

# Flora School Education Center

## School Days

### Blacksmith Competition

### Fundraiser

**Date:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June (June, 17 2023)

**Time:**

7:00am - 1:00pm (Forges are lit at 7am, it is advisable to be setup no later than 6:45am)

1:00pm – 1:45pm: Peer Review and Final Public Voting

2:00pm – 3pm: Awards/Auction

**Rules:**

- 1.) **Time Frame** - Each Smith will have 6 hours (7am to 1pm) to make the item(s) they have chosen within the bounds of the “Category.”
- 2.) **Smithing Category** - The category will be chosen by an outside source; source/person will not be competing in the blacksmith contest. Each year a new person will choose the BROAD category for the smiths. The “Category” will be announced no later than **May 1, 2023**. Category example:
  - a. **“Carpentry Tools”**
  - b. Each smith will choose an item or items within that category, thus giving them the chance to show their skills on items of their own choosing
- 3.) **Entry Fees** - All entry fees associated with the competition will be by **DONATION**; no set fee to enter the competition. 100% of the Entry Fees go to the **Flora School Education Center**.
- 4.) Awards for the Competition
  - a. **\*\*NO JUDGE per se\*\***
  - b. Award by Your Peers— Top Smith!
    - i. At the end of the 6 hours each contestant will judge and evaluate each other’s work, thus providing feedback both critical and constructive!
    - ii. The smiths will then quietly choose a “Top Smith!” between themselves, keeping the winner’s name to themselves.
    - iii. The “Top Smith!” will be given the **“Golden Hammer”** during the awards ceremony from 2pm to 3pm!

- c. “Showmanship” Award— Best of Show! People’s Choice!
  - i. Each contestant will be provided with a “Collection Buckets/Barrels.”
  - ii. It is the job of the Smith to “sell” themselves to the public as the clear winner while they are smithing based on their choice(s) within the category chosen. **Showmanship is key in for this award!**
  - iii. People will place money in the bucket/barrel of the smith they think is doing the best job. The “best job” can mean showmanship or workmanship or both. It is the “People’s Choice.” The money in the **Collection Buckets/Barrels** also goes directly to the Flora School Education Center
  - iv. At the end of the allotted time (not the same as the smithing time of six hours! TBA), the smith with the most money in their “**Collection Bucket/Barrel**” will be the “**Best of Show Champion**” and the winner of the competition as the “**People’s Choice**”.
  - v. The “**People’s Choice**” will be awarded the inaugural “**Anvil of Champions**” during the awards ceremony. This award is a traveling trophy.
    - 1. Each winner will keep it for the year and be responsible for bringing it back/returning it to the competition the next year.
    - 2. Each champion’s name, year, and category will be added to the trophy via a brass placard.
- 5.) Items Auctioned-- All Items made during the competition will then be auctioned off during the awards ceremony, at the discretion of the individual smith.

#### **Equipment Requirements:**

- 1.) **You must provide your own equipment**
- 2.) **No Electricity!!!**
- 3.) **Forge—Coal, charcoal, propane**
- 4.) **Blacksmith tools specific to the individual smith-- Anvils, hammers, punches, chisels, tongs, etc.**
- 5.) **Shade canopy is a must!**

#### **Suggested Attire:**

- 1.) **Period Specific Clothing (1910’s or earlier), or as close as you can without breaking the bank!**
- 2.) **Remember it is a show!**