



Miss Woods Pageant Instructions 2019

The winner of this pageant reigns from Labor Day, 2019 to Labor Day, 2020 as **Miss Woods 2020**

The Miss Woods Pageant will be held on **Saturday, August 31st 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.

There is a mandatory meeting of all contestants on Friday, August 30th at 7pm in the club. At this meeting, you will get the order of appearance for each performer.

**The online application must be submitted by Saturday, August 24th at 8pm.
The link is here:**

[Miss Woods Pageant 2019 Application](#)

Your electronic files containing your talent music must be emailed to woodscampshow@gmail.com by Monday, August 26th at 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).

(Print)

(Sign)

(Date)

Cell #

Email

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 Queen
 - The Crown & Flowers
 - A cash prize from the Queen's Fund
 - The Woods Campground generously supports the Miss Woods Pageant by providing:
 - 2020 Woods Membership
 - \$400 Gift Card – This is enough money to cover the camping fees for the weekends that Miss Woods is expected to be present at camp (see obligations) if she is not a Perm camper. The Queen is welcome to use the card at her discretion.
- The Miss Woods sash which will be passed to each successive Queen
- First Alternate
 - 2020 Woods Membership
 - Cash Prize
- Fan Favorite
 - A stunning drag jewelry set

Miss Woods' Obligations:

(Set forth by The Woods Campground and Pageant Coordinators)

- Ambassador Obligations

Miss Woods is expected to serve as an ambassador for the campground during her reign. This includes speaking positively about The Woods and the community here at camp in all of her appearances in and outside of the campground. She is encouraged to wear her crown and/or sash as often as her schedule and performances allow.

- Charity Obligations

The Miss Woods Pageant has a relationship with the Philadelphia AIDS Fund. As part of this relationship, Miss Woods has the following obligations:

- One Fundraiser for The Philadelphia AIDS Fund. This fundraiser can be held any weekend at camp in coordination with the camp management and the pageant co-producers. The goal is to practice fundraising for a charity organization. The fundraiser should be a raffle or other easy-to-organize and run event. A liquor-basket raffle is an easy and almost always successful option. If you would like ideas or suggestions, please feel free to ask. Our goal as producers is to see you be successful in your efforts.
- Assist with the organization and planning of the 12 Drags of Christmas show that happens every year during Christmas in July Weekend. The goal here is to gain experience working within the camp drag community to promote collaboration and event planning skills. The Executive Director of the Philly AIDS Fund has overall oversight of the event. They will appoint a 12 Drags Showrunner who will produce the show. Your job as the reigning Queen will be to work collaboratively with the Showrunner to assist her with the preparation, planning and execution of the show.

- Other Obligations

- Attend and perform at the Woods Offseason Tour 2019/2020 events (2 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!!!
- Represent The Woods Campground at Lehigh Valley Pride in August along with The Woods Campground representatives.
- 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 2020. 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. Queens usually do this through various fundraising events during the season.
- Select the "Queen's Choice" for the 2020 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, Farrah Mones, has challenged you to select your favorite Disney princess and matching villain pair (for example Snow White & the Evil Queen, The Little Mermaid & Ursula.. Tatianna & the Shadow Man, etc.).

You will be responsible for putting BOTH characters onstage. You can do this by having either a costume that captures both characters OR by having a member of your entourage onstage with you as well.

Be creative, have fun and show us both your sweet and evil sides!

“Wig Out”

For years, this category has focused on a creative interpretation of a dress.

Well, Not. This. Year.

This year the focus of this category is on the WIG! We want to see your most creative and extreme wig that you can imagine. You can go high drama or avant-garde or stacked to the Gods or whatever other “WOW” you can give us with your wig.

Remember as you prepare that you will also be judged on the overall look that accompanies your wig, so be sure to put together a fully-realized look. Points will be awarded for the following, with the greatest number of points awarded for the wig itself.

- Wig
 - Drama
 - Creativity
 - Execution
- Overall look
- Cohesiveness of outfit and wig

“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 and why:

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: