



Miss Woods Pageant Instructions 2018

The winner of this pageant reigns from Labor Day, 2018 to Labor Day, 2019 as **Miss Woods 2019**

The Miss Woods Pageant will be held on **Saturday, September 1st at 9pm**. It is requested that all contestants be in the dance club at EXACTLY 7pm. Contestants may not bring their things to the clubhouse until the space is completely prepared. We will inform contestants of the earliest possible time that they can bring their things by text message.

Please bring your completed application packet by Saturday, August 25th at 8pm to Scott Paules (site 57).

Your electronic files containing your talent music must be emailed to woodscampshow@gmail.com by Monday, August 27th by noon.

Files MUST BE NAMED with your drag name and the category. Please do not send random music files with an email that says, "This song is for this, that song is for that..." When we download the files, we need to be able to identify them without going back to check emails about which song is for who, where.

At 7pm on Friday (at the meet and greet), we will go over the specifics of the contest, and you will draw a number for performance order. If there are any questions, you may ask them at that time.

On Saturday, at 7pm, you should bring all the wardrobe and cosmetic items you will need with you - the night will move quickly, and there will not be time to retrieve items from your campsite. You may also bring ONE assistant to help with your wardrobe changes. There is not room for guests or multiple friends to hang out with you backstage.

Good luck to all! BE FABULOUS!!

Scott Paules & Don Dyson - Pageant Co-producers

Miss Woods Pageant Release Statement

I, _____(First/Last), hereby release The Woods Campground and the Pageant Coordinators from any legal responsibility for injury that may occur to myself or any of my pageant group during the 2019 Miss Woods Pageant. I also certify that I am over the age of 21 (legal age to drink and enter a bar in Pennsylvania).

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(Date)

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Miss Woods Pageant 2018

Terms and Obligations:

The Miss Woods Pageant is a special celebration of pride within The Woods Campground community. Please be aware that this competition IS NOT PART OF THE MISS PENNSYLVANIA PAGEANT CIRCUIT, and The Woods will not sponsor your entry in other competitions.

The spirit of Miss Woods is to represent and promote the Campground with the dignity and pride we share as a camp community. Only those who will participate and represent The Woods in community events and campground activities should enter the competition.

It is expected that Miss Woods will be an active, visible member of the Camp community. Below are the Prize packages for the Winner and First Alternate:

Winner will receive:

- The Crown, Flowers, 2019 Woods Membership, and Cash Prize
- The Miss Woods sash which will be passed to each successive Queen
- First Alternate will receive: 2019 Woods Membership, and Cash Prize!

Miss Woods' Obligations:

(Set forth by The Woods Campground and Pageant Coordinators)

- Attend and perform at the Woods Offseason Tour 2018/2019 events (2-3 events, venues TBD)
- Attend MOST of the major Woods weekend events, including Memorial Day party, 4th of July Show, 12 Drags of Christmas, Labor Day Show (immediately following Pageant). As Miss Woods, you will most likely be performing!!!
- Be an active member of The Woods! Even if you aren't performing on a given weekend, you should try to make it to The Woods on non-major weekends throughout the year. Show your camp pride - DON'T just win the crown and come back for your step-down a year later!!
- Support the pageant for Miss Woods 2019. This will be YOUR step-down performance... make it a number to remember!!!!
- Grow the Queen's Fund through your reign. The Queen's Fund is the only resource for the Miss Woods Pageant. It is used for supplies for the pageant itself and the prizes for winners
- Select the "Queen's Choice" for the 2019 Pageant.

Miss Woods Pageant Signature Page

By signing below, I hereby agree to the terms and conditions stated above. If I am crowned Miss Woods 2019, I will fulfill the obligations set forth by The Woods Campground and Pageant Coordinators. If I fail to do so, I WILL relinquish the crown to the First Alternate, and will repay the monetary prize to the Pageant Coordinators.

(Print)

(Sign)

(Date)

(Drag Name)

Miss Woods Pageant Categories

“Queen’s Choice”

The Reigning Queen works with the producers to choose the category for this part of the competition.

This year, your reigning queen Aurora Bearealis has challenged you to take inspiration from the beautiful nature that surrounds us here at The Woods.

We are looking for “looks” inspired by the natural world. Make Mother Nature proud.

“Transformation”

For years, the Miss Woods Pageant has challenged contestants to do “drag on the fly” by giving them something that they had to “make” the weekend of the competition.

Well, Not. This. Year.

This category showcases your creativity! Each contestant is challenged to make a look that “TRANSFORMS” onstage to gag the judges and audience alike!

Contestants will have the opportunity to fully “show” their first look, and then transform the look **onstage** into another gag-worthy look. You will be judged on the following:

- First look: Overall
- Onstage Transformation
 - Overall Creativity
 - Wig
 - Dress
- Second Look: Overall

“Talent”

This category showcases you as a performer. You will have up to three and a half minutes to perform your talent. (Longer numbers will be cut off by the DJ.)

You will be judged on the QUALITY of the entertainment package you present. Does the talent you present entertain the judges and audience? Did you evoke emotion? Was the choreography suited to the number and to YOU? If you lip-sync, was it clean? If you sing live, did you seem comfortable and project stage presence? Did your costume work well for your chosen performance?

“Evening Gown & Question”

This is the most elegant part of the competition! You will have approximately 2 minutes to model your Evening Gown formal look for the judges.

You will be judged on the following:

- Style of gown - does it flatter your body type and fit well?
- Choice of hair – is it consistent with the gown, the look, your drag persona?
- Choice of accessories - do they flatter the gown and complete the look?
- Choice of shoes – do they support the overall look?
- Modeling ability - can you work the gown, or do you walk like a man in a dress?

A question will also be asked of each contestant, chosen by the producers. This part of the category will show how well you think on your feet, and how you can handle being on a microphone under pressure.

Remember to answer the question!!

Pageant Judging

After hearing your feedback from last year (thanks to everyone who filled out the contestant's survey), we decided to make some changes to the judge's panel and to spell out the scoring process.

Judges Panel:

Each year, the producers select judges from the following categories:

- Campground Ownership
 - Since it began, the Miss Woods Pageant has received incredible support from the campground ownership. We are so grateful for that generosity, and we work hard to ensure that campground ownership is represented on the panel.
- Campground Staff
 - There are so many people who make our world here at The Woods Campground a magical place. They are the folks who, often after a full week of work outside of the campground, work hard all week and weekend to make our lives easier. We want to honor that effort by working to ensure that their perspective on our culture is a part of the pageant's judging.
- Former Queens
 - We have such a depth of talent in our own royal family! Our history is what built the foundation of the pageant and the campground. As a result, a former Miss Woods will be asked to sit on the judges' panel each year. The producers will work through previous title-holders, from earliest to most recent, to make sure that our royal history is part of our future.
- Regional Drag Talent
 - There are so many amazing queens in the region who have incredible talent; have demonstrated their appreciation of the art of drag; and know and love the campground, its humor and its culture. As a result, we work hard to ensure that representation from our regional sisters is included in the panel.
- The Woods Campground Leather Community
 - One of the great things about The Woods is how much connection there is between our leather and drag communities. To honor this long tradition, we work to ensure that there is representation from The Woods Campground Leather Community on our panel (often a current leather titleholder or leader in the leather community).

Pageant Scoring:

The Miss Woods Pageant has for many years, and will continue to use an Olympic-style scoring system. This system uses the following rules:

- For each contestant, the highest score for each category is eliminated.
 - This helps to balance any perception of favoritism on the panel.
- For each contestant, the lowest score for each category is eliminated.
 - This helps to balance any perception of negativity on the panel.
- The remaining scores are averaged to give each contestant their overall score for that category.
- Overall category scores are then summed to give each contestant their overall score.

- Neither the other judges, nor the producers have access to these scores until all judges' sheets have been submitted, recorded and tallied.
- Contestant may view their own scores for the pageant by contacting the producers after the event. Contestant will not have access to other contestants' scores.

Miss Woods Contestant Details:

Name:

Drag Name:

Cell number or other contact for last-minute details:

Song:

Length: (No longer than 3:30 min)

Prop Setup (yes/no)

Performance requests: (Prop assistance, stage set, etc. - we cannot accommodate lighting or effects requests).

Backup Dancers:

Name(s):

Cell Number(s):

In the event that more than one contestant wants to perform the same song as their "Talent" number, the contestant who turned in her Application first will get that song. If there is a conflict, you will need a backup song.

Queen Questionnaire

Contestant Name:

The following questions and answers may be read aloud by the Hostess onstage, as appropriate, throughout the Pageant. This will help our judges and audience get to know you better. Please print or type your answers neatly.

Drag Name:

How long have you been coming to The Woods?

How long have you been doing drag?

What inspires your drag?

Favorite Woods Weekend:

What do you bring to campground drag that is new and exciting?

Advice you would give to your childhood self:

List 3 things you LOVE about yourself: