

**25th Annual
Whittle the Wood Rendezvous
Chainsaw Artist Application**

Come join us as we celebrate the 25th Annual Whittle the Wood Rendezvous June 19 - 21, 2025. This 3-day woodcarving event will be held at Loudy-Simpson Park located at 600 S. Ranney Street, in beautiful Craig, Colorado. The park includes a playground, fishing pond, easy access to the Yampa River and is close to an 18-hole golf course. The entire event, combined with woodcarving, music, entertainment, food, and vendor booths along with an aggressive advertising campaign draws a large crowd year after year.

Event Information

- Only ***ten*** of the most elite chainsaw artists will be selected. Artists will be selected based on examples of current work and/or other competition pieces. You must submit ***three or more*** pictures or website references with your completed application. *(If you have attended Whittle the Wood Rendezvous in previous years you are still required to submit examples with your application. Non-compliance may result in application denial).* **Applications are due Friday, February 7.** Late applications will be placed on a waiting list. You will be notified by February 12, 2025, of acceptance/denial to our event.
- Each chainsaw artist and their immediate family or (one) guest will receive complimentary lodging in Craig *(one room per night)* for 4 nights (Wednesday, June 18 - Saturday, June 21); lunch and dinner will be provided only on Thursday and Friday; and water/pop during the event. Due to insurance requirements no other complementary beverages will be provided during the competition.
- Selected carvers will receive ***\$500*** show up money *(amount payable when you arrive at the event)*.
- The City of Craig provides you with a free-standing stump. The Stump selection lottery will be held at 4:00pm on Wednesday, June 18, at the west end of Loudy Simpson Park. The free-standing stump allows you more freedom to create your work of art. You may also choose to lay it down. All stumps are in the same area of the park which allows spectators to watch carvers working at the same time. We try to supply stumps that are similar in size and shape and predominately without branches. Each carver must provide their own tools. Scaffolding, power, and fuel will be provided. If needed, tool rentals are available at your own expense from the following businesses: Just Ask Rental; 970-824-6683 or Severson Supply; 970-824-9481. No other lubrication for tools will be supplied.
- Artists work outside, uncovered, so be prepared for the elements.
- Only one artist can work on their carving at any given time. No one else can assist you during the competition, which includes City of Craig employees.
- No other materials can be used other than the original stump. However, if joining pieces, it is permitted to use glued dowels, screws & lag bolts.
- We encourage artist creativity. Past winners include movie characters and wildlife.
- All refueling must be done in designated areas. No fueling is allowed on the turf.

- Park security will be available Wednesday - Friday nights. There is no security available on Saturday night.
- Working hours are as follows:
Wednesday is designated for lottery drawings and set-up only.
Thursday & Friday - Sunrise to Sunset
Saturday - Sunrise until 3:00pm - *tentative end time*
- Judging for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be done by a panel of judges on Saturday, June 21. Competition ends - 3:00pm; Voting ends - 3:30pm; Awards Ceremony - 4:00pm; *times are tentative.*

1st Place \$5,000; 2nd Place \$2,500; and 3rd Place \$1,250.

Artist's Choice and People's Choice will receive a non-monetary award for 1st Place.

- The completed carvings will become the property of the City of Craig.
- General liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$100,000 per person or \$300,000 per occurrence, listing the City of Craig as an additionally insured for the period of operation at Whittle the Wood Rendezvous is required. Proof of general liability insurance is due prior to attending the event.
- Chainsaw artists are welcome to display and sell their wares without being charged a vendor's fee. Selling your wares will require you to obtain a special event license through the State of Colorado. Proof of your Special Events License is due prior to attending the event. Please visit <https://tax.colorado.gov/special-event-license> for more information.
- In addition to our wood carving competition, the event includes a Silent Auction and Quick Carve competition. Details for both are as follows:
 - Silent Auction pieces will be collected by City staff the morning of Thursday, June 19. The carvings will be available for the public to preview on Friday, June 20 with the auction on Saturday, June 21. These carvings will only be auctioned and will not be judged. Proceeds from the carvings sold will be split 50/50 between the artist and the City of Craig. The City's portion of the proceeds are used to offset event operation costs. We kindly ask that all carvers participate in the silent auction.
 - The Quick Carve competition will be held on Saturday, June 21, typically at 1:00pm. A stump of comparable size and shape will be provided for each carver. Carvers have one hour to complete their carving. After completion, artwork will be live auctioned off to spectators. Proceeds from the auctioned carvings will be split 50/50 between the artist and the City of Craig. The City's portion of the proceeds are used to offset event operation costs. We kindly encourage all carvers to participate in this event.

For more information or questions contact Alicia at 970-826-2029; abaker@cityofcraig.org or visit www.whittlethewood.com

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Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Facebook Page/Website _____

Please list competition experience and any awards received:

DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS: You the carver do hereby agree and consent that the City of Craig, its Parks and Recreation Department and the officers, employees, volunteers, sponsors, and all representatives of the program(s) shall be released and forever acquitted from all or any claim or demand of disability or damages as a result of any injuries sustained by myself or my/our minor child while enrolled in the event sponsored by said program or department. I (carver) am required to carry general liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$100,000 per person or \$300,000 per occurrence, listing the City of Craig as an additionally insured for the period of operation at Whittle the Wood Rendezvous. Proof of Insurance must be provided at the time of application submission. Participants may be photographed while utilizing any facilities, services or participating in a program of the Craig Parks and Recreation Department, and said photographs, or likeness of me, may be used to publicize activities as the department deems appropriate.

Signature

Date

Return completed application by February 7, 2025.
Craig Parks and Recreation 300 W. 4th Street, Craig, CO 81625
abaker@cityofcraig.org

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE PLACED ON A WAITING LIST.
You will receive notification of acceptance/denial by February 12, 2025.

Office Use Only

Date application received: _____

Accepted or Denied: _____

General Liability Insurance received: _____

Colorado Sales Tax License received: _____

Carver Information Received: _____