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DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR TO HOST NORTHEAST LUMBERJACK COMPETITION

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Rhinebeck, NY - The term "lumberjack" stems from Canada where previously a timber worker was known as a logger. Both a lumberjack and loggers are forest workers who do not use power tools and historically used saws and axes. It was a dangerous job, where the workers had to scale trees with ropes and proceed to cut the tree limbs until they could finally fell the tree.

Lumberjacks and Jill's from all over will converge on the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on Sunday August 26th at the Grandstand from 10:30am until 4pm. All seats are free.

Lumberjacks are expected to attend from as far away as West Virginia and New Hampshire, all here to compete for over \$4,000 in cash prizes.

Very similar to the contests seen on TV, the whole contest is divided into ten events including: Ax-throwing, Cross-cut sawing, Speed Ax chopping, Hot-Saw's chainsaws which are chainsaws modified with motorcycle or snowmobile engines and much more.



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Some of the contests include: **Power Sawing** - Watch the sawdust fly as modified chain saws slice through fourteen inches of aspen in seconds.

Axe Throw - Don't try this at home! A five inch bulls-eye is the target from a distance of 20 feet away.

One of the riskiest events, the **Springboard Chop** requires each competitor to notch a tree with an ax and insert a board to make a platform for chopping off the tree top.

Powered by Lumberjack muscle alone, **Cross Cut Saws** up to six feet in length, slice through twelve inches of wood with the speed of a modern-day power saw.

The **Underhand Chop** has Lumberjacks standing on top of the very logs they chop will their way through. It's a back breaking speed competition - watch the wood chips fly.

The primary goal of the lumberjacks is to promote the forest industry in general and to raise awareness of the vanishing breed of men. The Northeast Lumberjack Competition is family friendly entertainment for all ages.

For more information regarding the Dutchess County Fair, visit www.dutchessfair.com.

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