

June 10, 2017

Dear Prospective Contestant:

The 81th Mountain State Forest Festival will be held in Elkins, West Virginia, September 30 – October 8, 2017. The Lumberjack Contests will be held at the Coronation Platform on the campus of Davis and Elkins College on Saturday morning, **October 7, 2017**. Registration begins at 7:00 AM; events begin at 8:30 AM.

A list of events and prize money is shown in the following table.

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place
Chain Saw	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
World Champion Two-Person Crosscut	\$250.00 Each	\$200.00 Each	\$150.00 Each	\$100.00 Each	\$75.00 Each	\$50.00 Each
World Championship Jack and Jill Crosscut Using Any Saw	\$200.00 Each	\$125.00 Each	\$75.00 Each	\$50.00 Each	\$25.00 Each	
Jill and Jill Crosscut Using Any Saw	\$200.00 Each	\$125.00 Each	\$75.00 Each	\$50.00 Each	\$25.00 Each	
World Championship Tree Felling	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
Chopping	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
Axe Throwing	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
* Grand Champion	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$150.00			

The total amount of prize money is \$7,290.00, plus Springboard and Hard Hit awards.

An entry fee of \$10.00 per person, per event must be submitted with your entry form. Please make your check or money order payable to **Mountain State Forest Festival**. These entry fees will contribute to the contest prize monies.

***Points for all events weigh the same, but no points given for Man-Woman (Jack and Jill) Crosscut or Jill and Jill Crosscut events toward All-round Champion.**

You will find enclosed a Lumberjack Contest Entry Form, Lumberjack Contest Rules & Regulations and Mountain State Forest Festival General Rules and Regulations. Be sure to complete each, sign and date where necessary and return with any entry fee to the Mountain State Forest Festival office by September 28, 2017. You will be notified by e-mail of your acceptance on or before September 29, 2017.

We hope you plan to participate in the Mountain State Forest Festival Lumberjack Contest.

Sincerely

Anthony Bates
2017 Assistant Director
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**81st Mountain State Forest Festival
Lumberjack Contest
Entry Form
Saturday, October 7, 2017
(*required field)**

*Name (Please print – One contestant per entry form.)

*Address

*City/State/Zip Code

*Phone Number

*Cell Phone Number

*E-Mail Address

Please enroll me in the following events. Entry fees are per person, per event, and will not be refunded.

Partners must be named on day of contest. * If known now please enter below.

Contest	Enter (X)	Entry Fee	Partner
Chainsaw (Hotsaw)	_____	\$10.00	_____
Two-Person Crosscut	_____	\$10.00/ person	_____
Jack & Jill Crosscut	_____	\$10.00/ person	_____
Jill & Jill Crosscut	_____	\$10.00/ person	_____

Wood Chopping _____ \$10.00

Tree Felling _____ \$10.00

Axe Throwing _____ \$10.00

Comments

Enclosed is my check or money order total of \$ _____
Please return Entry Form and fees by September 28, 2017

Release: By signing this form I release the Mountain State Forest Festival from any and all personal injury or property damage that I may incur as a result of my participation in the Mountain State Forest Festival Lumberjack Contest.

You will be notified of your acceptance as a participant in the Mountain State Forest Festival Lumberjack Contest by e-mail on or before September 29, 2017.

*Participant _____ *Date

*Partner _____ *Date

81th MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST FESTIVAL

Estimated Schedule of Events Lumberjack Contest Saturday, October 7, 2017

Registration and Drawing for Wood	7:00 AM
Stage Hand Briefing	7:45 AM
Competition Begins	8:30 AM
Chain Saw	8:30 AM
Axe Throwing Preliminary *	8:30-10:30 AM
Two-Person Crosscut Sawing (Any Saw)	9:00 AM
Jack and Jill Crosscut Sawing	9:30 AM
Jill and Jill Crosscut Sawing	10:00 AM
Axe Throwing Finals	10:30 AM
Tree Felling Contest	11:00 AM
Wood Chopping Contest	11:30 AM
Lumberjack Contest Awards Ceremony	12:00 PM

NOTE: Times for the competition are estimated. Events will progress without interruption and the awards ceremony will occur soon after the final event.

* Contestants may throw axes at target in tree felling area between 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM, at their convenience. The top six (6) finalists will throw for prizes just prior to the tree felling contest.

**Mountain State Forest Festival
Lumberjack Contest
RULES & REGULATIONS
(*required field)**

The North American Customary Lumberjack competition rules, as stated in the most recent version of the North American Axeman's News, will be observed.

The following rules supplement the customary rules:

1. **Only contestants and contest officials will be permitted on the Contest Platform and inside the fence.** Ample viewing areas are available on a raised platform adjacent to the competition area.
2. **All contestants must be 18 years or older.**

Chain Sawing Rules:

Competition will be limited to one person chainsaw with 1-cylinder, 2 cycle standard chainsaw engines. Only those engines which came with the saw as standard equipment may be used. **Absolutely no motorcycle engines permitted.**

Saws will be inspected prior to the contest. If the judges determine that rivets have been filed to an unsafe level, the saw will be disqualified. **JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

Times in this event will be judged on three (3) cuts through one 10"X10" yellow poplar cant. The cuts will be down, up, down.

Operators must have both hands flat on the top of the timber with the entire hand on the wood prior to the start of each heat. **A penalty for early starts will be assessed.**

Crosscut Sawing Rules:

Crosscut times will be judged on the elapsed time of two (2) down cuts through a 10"X10" yellow poplar timber.

Jack & Jill and Jill & Jill crosscut times will be judged on the elapsed time of one (1) down cut through a 10"X10" yellow poplar timber.

No starts of the cut will be allowed for any contest.

Chopping Rules:

The number of chopping blocks that are available in the event will determine the number of contestants permitted. The contestants will be selected in the order applications are received.

Times will be judged on the elapsed time to complete chop through a 10"X10" yellow poplar block mounted horizontally on end supports (provided).

Tree Felling Rules:

The numbers of contestants permitted in the event will be limited to 25 and will be selected in the order applications are received.

Contestants for the Tree Felling Contest are to fell a yellow poplar pole with an axe, attempting to hit a stake driven in the ground at a pre-determined point from the base. Any pole striking the stake in any manner before hitting the ground will be considered a hit.

The contestant is not to touch the pole as it falls or guide it in any manner.

The contestant may not push or lean the pole in any manner prior to chopping.

Contest will be judged on accuracy. In case of a tie, or two or more hits, the winner will be selected on the basis of time.

For near misses, the distance will be measured from the place the pole first hits the ground.

Only the judges may handle target stakes.

Axe Throwing Rules:

Contestants will throw any time, at their convenience, between 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM. At 10:30 AM the top six (6) scorers will throw again for prizes.

By signing below I indicate I have read the Rules & Regulations and understand each as they apply and have made a copy for myself/organization/business:

*Signature

*Date

**Mountain State Forest Festival
General Rules & Regulations
(*required field)**

Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to adjust locations in the event of inclement weather, inclement ground conditions or as needed.

All applications for specific events and entry fees must be received by the deadline set for specific event.

All applications will be reviewed by the designated Mountain State Forest Festival committee. Each exhibitor or vendor will be notified by mail if the application is accepted by the committee by the deadline advertised for that event.

All registration fees are non-refundable unless specified in the specific rules for that event.

A royalty will be charged to any vendor selling wears bearing the Mountain State Forest Festival and/or the official logo of the Mountain State Forest Festival.

Please note any special needs on your application. We will attempt to meet the special need, if any additional fees are required for your request we will notify you of the additional fee within two (2) weeks of receiving your application and fee.

The Mountain State Forest Festival, or any agent acting on its behalf, will not be responsible for damages to exhibitor's/vendor's displays, units or property.

The Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to advertise the presence of the exhibitor or vendor. The exhibitor agrees to hold the Mountain State Forest Festival and any agent acting on its behalf harmless from any advertising or other liability.

Unless otherwise agreed upon all hardware (i.e. electrical cords, tables, tents/canopy,

coverings, lighting, etc.) is the responsibility of the Exhibitor/Vendor.

Alcohol is strictly prohibited at any Mountain State Forest Festival event without prior written permission from the Mountain State Forest Festival.

No merchandise depicting drugs, alcohol or tobacco may be sold, displayed or promoted at any Mountain State Forest Festival event without prior written permission.

No item used to consume drugs may be sold, displayed or promoted at any Mountain State Forest Festival event.

Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to request a vendor to remove any merchandise or display that the event organizers determine is unacceptable or inconsistent with the Forest Festival rules or philosophy.

Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to evict any person/organization/business for failure to follow the General Rules or the Specific Rules for each event.

By signing below I indicate I have read the General Rules & Regulations and understand each as they apply and have made a copy for myself/organization/business:

*Signature

*Date

*Signature

*Date