



Miss Woods Pageant

Instructions

Labor Day 2026

The winner of this pageant reigns from Labor Day, 2026 to Labor Day, 2027 as Miss Woods 2027.

The Miss Woods Pageant will be held on **Saturday, September 5th at 9pm** with the “Personal Interview” being held the night of **Friday, September 4th** following the 7pm contestant meeting.

It is requested that all contestants be at the amphitheater NO LATER THAN 7pm on Saturday, September 5th. 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, September 4th at 7pm at the amphitheater. At this meeting you will get the contestant order for the pageant. Following this meeting, we will begin the “Come As You Are” judged Interview portion of the pageant.

The online application must be submitted by Saturday, August 22nd 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 31st 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 there is a lockdown for all contestants at the pavilion. At this time, there will be a role call and all contestants must be present. If a contestant is late for any reason, they will receive a 3 point administrative deduction applied to their total score. You should bring all the pageant 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 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 2026 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 2026:

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.

As part of our commitment to that spirit of love and acceptance, we welcome people of all genders and expressions to run for the title of Miss Woods. While the pageant is femme identified and crowns Miss Woods a Queen, we embrace any camper who wants to join in the experience to compete.

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:

Prize Packages:

The Winner

- The Crown & Flowers
- The Miss Woods sash (which will be passed to each successive Queen)
- 3D Printed cupholder
- A cash prize from the Queens' Fund
- A Pin commemorating their year as Miss Woods at their step down

The Woods Campground generously supports The Miss Woods Pageant by providing:

- 2027 Woods Season Membership
- \$700 Gift Card - The Queen is welcome to use the card at her discretion.

First Alternate

- 2027 Woods Season Membership
- Flowers
- 3D Printed Cupholder
- Cash Prize from the Queens' Fund

Fan Favorite

- A stunning drag jewelry set

Miss Congeniality

- "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.

**The camp comes first: This means if there is a major camp event (drag or not), you are not to hold an event outside of the camp at that same time and pull patrons from the camp for your personal/external event. The idea of Miss Woods is to bring people (both new and old) to the campground. This does not work as your personal way to grow a friendship group and use them for personal events. Essentially, for the year you are signing over your duty to be the face of the camp. An exception can only be made if the promoters were aware in a timely manner of the event, and they give the "OKAY".*

- 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 Perform at the 12 Drags of Christmas show that happens every year during Christmas in July Weekend. Maxine Chambers (former Miss Woods 2017 & Miss Woods Leather 2024) will produce the show. Your job as the reigning Queen will be to perform a number in her show.

- Other Obligations

- o Attend and perform at the Woods Offseason Tour 2026/2027 events (up to 2 events, venues TBD)

- o Attend MOST of the major Woods weekend events, including: 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. (*Usually "Christmas in July" Saturday)
- 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 2027. This will be YOUR step-down performance... make it a number to remember!!!!
 - o Grow the Queen's Fund throughout 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" for the 2027 Pageant. (Due to promoters the first week in June 2027)

Miss Woods Pageant Signature Required

By signing below, I hereby agree with the terms and conditions stated above. If I am crowned Miss Woods 2027, 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 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)

The Magic of the Cinema!

Hey Everyone~

The magic of the cinema is an experience for each of the senses: the taste and smell of the popcorn, the feeling of the bass rumbling around you, the sound of the score lingering in your ears, and the story unfolding before your eyes. Whether seen in a theater or in the comfort of your home, movies can shape our minds, broaden our horizons, and spark our creativity. Your assignment, should you choose to accept it, is to show us how the magic of the cinema and the movies we love, inspires you and your drag.

With lots of love,

Estee Lauderdale

Miss Woods 2026

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