



Forestry Days at Fort Missoula

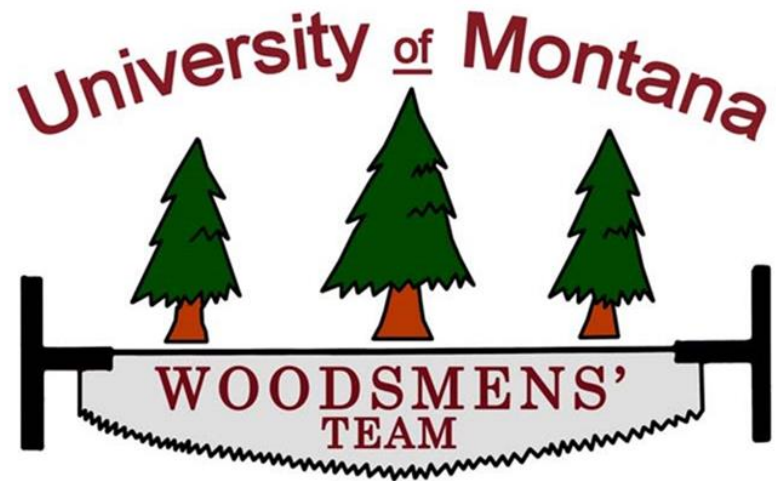
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Welcome to Forestry Days

**Head Judge
Jeanne Bradley**

**Announcer
Sam LaSalle**

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Chrissy Ramsey**

The UM Woodsman Team would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and efforts.

2021-22 Team



Captains Stephanie Nikkila and Tate Schliep,
Brock Welte, Samantha Westfahl, Mason
Banks, Ryan Weeks, Henry Norwood, Patrick
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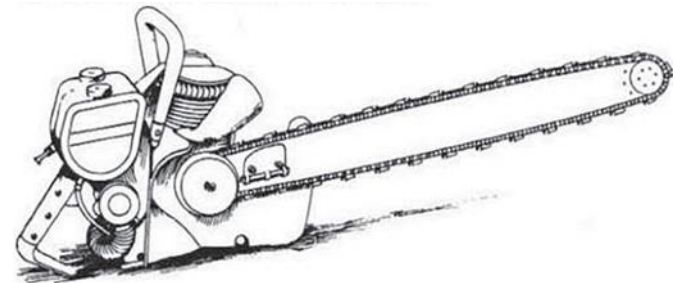
The Montana Woodsman Team would like to welcome you to the 2022 Missoula Pro-Am logging sports show, and

Forestry Days at Fort Missoula. This is the 25th year of the Professional show held with the college logging sports show. This unique setting features the up and coming athletes, as well as those who have mastered the sport.

This show has drawn college competitors from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, Canada, and Montana. We would like to thank those of you who have traveled a long distance to take part in these events. Forestry Days at Fort Missoula features a wide variety of historical logging equipment and demonstrations to go along with the logger sports show. Take some time to visit the exhibits and take in the history.

Today competitors are keeping alive the tradition and historical techniques that were once a common practice in the woods. Each competitor is expected to act and compete in a safe manner. Any unsafe actions by competitors or spectators will not be tolerated. Thank you for attending the show this year and feel free to talk to the competitors, visit the exhibits, and explore all that Forestry Days has to offer.

The Montana Woodsman Team



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Springboard Chop

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The springboard method was developed by the loggers of the old west to take down the BIG trees. They would stand on boards about 8 inches wide and 5 feet long that were stuck into notches in the tree. Two to three board were used to reach a height of 12-20 feet above the base of the tree. This elevated position allowed the loggers to avoid the swollen, pitch-filled butt of the tree. They could chop and saw the softer wood and exclude all the waste from the swollen butt. The old loggers that implemented this technique would have to descend very quickly once the tree began to fall. This was done by hopping down multiple boards or one flying leap off the top board, sometimes a twenty foot drop.

Today in competition this event is generally done with two boards with an 11 to 12 inch block mounted atop a 9 foot tall pole. The contestant makes a notch for the first board, sticks bis axe in the pole, and sets his first board in. He then jumps on top of the board and creates a notch for his second board. Once that board is set and the contestant is standing on it, he begins chopping the block. He will chop approximately 2/3 of the block on one side, turn around and finish on the other side. This event requires agility and balance, and is a crowd favorite.



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Crosscut Saw Events

The crosscut saw was developed in two forms: the bucking and the felling saw. The bucking saw, like those used in competition today, are stiffer straight back saws traditionally used by one person for 'bucking' logs into manageable size once the tree is on the ground. The second type of saw, the felling saws, are lighter and more flexible and decrease the amount of energy needed to move it back and forth between two people when felling a tree.

At the pinnacle of use in the early 1900's, the Crosscut evolved to a multitude of tooth patterns and lengths ranging from 3 to 16 feet. The style of saw depended on the geographical location and the prevalent trees. For example areas with 'softer' trees developed saws with a larger set (how much each tooth is bent out) allowing for more wood to be cleared with each stroke. Saws as big as J 6 feet were used in California to work on the redwoods.

As any competitor knows, a saw is only as good as the person who sharpens it. Saw sharpening or saw filing is an art that is rapidly becoming a thing of the past and finding a talented sharpener is near impossible. These saws have been left behind from the great saw companies such as Atkins, Simonds, and Diston.

Today the rhythmic swishing of this tool can only be heard in a few select settings: Logger sports competitions and backcountry/wilderness areas are two examples. A few different competitive events have been created to stimulate a real-life use of the crosscut. One is the Double-Buck where either two guys or two girls each take a handle on the saw, another is the Jack-n-Jill where a two person team of one guy and one girl pull the saw, and finally the Single-Buck where one person saws his or her own cookie.

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Dylan Brown



Stephanie Nikkila

Major: Wildlife Biology

Home Town: Sherwood, Oregon

After Graduation: Preparing for Grad
school

Favorite Event: Caber Toss or Underhand
Hard Hit

Senior Athlete Sponsor



Brock Welte

Major: Forestry w/minor in Fire

Home Town: Glendora, California

After Graduation: Go to every NASAR
race

Favorite Event: Axe Throw

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Choker Race

This history of the choker race goes back into the woods where the choker is used as a tool to extract logs. A man who sets the choker in the woods, commonly called a "hooker", hooks the logs either to some form of machinery or a skyline to have them extracted. This is dangerous work and requires someone who is agile and able to deal with harsh conditions. Choker race courses are designed to emulate obstacles that a hooker would encounter in the woods. Whether it be running down the log to set his choker on the end, or jumping over downed trees to get where he needs to be, the hooker is always on the move.

The choker course is unique to each competition grounds. Missoula's course is both the longest and most treacherous of the collegiate arenas. If a competitor does not get stuck on the wrong side of a giant bunk log, he or she is bound to fall into the pond and run the rest of their race soaking wet.



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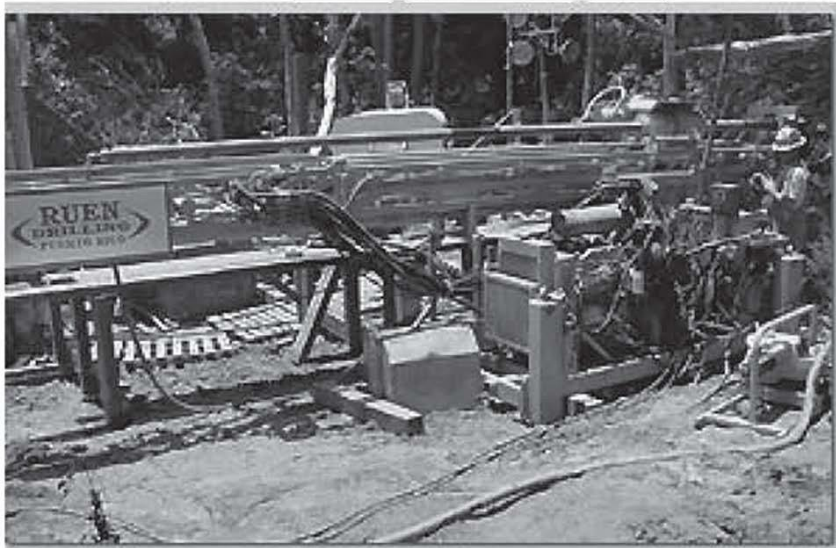
Ryan Weeks

Major: Resource Conservation
Home Town: Yarmouth, Maine
After Graduation: No plans yet
Favorite Event: Double Buck

Bull of the Woods



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Obstacle Pole

Obstacle pole tests a competitors balance and speed. The event mimics the skill it takes to be a sawyer in the woods. Just like a logger, competitors wear caulked (pronounces corked) boots that keep them from slipping off the narrow pole.

Contestants must start with one hand on the end of the pole and their saw on the ground. At the starting signal, they grab their saw and race around to the opposite end of the pole. A line on the lower section marks where competitors must start their ascent. A second line near the top of the pole marks the earliest point at which competitors may start their saw. When they reach the end of the pole, sawyers must cut an end off the log using two matching cuts and shut off their saw before crossing the upper line on their descent. To finish, the competitor runs back down the log, making sure at least one foot touches the log below the bottom line, and sprints back to the starting point. Time is stopped when the contestant touches the end of the log where they started. There are many chances for competitors to be disqualified, including false starts, not touching one foot to the pole below the line, or falling off the log after completing their cut.

Pole Climb

In the early days of logging, "tree toppers" would create a spar tree by climbing a large tree and cutting the top off. This would then serve as a guide for skidding logs to the landing or log deck. Tree toppers would challenge each other to see who was the fastest climber.

In collegiate competition, climbers are required to wear a high topped boot with a block heel, use a steel core rope and are only timed on their ascent. Time begins at the word "go" and ends when the climbing rope crosses the designated line on the pole. Men climb to 50 feet and women climb to 30 feet.



Newton Logging

Thank you Newton Logging for donating new climbing poles so we can keep our arena as safe and usable as possible.

Belle of the Woods



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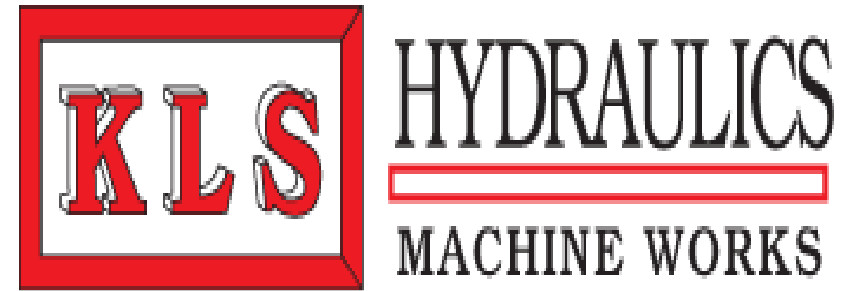
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The College for many years has wanted to build a shed large enough for our athletes to train in and store equipment. With MUCH help from alumni, students, friends and family we got it done.

We couldn't have done it without the supplies donated by Potlatch Deltic and all the time put in by Mark Buck, George Hershenberger, Scott Kuehn, and Eric Hoberg.



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Saws for the Show



John “Fid” Fiddler

John was born on February 26, 1953, in Longview, WA. and graduated from the School of Forestry with a degree in Forestry in 1976.

Fid was very active in student organizations while in college including the Forestry Student Association (Club), Section 13, Woodsman Team, Society of American Foresters, and Foresters' Ball. Additionally, he remained active in these organizations as a forestry alum and mentor.

His lifelong career of firefighting began while in college and includes 40 plus years with wildland fires, numerous years with helicopter operations for both DNRC and the US Forest Service, and 30 years with the Missoula Rural Fire Department including the HazMat Team. Fid was honored with a heroism award by Firehouse Magazine and a Medal of Valor by Governor Judy Marks. Additionally, he was awarded with recognition with tribute to his 45 years of support to students and others within the College of Forestry and Conservation.

Even after passing, his support for students continues with a John Fidler Scholarship established with the UM Foundation.

Thank you Fid for all you've done!



George Hershenberger

Please join us in remembering one of our beloved alumni, George Hershenberger. George has been an outstanding person for the Woodsman Team and Forester's Ball programs over the years helping in anyway he can. George was a very delightful, positive, well spoken man to be around and would do anything to help out our college kids.

George and his family were a huge help in building our new shed at Fort Missoula and we will be forever thankful for him. We lost George early this week but he will be in attendance in spirit. Please keep George's family and friends in your prayers as they heal in these mournful days.



Beer Garden



Historical Museum at Fort Missoula



2021 US Champions

Jason Lentz



Martha King