



Miss Woods Pageant

Instructions

Labor Day 2025

The winner of this pageant reigns from Labor Day, 2025 to Labor Day, 2026 as Miss Woods 2026.

The Miss Woods Pageant will be held on **Saturday, August 30th at 9pm** with the “Personal Interview” (judged category) being held the night of **Friday, August 29th** following the 7pm contestant meeting.

It is requested that all contestants be at the Amphitheatre NO LATER THAN 7pm on Saturday, August 30th. Contestants may not bring their things to the dressing area until this space is completely prepared. We will inform contestants of the earliest possible time that they can bring their things by text message that Saturday.

There is a mandatory meeting of all contestants and judges on Friday, August 29th at 7pm at the Amphitheatre. At this meeting you will get the contestant order for the pageant. Following this meeting, we will begin the “business casual” judged Interview portion of the pageant.

The online application must be submitted by Saturday, August 16th at 8pm.

You can access the application with this link:

[Miss Woods Pageant Application](#)

Your electronic files containing your talent music must be submitted by Monday, August 25th at noon. Music files must be submitted through the online submission form you can find here:

[Talent Music Submission Form](#)

On Friday, at 7pm (at the contestant meeting), we will go over the specifics of the pageant, and the contestant order will be determined. If there are any questions, you may ask them at that time.

On Saturday, at 7pm is “lock down”, you should bring all the pageant items you will need with you - the night will move quickly, and you will not be allowed to retrieve items from your campsite. You may also bring ONE assistant to help with your wardrobe changes. There is no room for guests or multiple friends to hang out with you backstage.

Good luck to all! BE FABULOUS!!

Sylvia Silverberg – Pageant Promotor & Katrina Escalarza – Co-Promotor

Miss Woods Pageant Release Statement

I, _____ (First, Last), hereby release The Woods Campground and the pageant promoters/coordinators from any legal responsibility for injury that may occur to myself or any of my pageant team during the 2025 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 2024:

About the Miss Woods Pageant: The Miss Woods Pageant is a special celebration of pride within The Woods Campground community. It gives our community an opportunity to celebrate the spirit of love and inclusiveness here at The Woods. It also allows us to find a queen who will represent that sense of connection for the upcoming year as an active and visible member of the camp community.

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.

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.

Terms and Obligations:**Winner will receive:**

- The Queen
 - o The Crown & Flowers
 - o The Miss Woods sash which will be passed to each successive Queen
 - o A cash prize from the Queens' Fund
 - o The Woods Campground generously supports the Miss Woods Pageant by providing:
 - 2026 Woods Membership
 - \$700 Gift Card - The Queen is welcome to use the card at her discretion.
- **First Alternate**
 - o 2026 Woods Membership
 - o Cash Prize from the Queens' Fund
- **Fan Favorite**
 - o A stunning drag jewelry set
- **Miss Congeniality**
 - o "Eye Garbage" Sunglasses

Miss Woods' Obligations:

(Set forth by The Woods Campground and Pageant Promoters)

- **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 F.A.C.T of the Lehigh Valley. As part of this relationship, Miss Woods has the following obligations:

- o One Fundraiser for F.A.C.T. 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 or assisting Sylvia in a BINGO is an easy and almost always successful option.

- o 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 Action Wellness has overall oversight of the event. Maxine Chambers (former Miss Woods 2017 & Miss Woods Leather 2024) will produce the show. Your job as the reigning Queen will be to work collaboratively with Maxine to assist her with the preparation, planning and execution of the show if needed, and perform a number.

- **Other Obligations**

- o Attend and perform at the Woods Off-Season Tour 2025/2026 events (up to 2 events, venues TBD)

- o Attend MOST of the major Woods weekend events, including: Opening Weekend, Drag Your Ass to the Woods, Memorial Day Cocktail party, 4th of July Show, 12 Drags of Christmas, Labor Day Show (immediately following Pageant). As Miss Woods, you will be

performing!!! Please let the pageant promoters know which you will be attending in advance.

- o Coordinate a Queens' Fund: Bake Sale/Shot Table/Shot Crawl on date of your choice.
- o Coordinate a Queens' Fund BINGO (Not F.A.C.T. related) with Sylvia Silverberg on a date of both of your collaborative choice.
- o Represent The Woods Campground at local Prides (if possible).
- o 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!! The LGBTQ+ Community at the Woods will notice and ask where their Miss Woods is.
- o Support the pageant for Miss Woods 2026. This will be YOUR step-down performance... make it a night to remember!!!!
- o 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.
- o Select the "Queen's Choice" theme for the 2026 Pageant.

Miss Woods Pageant Signature Required

By signing below, I hereby agree to the terms and conditions stated above. If I am crowned Miss Woods 2026, I will fulfill the obligations set forth by The Woods Campground and Pageant Promoters. If I fail to do so, I WILL relinquish the crown to the first alternate in the first 8 months, or the previous year's Miss Woods in the last 4 months, and will repay the monetary prize to the Pageant Promoters to return to the Queens' Fund/The Woods Campground.

(Print)

(Name)

(Date)

(Drag Name)

Miss Woods Pageant Categories (Total of 100 pts. possible per contestant for all 5 categories)

1) “Personal Interview” (20 pts. Total)

Please understand that this is “business casual” and is looking for the best representative to be the face of The Woods Campground.

You will be judged on:

- Ability to Communicate (10 pts.)
 - Thinking quickly with answers
 - Speak effectively and eloquently
- Answer Content (10 pts.)
 - Genuine Answers (Not scripted or fake/rehearsed sounding)
 - Answer the questions fully and with just enough content

2) “Queen’s Choice” (20 pts. Total)

Spirit of the Seasons!

Hey Everyone~

Everybody embodies one of the four seasons in their mind. As a reflection of your inner self, personal journey, or pageant persona; how do you represent a season as your identity? Through wardrobe and movement, present how your season represents your identity, energy, and growth.

With lots of love,

Vilory Holl

Miss Woods 2025

You will be judged on:

- Style (10 pts.)
 - Look
 - Overall Execution
- Creativity (10 pts.)
 - Uniqueness
 - Match to Theme

3) "Talent" (30 pts. Total)

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.)

What's most important is 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?

You will be judged on:

- Entertainment (10 pts.)
 - Audience Appeal
 - Emotion
- Quality (10 pts.)
 - Choreography
 - Lip Sync/Voice Quality

Stage Presence

- Creativity (10 pts.)
 - Concept
 - Costuming
 - Cohesiveness

4) “Evening Gown” (20 pts. Total)

Remember... this is the most elegant part of the competition!

You will be judged on the following:

- Style & Cohesion (10 pts.)
 - Fit
 - Overall Look (Gown, Hair, Accessories, Shoes)
- Modeling & Presentation (10 pts.)
 - Movement
 - Walk
 - Stage Presence

5) “Onstage Q & A” (10 pts. Total)

A question will be asked of each contestant that was created by the promoters and pulled on the spot from an envelope chosen by the contestant. 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!

Your Q&A will be judged on the following:

- Presence (5 pts.)
 - Overall Answer
 - Comfort on Stage
- Creativity (5 pts.)
 - Cohesiveness
 - Spontaneity