

24th Annual Whittle the Wood Rendezvous Chainsaw Artist Application

INFORMATION

- Whittle the Wood Rendezvous takes place at Loudy Simpson Park, 600 S. Ranney Street in Craig, Colorado.
- The event runs Thursday, June 20 through Saturday, June 22, 2024.
- Each chainsaw artist and their immediate family or (one) guest will receive complimentary lodging in Craig (*one room per night*) for 4 nights (Wednesday, June 19 – Saturday, June 22); lunch and dinner will be provided only on Thursday and Friday; and water/pop during the event. Due to insurance requirements no other complementary beverages will be provided during the competition.
- The City of Craig provides you with power and a free-standing stump. The free-standing stump allows you more freedom to create your work of art. You may also choose to lay it down. All stumps are in the same area of the park which allows spectators to watch carvers working at the same time. Stump selection is done through a lottery drawing on Wednesday, June 21. All stumps will be similar in size and shape and predominately without branches. Scaffolding will be provided.
- Fuel will be provided. No other lubrication for tools will be supplied.
- Artists work outside, uncovered so be prepared for the elements.
- In addition to our woodcarving competition, the event includes food vendors, arts & crafts vendors, and live musical entertainment both Friday and Saturday night.
- Chainsaw artists are welcome to display and sell their wares without being charged a vendor's fee. Selling your wares will require you to obtain a special event license through the State of Colorado. Please visit <https://tax.colorado.gov/special-event-license> for more information.
- For more information or questions contact Alicia at 970-826-2029; abaker@cityofcraig.org or visit www.whittlethewood.com

RULES

- Only ***10*** of the most elite chainsaw artists will be selected. Artists will be selected based on examples of current work and/or other competition pieces. You must submit ***three or more*** pictures or website references with your completed application. (*If you have attended Whittle the Wood Rendezvous in previous years you are still required to submit examples with your application. Non-compliance may result in application denial*). Applications are due no later than Friday, March 15. Late applications will not be accepted. You will be notified by March 22, 2024, of acceptance/denial to our event.
- General liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$100,000 per person or \$300,000 per occurrence, listing the City of Craig as an additionally insured for the period of operation at Whittle the Wood Rendezvous is required. Please provide documentation of general liability insurance policy with application.
- Selected carvers will receive ***\$500*** show up money (*amount payable when you arrive at event*).

- The stump selection lottery will be held at 4:00pm on Wednesday, June 19, at the west end of Loudy Simpson Park. Wednesday is designated for lottery drawings and set-up only. Park security will be available Wednesday – Friday nights. There is no security available on Saturday night.
- **NEW** - All completed carvings may be sold by the artist to the attending public for any named purchase price agreed upon by the buyer and the carver. All carvings must be sold for a minimum of \$1500. Carvings that are not sold will become city property. Proceeds from the sold carvings will be split 30/70 between the carver and the city. All proceeds retained by the City of Craig are used to offset event operation costs.
- Judging for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners will be done by a panel of judges on Saturday, June 22. Competition ends at 3:00pm, voting ends at 3:30pm followed by the Awards Ceremony at 4:00pm.
Prizes are as follows: 1st Place \$5,000; 2nd Place \$2,500; and 3rd Place \$1,250.
 Artist's Choice and People's Choice will receive a non-monetary award for 1st Place.
- Working hours are as follows:
 Thursday & Friday - Sunrise to Sunset
 Saturday - Sunrise until 3:00pm
- Only one artist can work on their carving at any given time. No one else can assist you during the competition, that includes City of Craig employees.
- No other materials can be used other than the original stump. However, if joining pieces, it is permitted to use glued dowels, screws & lag bolts.
- We encourage artist creativity. Past winners include movie characters and wildlife.
- All refueling must be done in designated areas. No fueling is allowed on the turf.
- Each carver must provide their own tools. Power will be made available. If needed, tool rentals are available at your own expense from the following businesses: Just Ask Rental; 970-824-6683 or Severson Supply; 970-824-9481.

SILENT AUCTION

- Please be prepared to bring with you a carving for the silent auction. These pieces will be collected by City staff following the lotteries on Wednesday, June 19. The carvings will be available for the public to preview on Friday, June 21. The silent auction will be held on Saturday, June 22. These carvings will only be auctioned and will not be judged. Proceeds from the sold carvings will be split 50/50 between the artist and the City of Craig. The City's portion of the proceeds are used to offset event operation costs. We kindly ask that all carvers participate in the silent auction.

QUICK CARVE

- Our "Quick Carve" competition will be held on Saturday, June 22 at 1:00pm. A stump of similar size and shape will be provided to each carver. Carvers have one hour to complete their carving. After completion, artwork will be live auctioned off to spectators. Proceeds from the auctioned carvings will be split 50/50 between the artist and the City of Craig. The City's portion of the proceeds are used to offset event operation costs. We kindly encourage all carvers to participate in this event.

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Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Facebook Page/Website _____

Please list competition experience and any awards received: _____

DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS: You the carver do hereby agree and consent that the City of Craig, its Parks and Recreation Department and the officers, employees, volunteers, sponsors, and all representatives of the program(s) shall be released and forever acquitted from all or any claim or demand of disability or damages as a result of any injuries sustained by myself or my/our minor child while enrolled in the event sponsored by said program or department. I (carver) am required to carry general liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$100,000 per person or \$300,000 per occurrence, listing the City of Craig as an additionally insured for the period of operation at Whittle the Wood Rendezvous. Proof of Insurance must be provided at the time of application submission. Participants may be photographed while utilizing any facilities, services or participating in a program of the Craig Parks and Recreation Department, and said photographs, or likeness of me, may be used to publicize activities as the department deems appropriate.

Signature

Date

Return completed application by March 15, 2024, to Craig Parks and Recreation 300 W. 4th Street, Craig, CO 81625, or by email to: abaker@ci.craig.co.us to be considered for our event.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

You will receive notification of acceptance / denial by March 22, 2024.

Office Use Only

Date application received: _____

General Liability Insurance received: _____

Accepted or Denied: _____