



CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM - Paul Bunyan Days Logging Show

Sunday, September 6, 2026

West end of Redwood Avenue, Fort Bragg, California

The Paul Bunyan Days Logging Show is open to **Amateur** Loggers who are Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt and Sonoma County Residents. If you are outside that area, you may send an entry form and check the "out of area" box. A total of 10 out of area contestants will be randomly selected from all applications received and those 10 competitors will be notified that they will be able to compete. Out of Area entry forms must be received by August 24th to give us and you enough advance notice. (Entry forms for in area competitors should be received by August 31st) ☐ YES, I am Out of Area.

Competitor Registration is from 9am to 10:30am - **NO LATE REGISTRATION, NO EXCEPTIONS**

Elimination Events begin at 11:00

Show Starts at 12:00

Name: _____ Gender: M F

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

PLEASE CHECK EACH EVENT YOU ARE ENTERING

(Please refer to rules list and event descriptions for any questions)

____ Axe Throw

____ Horizontal Hand Chop

____ Men or Ladies Single Buck Handsaw

____ Choker Setting

____ Chain Saw Bucking (Hot Start using stock power saw)

____ Obstacle Pole Power Saw

☐ I qualify for Old Timers events (60 years or older)

____ Jack & Jill Double Buck Handsaw

Partner: _____

____ Jack & Jack Double Buck Handsaw

Partner: _____

____ Jill & Jill Double Buck Handsaw

Partner: _____

Prizes: 1st \$200 / 2nd \$100 / 3rd \$50 / each event.

Entry Fees: \$25.00 per event, maximum amount of \$80.

Payable by check or money order made payable to: Paul Bunyan Days Association.

Must be 12 years of age (with parental permission) or older to compete.

ALSO THE BLOCK PACK IS BACK!!! Separate Entry Fee required day of, at the event.

Competition for Block Pack will be open to both Competitors and Spectators.

Waiver: I agree to wear safety equipment (ear, eye, foot and leg protection as required). I agree to make no claim for injuries or damages which may be sustained because of my participation in the logging show against the Paul Bunyan Association, The Mendocino Railway or the Sierra Railway. I also release all rights to photographs taken by PBDA agents. I agree to abide by ALL rules and regulations set forth in the attached list.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if contestant is under 18): _____

Please mail completed entry form to: Paul Bunyan Days, P.O. Box 2282, Fort Bragg CA 95437

Paul Bunyan Days Logging Show Rules and Safety Requirements

Registration is from 9:00 – 10:30. **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS – NO EXCEPTIONS**

Elimination Events begin at 11:00 – Show begins at 12:00

Once you are registered you **MUST** stay in the logging show area. **Anyone leaving the grounds any time after registration will be DISQUALIFIED.**

NO ALCOHOL may be consumed before or during the entire show, even if you are done with your events. Violators will forfeit their entry fees and any winnings.

Decisions of timers and judges is final.

Admission to show is free for competitors. **Competitors family and friends MUST pay regular spectator gate fees for all people over 12 years of age.** During the run of the show, only competitors participating in that event will be allowed in the competition area. **NO family members, friends or pets are allowed in the competition or set up area at any time.**

Competition is open to **AMATEUR** loggers who are Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt and Sonoma County residents. 10 Competitors from outside that area will be randomly selected from applications received by August 15th deadline.

This competition is for **AMATEUR** competitors **ONLY**. If it is determined/discovered that you are a **PROFESSIONAL**, you will be disqualified. Final determination of professional status will be decided by the Logging Show Chairman.

A minimum of 3 competitors are required for each one-person event and 3 teams for each two-person event. If there are not 3 competitors, the event will be cancelled. If there are only 3 competitors for an event, the event will only have 2 purses, or become a co-ed event, at the judges discretion.

Female competitors will be scored separately from male competitors and receive separate but equal prize money if there are enough female competitors to meet the 3-competitor rule. If there are not 3 female competitors in an event female and male scores will be judged together as one event, at the judges discretion.

Old Timers events require a minimum of 2 contestants.

Both Competitors in a two-person event must register and pay separate entry fees. They will be awarded separate prize money upon placing in their event.

Each competitor will be given ONE chance at each event. There will be no do-overs or second chances.

Hearing protection, eye protection and chaps are required in the chainsaw events. These will be made available by the Paul Bunyan Days Association. Personally supplied protective equipment may be used if they meet protective standards. Example: regular glasses or sunglasses do not constitute “protective” eyewear. Competitors in Chain Saw Bucking will be provided stock chainsaws. Competitors in handsaw events will be provided James Taylor Competition Crosscut Saws. Except for these items, competitors must provide their own equipment.

All events, except axe throw and pole climb, will start with the count of “1,2,3 Go!”

Schedule of events will be available during morning registration and is subject to change up until day of event.

The Paul Bunyan Association reserves the right to cancel any event they deem necessary. Registration paid for a cancelled event will be returned the day of the show.

Axe Throw – A bullseye scores 5 points, the next ring 4 points, the next ring 3, the next ring 2 and the outermost ring 1. A hole is drilled in the center of the bullseye in order to insert a beverage can. If the can is punctured and fluid is drawn then that bullseye is worth 6 points. The final resting place of the axe is the scoring spot. Points will be scored according to the highest area the axe is resting in. Axe needs only to cut outer edge of the scoring line to win the points for that area. If the axe dogears (both points of the axe in the target) it is a 0 score. Each competitor will be scored for best 3 out of 4 throws. Stepping past the foul line results in a 0 score for that throw. The axe must be a double bit, at least 2 ½ lbs and at least 24 inches over-all length handle. All axe heads must be pinned to the handle. Face of blade shall not exceed 6 inches. Ties for places will be determined by a high score throw off with three throws per competitor. In the case of a tie in the throw off, the winner will be determined by one throw. If more than 10 Axe Throw competitors register, there will be an elimination throw to provide Top Ten by using best 3 out of 4 method. This will take place during the 11am eliminations.

Chainsaw Bucking – Stock Saws and Chains are provided. Running saw start from ground. Score is based on time it takes to complete one complete cut. First cut must be a plunge/bore cut. Plunge/bore cut must be below the lines provided on both sides and level to the ground. Cuts may then be made either up or down, followed by final cut. Cuts must be made within 3” of the end of the log as designated by the lines. Cut outs, breaks over ¼” (at bottom) or cutting a line will result in a 0 score. Time starts on “Go” and ends when the cutoff hits the ground.

Choker Setting – Each competitor is scored on the time it takes to leave the starting log, race over center obstacles, get choker, race back over obstacles, set choker on starting log and return to touch closest obstacle. **All competitors must wear hard hat and gloves.** Time starts on “Go” and stops when competitor’s hand touches the obstacle log.

Double Buck Handsaw– Each team will be scored on the time it takes them to cut off 1 complete section from a 16”-20” fir timber. Cuts must be between lines established by judges. A starting cut may be made. Time starts on “Go.” For Jack and Jill teams: neither competitor may compete on more than 1 team.

Horizontal Hand Chopping – Each competitor will be scored on the time it takes him/her to chop completely through a 10”-16” alder block. Competitors will draw for timbers. Cradles will be furnished. **All competitors must wear steel footguard overshoes or chainmail socks as foot protection. Steel toed boots are not allowed.** Competitors “Scooping” out will be disqualified at second scoop. Time starts on “Go.”

Obstacle Pole – Pole used will be approximately 36’ long and raised 5’ at one end. Each competitor will be scored on the time it takes to begin at raised end of pole, run the length of the pole, carry a chainsaw up the pole, cut a disk off the end of the pole, travel back down the pole, and return to starting location. Saws are not to be started until competitor crosses line at the upper end of pole and must be shut off before crossing the same line on the way down. **All competitors must wear some form of spike boot or shoe.** Saws must be held by competitor at all times. Time starts on “Go” and stops when competitor touches the raised end of pole at start line.

Pole Climb – Each competitor will be scored on the time it takes to climb the pole and ring the bell. Time to climb/repel down is NOT counted. Competitors must wear spikes or cleats. Each climb begins with one foot on the ground and one on the pole. **Competitors must wear safety cable at all times.** Removal of or refusal to wear safety cable will result in immediate disqualification. Time starts on “Climb.” (Pole Climb is not available every year, please check current year registration form for availability)

Single Buck Handsaw – Each competitor will be scored on the time it takes to cut off 1 complete section from a 16”-20” fir timber. Cuts must be between lines established by judges. A starting cut may be made. Time starts on “Go.”