

Flora School Days 3rd Annual Blacksmith Competition

Date: June 6, 2020

Time: 8am-2pm

Location: Flora, Oregon

Duration: 6 hours

Format: Single Elimination

Prizes: 75% of the Entry Fees
 1 Burner Deluxe 4.0 (value \$400)
 2lb Cross peen and grooved flat jaw tongs (value \$250)
 2 more undecided

Fees: \$50 (Cash or Check)

Details:

All contestants must be in Flora, Oregon no later than 7am on Saturday, June 6, 2020. Prior to the start of the competition, a set must be chosen to smith, either by drawing from a hat or unanimous vote based on what is in the iron pile.

Each contestant will either use their own equipment or equipment rented from the Flora School Education Center for \$50, which includes gas forge, railroad track anvil, 2lb to 3lb cross peen and one 7-gallon tank of propane with regular. There are only five extra tool stations, so it is first come first served.

Each Contestant will have to provide their own shade canopy which is a must, the heat and sun radiation are part of what make this competition so demanding. Water runners will be providing each smith with water throughout the competition. This is an eat when you are hungry, and drink water all day event. We do not stop the time!

The steel to be used will be a mixture of repurposed and donated courtesy of MetalCraft Northwest, Walla Walla WA; Rusty Hammer Forge, Walla Walla WA and North End Crossing, Flora, OR. This year the contestants will **not** be given the same steel except when smithing the tongs.

The tongs will either have to be fully smithed (including reins) or, based on the set chosen, the School Days Blacksmith Coordinator, Nathan D. Thompson, will have pre-cut reins leaving a mass of steel to be turned into the boss and bit. (Dimensions of pre-cut tongs: 14" reins, 7" mass to be smithed.)

Each contestant must smith the chosen set in their style using steel found in the community pile. The set will then be judged based on the following criteria:

Scoring will be you either get the point or you don't. Scoring will be judged based on the following:

- Fit and Finish +1/0
- Form and Function +1/0
- Artistic Design +1/0
- Finished Set +1/0
- Tongs equal to the sum of scores from the previous four items

In the event of a tie, all competitors who are tied will compete in a 30-minute tie-breaker which consists of the following:

- Tie a knot in a piece of 3/8" round stock.
- Competitor with the best knot wins.

- ABSOLUTELY NO POWER TOOLS OF ANY KIND IN THIS COMPETITION.
- NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ON THE LINE (LEGAL OR NOT).
- SMOKING AND CHEWING TOBACCO IS PERMITTED AS LONG AS YOU POLICE YOUR BUTTS WHEN FINISHED.
- ALL TRASH WILL BE POLICED WHEN THE COMPETITION IS COMPLETE WHILE THE JUDGE(S) COMPILE THE SCORES.

Please remember your pieces when finished will be auctioned off. So not only are you trying to smith for maximum points, but also to present something that will want to be purchased at the end of the competition. You may purchase your own items based on an agreed price between the competitor and the Blacksmith Coordinator unless you placed in the top three. All podium competitor items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

If you agree with and plan on competing in this year,s Blacksmith Competition, please finish registering for the event by filling out your information in the place provided online and print off this document to be turned in with all boxes checked that apply and signed at the bottom.

Once again thank you for taking part in this year's Flora School Days Blacksmith Competition, and Good Luck to you All!

Please Check all that apply

- ___ Judge-- no need to pay the \$50 entry fee, but can donate to the pot or to the prize pool if they wish
- ___ Competitor-- If you need to use the Flora School Education Center Rental equipment it is first come first serve so please be sure to arrive either Friday evening or early Saturday morning

Experience Level _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____