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Lumberjack World Championships Foundation Announces 59th Annual Competition

Lumberjack World Championships in Hayward, WI

Hayward, Wis. (May 24, 2018) – For nearly 60 years, Hayward, Wisconsin, has been home to the greatest and most prestigious lumberjack competition worldwide, the Lumberjack World Championships (LWC), a three-day celebration of timber sports. This year, from July 19-21, 2018, more than 100 competitors from around the globe will compete for a purse of over \$55,000 in a variety of timber sports disciplines.

Lumberjack World Championships athletes compete in over 21 events, including, logrolling, boom running, sawing, chopping, axe throwing, and speed climbing. Information on each unique timber sports discipline is available at LumberjackWorldChampionships.com. Each day's competition will culminate with a crowd favorite, the Jack and Jill relay combining the sports of pole climbing, boom running, single-buck sawing, and standing chop. LWC quarterfinal competitions begin on Thursday, July 19, and continue into Friday, July 20, with professional timber sports competitions nightly at 6:00pm. The 59th Lumberjack World Championships finals will take place on Saturday, July 21 at 6:00pm in historic Lumberjack Bowl, Hayward, WI.

The LWC is three-days of hearty, international competition wrapped up in good, old, north woods fun.

- **Thursday, July 19 – LWC Family Night!** The first 250 kids will receive a foam LWC axe, courtesy of Brawny®
- **Friday, July 20 – LWC Happy Hour & Koozie®!** The first 250 adults age 21 and over will receive a free LWC Koozie, courtesy of Samuel Adams®! Happy hour in the Swinging Axe Beer Garden from 3:30pm to 5:30pm
- **Saturday, July 21 – Live Music** from 1:30pm to 5:30pm in the Swinging Axe Beer Garden with Molly Otis, Warner recording artist

Each year, an estimated 12,000 spectators and fans flock to the LWC to witness not only the fierce competition but to experience the celebration of timber sports on the festival grounds. Opening midday (11:30am on Thursday/Friday, 12:00pm on Saturday), spectators can try their hand (or feet!) at logrolling and other interactive and demonstration activities. From food vendors and entertainment, to the Swinging Axe Beer Garden, there is plenty of lumberjack action for families and friends, alike.

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The tradition of competition between lumberjacks began in the 1890's. In keeping with the timber sports tradition, the 59th Annual Lumberjack World Championships will once again be held in beautiful and historic Lumberjack Bowl on the shores of Lake Hayward. In days gone by, Lumberjack Bowl was once a holding pond for log drives down the Namekagon River. While timber sports were born over a century ago, they continue to grow in worldwide popularity today.

Information about the Lumberjack World Championships, as well as reserved and general admission tickets, are available at www.Lumberjackworldchampionships.com.

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Lumberjack 5K Run/Walk

Saturday's Lumberjack 5K Run/Walk, starts and finishes in Lumberjack Bowl on the shores of Lake Hayward. The Lumberjack Run is held in conjunction with LWC events and is sponsored by the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation. Participants receive a lumberjack worthy t-shirt, a free ticket to Thursday night's Lumberjack World Championships competition, and more fun that you can shake your axe at! Interested runners and walkers are encouraged to visit Birkie.com to learn more about the July 21 run/walk.

About the Lumberjack World Championships Foundation, Inc.

The Lumberjack World Championships(LWC) began in 1960 to acknowledge the rich history of the logging industry across the United States. Work day skills that were perfected in the forests of the nation became a past-time and soon grew into an exciting and growing sporting event. Now in its 59th year, the LWC is a three-day festival of timber sports held in Hayward, WI each July. www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com

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Historic Lumberjack Bowl – Hayward, WI



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