

Lumberjack Contest

Saturday, 11 am

Sunday, 11 am

Superintendents
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CONTEST RULES

1. **NEW THIS YEAR: Participants must submit a \$20 entry fee and registration form by August 10, 2026. Form can be found at www.BethlehemFair.com.**
2. Parking inside the fence is by permit only. Contestants must arrive by 9 am.
3. All contestants under the age of 18 must have a parental signature.
4. Available material may limit the number of contestants who will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
5. All contestants must furnish their own axes, crosscut saws, and bow saws. Minimum handle length for the throwing ax is 24". Double bit axes must have equal edges on both sides.
6. In the event of ties, run-offs will determine the winners.
7. The head judge has the authority to disqualify any contestant whose participation, in the judge's opinion, would be detrimental to the best interest of the public, other contestants, or the Bethlehem Fair.
8. The head judge shall decide all questions arising in connection with the contest and the enforcement of rules and regulations.
9. The head judge will determine the winners and award prizes in accordance with the rules.
10. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed. No contestant under the influence of alcohol will be allowed to compete.
11. Any offensive language or behavior toward the superintendents, head judge, or the timekeepers before, during, or after the contest will disqualify the contestant, and any premiums due will be forfeited.
12. All contestants will be required to sign a waiver before competing.
13. Ax throwing preliminaries will be held two hours before competition starts.
14. All events except disk stack count toward "Woodsman of the Day."
15. Two-person Jack & Jill teams may compete in only one event with the same partner.
16. The intentional defacing of Fair property (chopping stands, saw cradles, etc.) will result in automatic disqualification, and any premiums due will be forfeited.
17. Any contestant found practicing before, during, or after the contest will be disqualified, and any premiums due will be forfeited.
18. Hot saws will be single-cylinder and rope start. Any fuel, any make. An initial and a final warmup time will be given the day of the show for a total of two. Once saws are tuned, no saws may be started during the show until the second and final warm up to keep noise at a minimum.

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19. Disk stack time will be 1 minute unless otherwise stated by the head judge or official. Any single-cylinder saw may be used. This event will not count toward "Woodsman of the Day".
20. Proper safety equipment must be worn during all chainsaw operations. These include chaps, hearing protection, and eye protection (Z87.1 or equivalent).
21. Foot protection must be worn during all chopping events. This includes chain-mail foot protection or steel external toe covers.

PRIZES: 1st - \$60 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$40 4th - \$30 5th - \$20

CLASSES

1. Men's Crosscut Sawing – 3 cuts 8x8
2. Women's Crosscut Sawing – 3 cuts 8x8
3. Men's Bow Sawing – 1 cut 8x8
4. Women's Bow Sawing – 1 cut 8x8
5. Jack & Jill – 2 cuts 8x8
6. Log Rolling
7. Ax Throw
8. Men's Underhand – 8x8
9. Women's Underhand – 8x8
10. Master's Underhand – 55 years and older – 8x8
11. Men's Standing Block – 8x8
12. Women's Standing Block – 8x8
13. Hot Saw – 3 cuts 8x8
14. Men's Single Buck
15. Women's Single Buck
16. Disk Stack (Exhibition only; first-come, first-serve only)

Woodsman of the Day 1st Prize - \$50.00 + Trophy 2nd Prize - \$30.00 + Trophy

Lumberjill of the Day 1st Prize - \$50.00 + Trophy 2nd Prize - \$30.00 + Trophy

The Bethlehem Fair is not responsible for any injuries or accidents sustained during competition or handling of equipment. The Bethlehem Fair is not responsible for loss or damage to equipment.