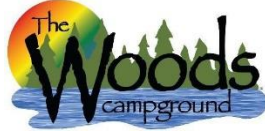


Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy 2026 Contest

CONTESTANT RULES & APPLICATION

Please read in its entirety!



APPLICATIONS: Completed applications must be received by or before 7:00pm on Friday, August 29, 2025. They can be emailed to MrWoodsBear24@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 competition, but winning Woods titleholders are welcome 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.

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.

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 by either the judges or The Woods Campground community. Contestants will not have advanced knowledge of the question.

Formal Wear: (Maximum 25 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 2026.

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 Bear Fund and the winning Bear sash family charity. Contestants are allowed 1 other person to assist during the allotted raffle period. Assistant is not allowed to speak, and all sales must be conducted by the contestant. If found otherwise, the contestant will forfeit all points for Social Skills.

Points will be awarded to the TOP THREE ticket sale contestants in all categories of the Bear, Cub, & Daddy contest.

- The contestant with the most sales will receive **5** bonus points added to their final score.
- The contestant with the second most sales will receive **3** bonus points added to their final score.
- The contestant with the third most sales will receive **1** bonus point 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.

Minimum Scoring for a single contestant:

If there is only one contestant in any of the Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy contests, the contestant must still participate in all the contest-related events and compete in the contest itself. A minimum score of 75% of the total points allowed by judges within the contest must be achieved for the contestant to be named the “winner”.

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.**

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

EVENT	PARTICIPANTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DRESS
Judges Meeting	Contest Producers Judges	Friday Sep 5	7:00 PM	Dance Club Lanai	Informal
Contestants Meeting	Contestants Contest Producers Current Titleholders	Friday Sep 5	8:00 PM	Dance Club Lanai	Informal
Judges/Contestant Meet & Greet	Contestants Judges Producers/Current Titleholder	Friday Sep 5	9:00 PM	Dance Club Lanai	Informal

EVENT	PARTICIPANTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DRESS
Contestant Interviews	Contestants Judges Contest Producers	Saturday Sept 6	9:00 AM* Subject to Change	Behind Amphitheater	Informal
Contestant Introduction/Raffle Sales	Contestants Judges Contest Producers	Saturday Sept 6	12:00 PM	Patio/DJ Booth Pool	Choice
Contest Run Through	Contestants Producers Current Titleholders	Saturday Sept 6	3:00 PM	Amphitheater	Choice
Pre-Contest	Contestants Judges Contest Producers	Saturday Sept 6	7:00 PM	Pavilion	Choice
Contest	Contestants Judges Contest Producers Current Titleholders	Saturday Sept 6	8:00 PM	Amphitheater	3 Outfits

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 2026 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, Capital City, New Hope, 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. Assistance may be provided by the producers and/or Bear committee members.
2. A fundraiser towards their travel costs.
 3. A fundraiser towards next year's titleholder's travel fund.
- 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 2026 title holders during Bears 4 (OktoBEAR Fest) weekend of the 2025 The Woods Campground camping season. Dates: October 17th - 19th, 2025
- 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 2026 (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. Lehigh, 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.

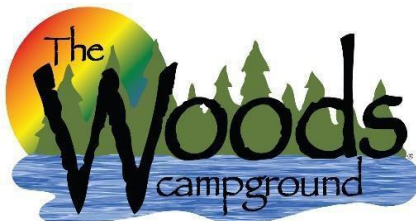
Titleholders are EXPECTED to be at all three bear weekends and to help host activities on all Bear weekends.

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 @ MrWoodsbear24@gmail.com

Thank you, have fun and Good Luck!



	MR. WOODS BEAR, CUB, & DADDY 2026 CONTESTANT FORM	SATURDAY September 6th 2025
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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/CUB/DADDY"?**

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

- **PLEASE TELL US SOMETHING INTERESTING OR FUNNY ABOUT YOURSELF.**

This event will be held annually. Contestants must be 18 years of age or older and should self-identify as gay, bisexual, or transgender male. The Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy Contest is open to all members of The Woods Campground community (including permanent, weekend and day campers). Please see the Mr. Woods Bear, Cub, & Daddy Contest Rules for all contest entry requirements and details. By signing below:

- 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