Homestore Christmas Giveaway

KYTV-TV

Springfield, MO | DMA: 75

Inspiration for December



Erie Times-News

Erie, PA | Circ: 38,500

Mountain Mechanical Warmer Winter Giveaway

KTUU-TV

Anchorage, AK | DMA: 148



Enter the "Warmer Winter Giveaway" by Mountain Mechanica' You could win a Baseboard Heating System or a Forced Air Furnace!

1,500 Entries



Sponsored by event ticketing venue

Top 93 of 2017

WRSI-FM

Northampton, MA | DMA: 111

FEATURED ADVERTISER OPPORTUNITY

Retail

December is the ultimate month of shopping. In fact, this one month can often make or break a retail store's entire fiscal year. This means retail stores are anxious for opportunities to grow their brand awareness and hunt down hot leads.

Plan of Attack:

- **CAMPAIGN IDEAS**
 - Quiz Bundle: What's the Right Gift for Your Child? Do You Feel the Holiday Stress? Name These Top-Selling Holiday Toys?
 - Sweepstakes: Giveaways & Shopping Sprees

SURVEY QUESTIONS

- Who are you looking to purchase a gift for?
- How much do you typically spend on dining out?
- Are you interested in financing your next purchase?

EMAIL OPT-IN

Yes, I'd like to hear about weekly sales and seasonal offerings at ABC Jewelry!

Find more of these including prize ideas and customer needs analysis questions for 40+ advertisers, in the Seller's Guide.



Shop Local 2018

WLEX-TV Lexington, KY | DMA: 64







health & fitness

The new year isn't all about making resolutions for healthy eating and heading to the gym. Plus, with families taking tons of family pictures over the holidays, this is a prime time for cutest kid contests!

Advertisers to Target:

GYMS, FITNESS, & ATHLETIC RETAIL

Exercise Programs, Studios (Yoga, Spin, CrossFit, etc.), Local Chains & Franchises, Athletic Apparel Stores, Sporting Goods Stores, Weight-Loss Programs, Niche Gyms, Outdoor Boot Camps, Custom Training Programs

HEALTHCARE

Clinics, Urgent Care Facilities, Dentists & Orthodontics, Hospitals, Hearing Centers, Lasik, Cosmetic Surgeons

TOP IDEAS

promotions to consider

When you start planning your January promotions, these are always a winner:

Photo Contests

This is the perfect time of year for cutest baby contests, as well as photo contests centered around New Year's resolutions.

Quiz Bundle

A bundled set of 3-5 health and fitness quizzes can target a wide audience and get tons of shares on social media.

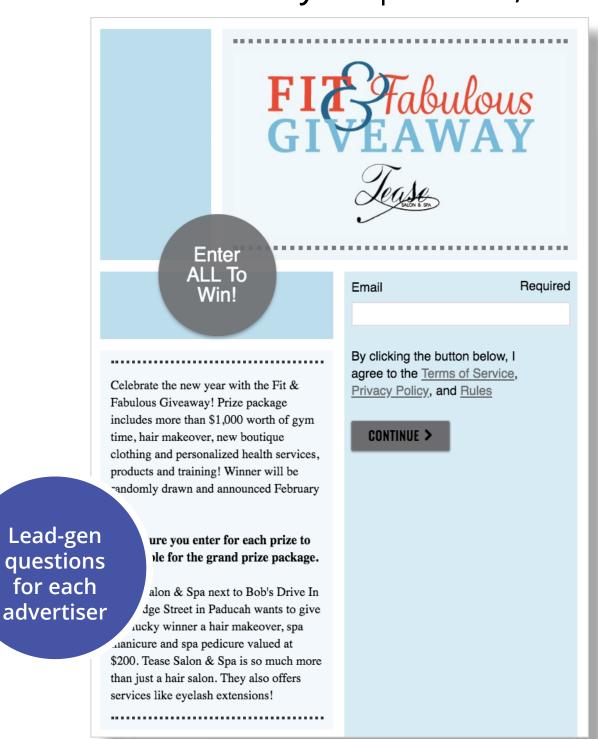
Sweepstakes

Reel in lots of entries when you run a January sweepstakes offering free gym memberships and high-end exercise equipment.



Fit & Fabulous

West Kentucky Star | Paducah, KY



THE GOAL

The team at the *West Kentucky Star* wanted to take advantage of the New Year and the advertisers that people are interested when they make their resolutions. They did a series of sweepstakes with 4 different advertisers.

• THE SOLUTION

They set up the 4 sweepstakes: one for a Salon & Spa, one for a Health & Wellness Specialist, one for a Boutique, and one for an Athletic Club.

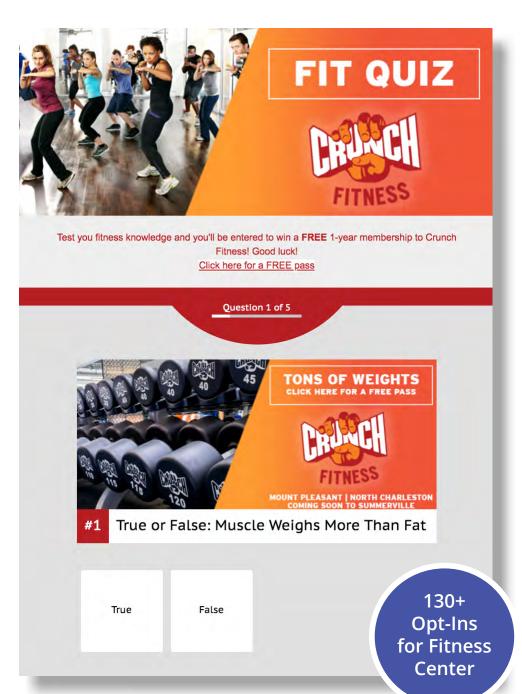
These advertisers were great for a New Year's promotion because they targeted different aspects of life that people try to enhance at the turn of the New Year. They reached a target audience of people who wanted to better themselves and bring their business to fitness centers and health specialists.

THE RESULTS





Inspiration for January



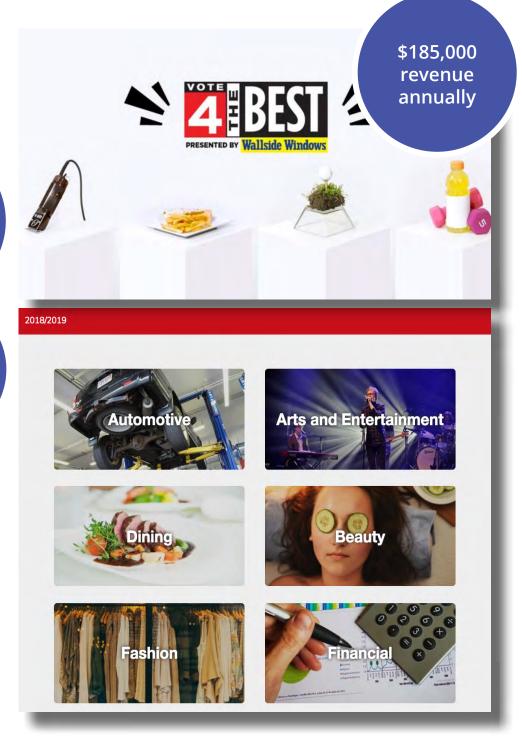
New Year, New You! Fit Quiz by Crunch Fitness

WCIV-TV Charleston, SC | DMA: 99



Cutest Baby Photo Contest 2019

Peoria Journal Star
Peoria, IL | Circ: 63,600



2018 Vote 4 the Best

WDIV-TV

Detroit, MI | DMA: 11

Inspiration for January



How Much Do You Know About Heart Health?

Southeast Missourian

Cape Girardeau, MO | Circ: 15,275

400+ opt-ins for Car Dealer

2019 Big Game Party Giveaway

Richmond Times-Dispatch Richmond, VA | Circ: 142,570













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Renewal of Vows Photo Contest

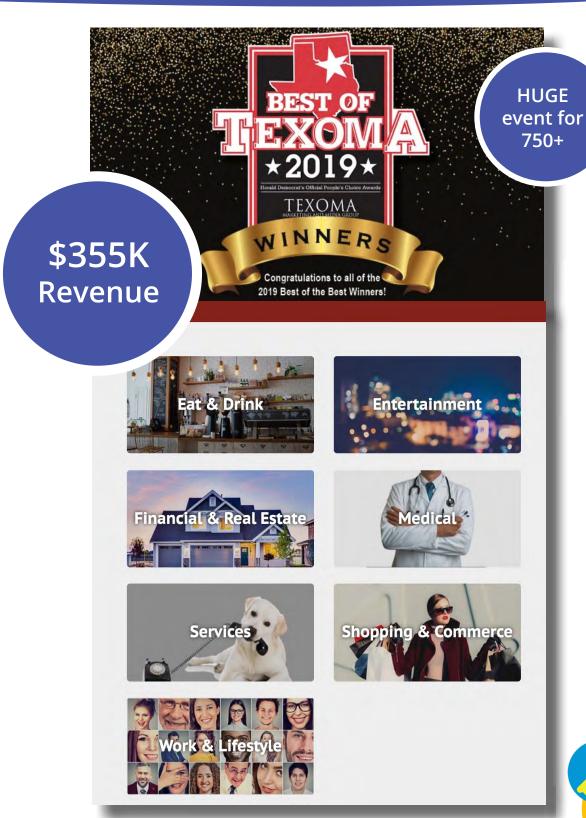
Carroll Times Herald Carroll, IA | Circ: 6,525 Garden View, Daily Times Herald & Carroll Broadcasting's

Renewal of Vows Contest

Family and friends of 13 couples have entered them in the Garden View of Carroll Renewal Of Vo Contest. Cast your vote today! The winning couple will be announced on Valentine's Day on Facebook Live and then featured in the Carroll Daily Times Herald.

Click on the photos of the couples below to learn more about them! There are some great love

Inspiration for January



Best of Texoma Herald-Democrat Sherman, TX | Circ: 21,400



Big Game 2019 Poll

The Pilot

Southern Pines, NC | Circ: 15,000



Big Game Challenge

The Daily Jeffersonian

Cambridge, OH | Circ: 13,303

FEATURED ADVERTISER **OPPORTUNITY**

Gyms, Fitness, & Athletic Retail

In January, lots of people have the goal of getting healthy, and that means lots of exercise-related businesses are looking for an opportunity to get in front of consumers this month.

Plan of Action:

- CAMPAIGN IDEAS
 - Quiz Bundle: How Healthy Are You?, What's Your Workout IQ?, Which Workout Is Best For You?
 - Sweepstakes: Free Gym Memberships, High-End Exercise Equipment, Electronic Fitness Trackers

SURVEY QUESTIONS

- Are you looking to join a gym or fitness program?
- Are you interested in a free one-week membership?
- What type of exercise are you most interested in?

EMAIL OPT-IN

Yes, I'd like to receive news, fitness tips, and special offers from ABC gym.

Find more of these including prize ideas and customer needs analysis questions for 40+ advertisers, in the Seller's Guide.



YMCA Healthy Living Sweepstakes

Akron Beacon Journal

2,500+

Entries

Akron, OH | Circ: 122,400





Rockin' Romance Contest

WCCB-TV | Charlotte, NC | DMA: 91



THE GOAL

With love in the air, WCCB-TV knew a cutest couple photo contest would be a big hit with their audience. Plus, with Valentine's Day gifts top of mind, they knew they could lock in four great sponsors.

THE SOLUTION

The station was able to lock in four great sponsors – a florist, a hotel, a jeweler, and a salon. These advertisers were excited for the opportunity for extra branding during the holiday season.

With a seperate nomination and voting period, and tons of coverage on-air, WCCB's cutest couple contest was a huge hit with their audience and their sponsors.

THE RESULTS





Inspiration for February



Valentine's Day Sweepstakes 2019

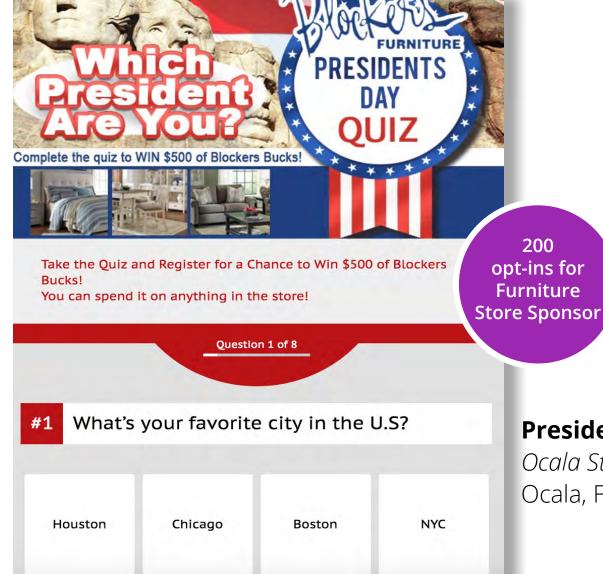
Holland Sentinel

Holland, MI | Circ: 17,000



Bridal Best of the Best Awards

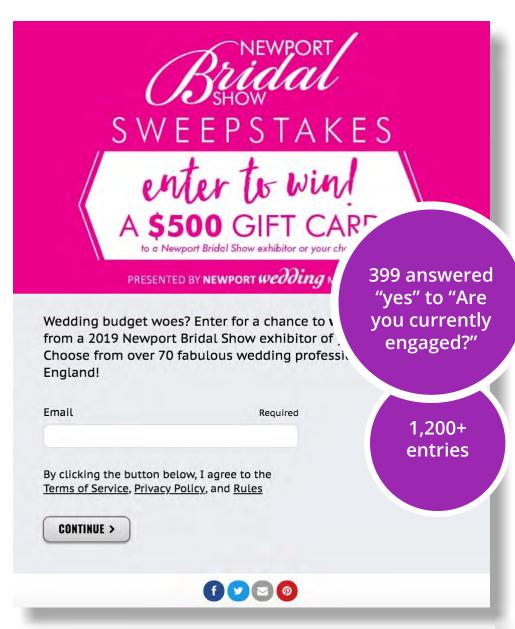
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis, MO | Circ: 238,400



President's Day Quiz Giveaway

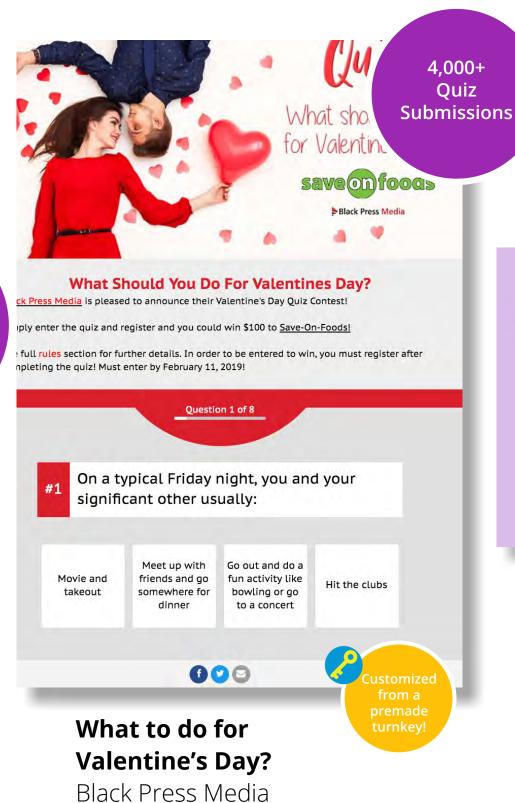
Ocala Star Banner Ocala, FL| DMA: 50,980

Inspiration for February



Newport Bridal Show Sweepstakes

The Newport Daily News
Newport, RI | Circ: 11,680



Victoria, Canada



WGN-TV

Chicago, IL | Circ: 3

Inspiration for February



6 Days of Valentine's Giveaways

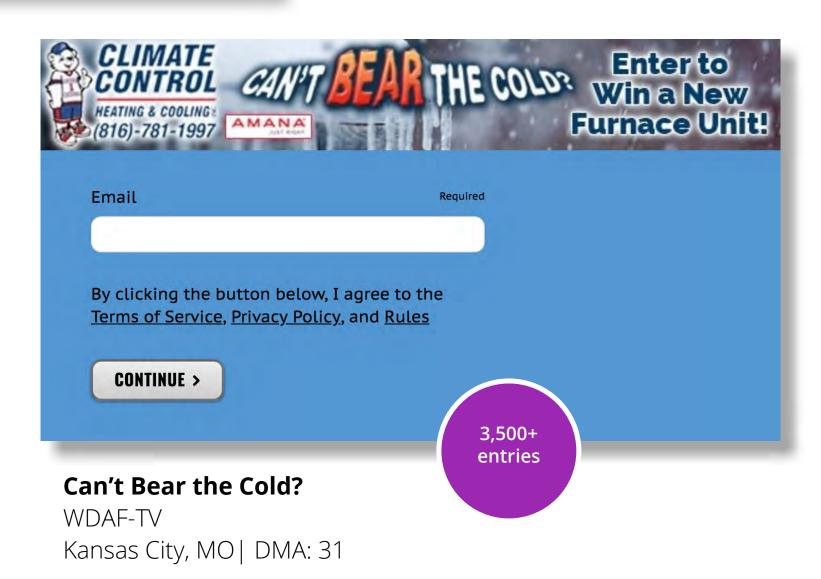
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

St. Louis, MO | Circ.: 238,400



Love Your Skin

Steamboat Pilot Steamboat Springs, CO | Circ.: 9,099



february

FEATURED ADVERTISER OPPORTUNITY

Travel

The month of February is perfect for working with your local travel agents. Work with your advertiser to create an engagement campaign that will achieve their goals.

Plan of Action:

- **CAMPAIGN IDEAS**
 - · Sweepstakes: Hotel Stay Giveaway or Vacation Giveaway
 - Quiz Bundle: What's Your Vacation Personality, Where Should Your Next Vacation Be, Name That Beach
- **SURVEY QUESTIONS**
 - When are you planning your next trip?
 - Do you typically use a travel service to plan your trips?
 - How far are you willing to travel for a weekend getaway?

EMAIL OPT-IN

Yes, please sign me up for travel tips from ABC Travel Services!

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Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line Sweepstakes

Daytona Beach News-Journal

Daytona Beach, FL | Circ.: 83,170



\$15,000 Revenue

inner wins a free two night cruise certificate + concierge ackage!

THE CONCIERGE PACKAGE: PREFERRED SERVICES:

- · Express Check-in at Port and Disembarkation at Port
- Priority booking assistance for Shore Excursions and luggage delivery
- · Reserved Seating Legends Grand Theater

5 STAR DINING:

- Special seating arrangement for two at Your Choice dining in our Main Dining Room
- · Dinner for two in our Specialty Restaurant (one night)
- Sparkling Wine Breakfast for two in our Specialty Restaurant (both mornings)

ENHANCED EXPERIENCES:

- Special Stateroom Welcome: Day 1: bathrobes, slippers, sparkling wine bottle, fruit basket; Day 2: chocolate covered strawberries
- Free Internet (two devices per stateroom)
- Tour of the Bridge with Ship Officers
- · Wine Tasting for two (Day 1 in the afternoon)
- 50-Minute Couples Massage & Turkish Bath for two people

Email Required

6,700+ Entries

1,000+ Opt-Ins for Sponsor

