



Kentucky Wood Expo coming to Lexington, KY

You and your family are invited to attend the 2013 Kentucky Wood Expo that will celebrate the 30th show sponsored by the Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA). The Wood Expo will make its debut at Masterson Station Park located in Lexington, Kentucky on Friday, September 20, and Saturday, September 21. The show offers the entire family a chance to see different types of demonstrations and equipment related to the wood industry. Everything from logging to sawmill equipment to finished wood products by Kentucky craftsmen will be on display. You don't have to work for the wood industry to attend or enjoy the show.

So What Will I See?

The IronJack Traveling Shows and Competitions (aka Lumberjack Feud) from Pigeon Forge, TN will be performing live lumberjack competitions both days. The lumberjacks will compete in sawing, pole climbing and log rolling competitions, three times a day. Chain saw carvers will also be there sharing their love of carving and sculpting some of the most amazing chain saw carvings ever seen. Carvings will be auctioned at the show both days and bidding is open to the public. Also on Friday from 6 -7 p.m. come see local celebrities test their hands at lumberjack competitions.

In addition to the many inside and outside exhibits, Friday will feature an educational program for area students. Local FFA students and surrounding areas will compete for prizes in forestry-related events and learn about the importance of the wood industry. A large number of educational events will take place both days dealing with all types of forestry and wildlife topics.

On Saturday, an assortment of activities will continue for everyone. The University of Kentucky Forestry Extension will have several educational booths from nature photography to antique wood furniture identification not to mention the annual Woodland Owners Short Course will be held that day.

Anyone over the age of 18, can participate in the Skidder and Knuckleboom competitions. A skidder is any type of heavy vehicle used in a logging operation for pulling cut trees out of a forest. Skidding is the way in which the logs are transported from the cutting site to a landing. Early logging was done by horses. Today's are pulled by horse power. Participants in this contest will be asked to drag logs through an obstacle course of cones without knocking them over. Participants in the Knuckleboom competition must stack logs in a designated area (see photo to right).

Since the Expo is in September, this allows you also to get an early start on your Christmas shopping while supporting a great cause by participating in the Silent Auction that benefits the Kentucky Children's Hospital. Several different Kentucky crafts will also be available for purchase.

For a full schedule of events or to order advance tickets contact KFIA at 502.695.3979. The Expo is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$7 (\$5 in advance) at the gate for adults and \$5 for children 6-12 (under 6 is free). For more Expo information visit www.kywoodexpo.org



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