

Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy 2024 Contest

CONTESTANT RULES & APPLICATION

Please read in its entirety!

APPLICATIONS: Completed applications must be received by or before 7:00pm on **Friday, September 29, 2023**. They can be emailed to MrWoodsBearCubDaddy@gmail.com (Subject: Mr. Woods Bear Contest) or dropped off at the office.

CONTEST ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

This contest is an event in the LGBT community: Therefore, all contestants must be at least 18 years of age and should self-identify as gay, bisexual and/or transgender. The Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy Contest is open to all LGBT male identifying persons. The Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, and Daddy Contest is open to all members of The Woods Campground community (including all permanent, weekend and day campers). The contest is not an official feeder contest to any other competitions, but winning Woods titleholders are welcomed to compete in additional regional contests at his/her discretion.

JUDGING METHOD:

Full-point (non-Olympic) scoring will be used in selecting the winners of the contest. The Olympic Scoring System will be used in the event of a tie. If both the non-Olympic and Olympic scores are tied, the judging panel will meet to break the tie. Keep in mind that judges do not necessarily look for the most handsome face, most muscular and/or bear body, but rather the person who best typifies the ideal bear. This involves the personal subjective judgment of each contestant's bear image, participation in the bear community, physical appearance, attitude, personality, self-assurance, and "presence."

FRATERNIZATION WITH JUDGES:

Contestants and judges may fraternize informally in public situations. **Private meetings or personal contact between judges and contestants during the contest weekend are absolutely prohibited.** Any behavior that might create even the appearance of bias will be brought to the attention of the Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy Contest producers and other judges, who will decide if the disqualification of the judge and/or contestant would be prudent. To avoid accidental violation of propriety, all contestants and judges **must** display their respective identification badges whenever they are in public places during the contest weekend.

JUDGING CATEGORIES AND SCORING:

There will be 5 judged categories – 100 points maximum:

Judges Interview: (Maximum 20 points)

There will be a brief, private interview with each contestant during the day prior to the contest, to get to know the contestant better.

Bear/Bar Wear: (Maximum 25 points)

Contestants will appear on stage in bar or camp wear of their choice. They will be introduced to the audience. Each contestant will be asked a question submitted either by the judges or The Woods Campground community. Contestants will **not** have advanced knowledge of the question.

Swimwear: (Maximum 20 points)

Contestants will appear on stage in what they feel to be their most appropriate swimsuit. Unlike many other contests, this segment is not an "exotic fashion show" or "body competition", but an exploration of our bear lifestyle, and will be judged as such. Each contestant should try to

emphasize, by their choice of swimsuit, what he believes is his "most appropriate" look to the audience and judges.

Formal Wear: (Maximum 20 points)

Contestants will appear on stage in formal attire of their choice. They will make a brief statement about why they would like to hold the title of Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy 2024.

Social Skills: (Maximum 10 points)

Contestants will go around introducing themselves and selling raffle tickets. This will not only show the judges how much each contestant interacts with the public, but also allows the public to vote for contestants based on personal interaction.

BONUS – Raffle Ticket Sales: (Maximum 5 points)

The public will also have a say in determining the winning contestants for Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy by purchasing raffle tickets from them. All monies collected will be split between The Woods camp fund and the winning Bear sash family charity.

Points will be awarded to the TOP THREE ticket sale contestants in each of the Bear, Cub, & Daddy events.

The contestant in each Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy contests with the most sales will receive **5** bonus points added to their final score.

The contestant in each Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy contests with the second most sales will receive **3** bonus points added to their final score.

The contestant in each Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy contests with the third most sales will receive **2** bonus points added to their final score.

If there are fewer than 3 contestants entered in any contest, **5** bonus points will still be added to the final score of the receiver of the most ticket sales, and **3** bonus points added to the receiver of the second most ticket sales.

In the event of a single contestant:

If there is only one contestant in any of the Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy contests, the title will remain vacant for the following year.

GATHERINGS:

See the schedule of events listed for all required gatherings during the Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy Contests weekend. ALL contestants and judges MUST attend each scheduled meeting and/or event as listed. Please be on time! Failure to meet these requirements may result in loss of points or removal from the contest.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR CONTESTANTS, JUDGES AND MR. WOODS BEAR, CUB, & DADDY CONTEST PRODUCERS:

EVENT	PARTICIPANTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DRESS
Judges Meeting	Judges Contest Producers	Friday Oct. 13	8:00 PM	The Gazebo by volleyball court	Informal
Contestant Meeting	Contestants Contest Producers	Friday Oct 13	9:00 PM	The Gazebo by Volleyball Court	Informal
Contestant/Judges Introduction	Contestants Judges Contest Producers	Friday Oct 13	10:00 PM	Outside Dance Club	Informal

EVENT	PARTICIPANTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DRESS
Contestant Interview	Contestants Judges Contest Producers	Saturday Oct 14	10:00 AM	Dance Club	Informal
Contestant Rehearsal, Cocktail Party, Raffle Ticket Sales	Contestants Judges Contest Producers	Saturday Oct 14	12:00-3:00PM	Clubhouse Patio	Choice
Contest Readiness	Contestants Judges Contest Producers	Saturday Oct 14	7:00 PM	Woods Amphitheatre	Choice
Contest	Contestants Judges Contest Producers	Saturday Oct 14	8:00 PM	Woods Amphitheatre	Swim Wear Formal Wear Bear Wear

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE WINNERS?

The primary duty of Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy title holders are to represent the Bear and LGBT communities while also representing The Woods Campground, in the best light possible.

At a minimum, the contest winners will:

- Attend the 2024 Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley as a representative of The Woods Campground. Titleholders must be in Bear wear and wearing their sash. Titleholders are required to appear at The Woods Campground booth for one of the predetermined shifts. Titleholders are required to ride on The Woods Campground float, should a parade be scheduled. Should Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley be canceled for some reason, the next closest Pride event to the titleholder's home will be considered sufficient to meet this expectation. Titleholders may have their choice of any one or more of the following: Reading, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Wilkes-Barre, Philadelphia, Baltimore or Asbury Park Pride events, in this case. Titleholders may also participate in other Pride events/parades as they choose, in addition to Lehigh Valley.
- Organize 3 fundraising events* in camp (together or separately from each other, your choices), to benefit
 1. A local (to The Woods Campground), non-profit community or LGBT organization. The beneficiary organization must be approved in advance by the Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, and

Daddy Contest Producers. As always, please let us know what you are doing - maybe we can help!

2. A fundraiser towards his travel costs.

3. A fundraiser towards the next year's titleholder's travel fund.

- Each titleholder is responsible for one camp improvement or project (ex. Memorial Grove cleanup; paint or help repair where needed, etc.)
- Attend the three Bear weekends at The Woods Campground during their title year.
- Help run all Bear Weekend parties at The Woods Campground.
- Help host a "Meet and Greet" cocktail party for the Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, and Daddy 2025 contestants during Bears 3 weekend of the 2024 The Woods Campground camping season, dates to be determined.
 - Failure to complete the above obligations and/or flagrant violation of Woods Campground rules or titleholder expectations may result in forfeiture of the Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy Title (and sash, etc.) at the discretion of The Woods Bear Contest Producers).
- Winning Mr. Bear, Cub, & Daddy should also be present during Bear Week 2024 (not necessarily together...dates to be determined)

* Any fundraising events must be pre-approved through the Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy producers. If an event is to be held at the campground, it must then be approved by the campground. Names of said events and fundraisers become property of the Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy producers and may not be used without written consent. Thorough research of ANY events in the surrounding areas by supporting or any other bear run/event must be performed prior to getting permission. NO event will be allowed if there is another event within a 300 mile radius.

Any events past the title year of the winners must have written consent to use the title of "Mr. Woods" in any event.

All monies raised at ANY event/fundraiser must be reported within 1 hour after completion of event/fundraiser to the Woods producers and counting of monies must be witnessed by either a producer of the Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy contest or a third party NOT affiliated with the Woods titleholder personally. Said monies then must be sent to The Woods Campground 3500 Forest St. Lehighton, PA 18235 ATTN: Pat, within 48 hours which will be held until step down. Titleholders are also responsible for keeping accurate records of monies raised.

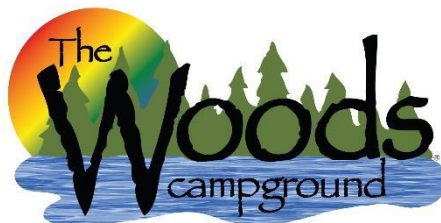
Titleholders are EXPECTED to be at all three bear weekends and to help host activities on all Bear weekends.

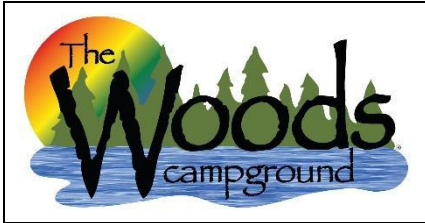
FUN MUST BE HAD AT ALL TIMES. THIS IS NOT AN OPTION!!!! This is your title year. Enjoy it!!!

*****Woods producers reserve the right to add/delete any rules and/or regulations throughout the title year without prior written notice*****

If there are any questions at all about the contest, its rules or how to answer questions on the application, please do not hesitate to contact producers @ MrWoodsBearCubDaddy@gmail.com

Thank you, have fun and Good Luck!





**MR. WOODS BEAR, CUB,
& DADDY
2024
CONTESTANT FORM**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 14,
2023**

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS: CONTESTANT INFORMATION (Please print CLEARLY)

LAST NAME(S)				FIRST NAME			
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR COLOR	EYE COLOR	AGE	MOBILE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS	
STREET ADDRESS:				CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE

OTHER BEAR CONTESTS ENTERED AND/OR TITLES HELD

CONTESTANT QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE TRY TO LIMIT ANSWERS TO THE SPACE PROVIDED - HOWEVER, IF IT IS NECESSARY TO USE THE BACK, OR ANOTHER SHEET, CLEARLY INDICATE WHERE YOUR ANSWER CONTINUES.

SPECIAL INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

FAVORITE PIECE OF BEAR WEAR:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE A 'BEAR'?

▪
EXPLAIN YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH OR CHARITY WORK FOR THE BEAR AND/OR GAY COMMUNITIES:

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PLEASE TELL US SOMETHING INTERESTING OR FUNNY ABOUT YOURSELF.

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- 1) I agree that I am at least 18 years of age, have completed this form to the best of my knowledge and understand and comply with all contest rules and requirements.
- 2) I am giving the producers of the Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, and Daddy Contest my permission to use my photos and likenesses for publicity, and on the internet.

SIGNATURE	DATE