



Eupora Economic Development

Empowering Change, Embracing Growth

Schedule of Events

- Carving begins Wednesday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. and ends on Saturday, September 20 at 4 P.M.
- Quick Carves will be on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. All Quick Carves will take place by your carving station and we will have cones and barriers to keep people back from you while you're carving.
- Main Carvings must be completed by 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 20th. The general public will vote for their favorite carving on Saturday. Winners will be announced after the quick carve on 9/20.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will I be compensated for competing?

- The Eupora Economic Development will provide each carver with \$200 cash at the start of the competition for show-up/gas money and you have the ability to win prize money as follows:
 - 1st Place: \$1,500
 - 2nd Place: \$1,000
 - 3rd Place: \$500
 - Carver's Choice: \$250
- Winners will be determined by public vote at the end of the event on September 20th. This event is for the public, so we let them pick the carvings they like best!

Where will the carving take place?

- The event location has not been finalized yet but will be decided very soon. It will take place at one of the City of Starkville's parks, and we will share the exact location as soon as it is confirmed.

Will there be quick Carves?

- Yes! Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
- All carvers are strongly encouraged to participate. These are timed hour-long quick carves followed by an auction on Saturday, September 20, 2025. The Eupora Economic Development will keep 25% of the money to help cover the costs of the event and the carver will keep 75% of the money.

Where will I stay?

- Eupora Economic Development will provide hotel accommodations for all participating carvers in the City of Starkville. More details regarding your stay will be shared as we get closer to the event. Carvers will be required to place a card on file at the hotel to cover any incidental charges. Check-out will be on Sunday, September 21st, and any additional charges accrued beyond the provided stay will be the carver's responsibility.

Will we be fed?

- Of course! We will provide meals for each carver (plus one) as well as beverages and snacks while you're busy carving away.

What's happening on Saturday?

- Saturday, September 20th will be filled with fun kid's activities, live music, food trucks, and of course the presentation of the winner of the Chainsaw & Art Competition!

What equipment/supplies will the Eupora Economic Development be providing?

- The Economic Development Organization will provide chainsaw oil and gas as well as folks to help clean up!
- Logs will be supplied for carvings.

May I sell merchandise and other carvings?

- Absolutely! You can display and sell carvings throughout the event. We will also have entertainment on Saturday afternoon. We want this to be a profitable event for you as a carver!

What happens to the main carvings?

- The Main Carvings will be kept by the City of Starkville and will be displayed throughout the City of Starkville so that they can be visited and admired by all the City's residents as well as visitors to the community.

Who will be my point of contact?

- Janet Cook, Eupora Economic Development | 303.681.7905
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This document serves as the Carver FAQ for the 2025 Chainsaw & Arts Competition. We hope it provides all the details you need to prepare for this exciting event. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We are thrilled to continue this amazing event in the City of Starkville and look forward to welcoming talented carvers from near and far. Thank you for being a part of this competition—we can't wait to see your incredible work!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Cook". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Janet Cook, Executive Director
Eupora Economic Development