



LaPorte County Historical Steam Society
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HESSTON STEAM MUSEUM PRESENTS "CLASH OF THE LUMBERJACKS"

HESSTON, IN. – It's a one-of-a-kind reality skills competition set against a background of steam, steel and sawdust! Or think of it as family fun meets forestry—from a bygone age.

The Hesston Steam Museum will host "Clash of the Lumberjacks," a two-day live competition event on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25, 2016. Visitors can see two teams of lumberjacks battle it out in chopping, sawing, tree climbing, axe throwing, log rolling, and much more. The competition is real so visitors can cheer on their favorite competitors!

Hesston Steam Museum General Manager Ted Rita says "Clash of the Lumberjacks" fits right in on the outdoor museum's spacious grounds. It also complements the museum's many other attractions, which include a working turn-of-the-century steam-powered sawmill with 60" diameter cutting blade. Likewise, the Hesston Steam Museum features a restored 67 ton Shay Logging Locomotive, which once operated in New Mexico and Oregon.

"Our guests will see a fun and entertaining show about how logs are harvested; they will ride a train pulled by a steam locomotive that hauled logs back in 1929; and then they can see how the sawmill cut those logs into lumber for use in building towns of the turn of the century—right up to today!" says Rita.

"It a trifecta of logging set into a fun day for families."

Three Lumberjack shows are scheduled each day and one admission (per person) provides free entry to all three events. Show times will be:

1st Show- 12:30 CDT

2nd Show- 2:30 CDT

3rd Show- 4:30 CDT

Hesston Steam Museum's steam-powered sawmill will operate periodically throughout the day during the show weekend. Just like so many area mills in the early 1900s, the saw mill cuts tree logs into board stock! The Hesston Steam Museum's three steam-powered railroads will all be fired up and operating, starting at 12 noon CDT each day.

DETAILS AND HELPFUL HINTS

- Free Parking
- Show admission: Adults, \$10.00; Children ages 3-12, \$5.00
- Train ticket fares are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 3 - 12.
- A package of admission and four-ride train ticket is offered at the gate for both adults or children.
- Bring a blanket to sit and enjoy the show.
- Families can meet the lumberjacks between shows and get autographs.
- Autograph sessions will be 30 mins after each show.
- Grab a lumberjack breakfast starting 9:00 CDT at Doc's Soda Fountain
- Arrive early and see all three lumberjack shows!

About Hesston Steam Museum

Hesston Steam Museum has three sizes of real steam locomotives, including full-size narrow-gauge engines, that carry visitors on a spectacular two-and-a-half-mile journey through deep woods, past lakes and farm fields. The Museum also features ¼-scale and 1/8-scale steam railroads. Both meander over bridges and through an enchanting wooded landscape.

The Hesston Steam Museum is filled with other steam-powered machinery including a working sawmill, railroad steam crane, steam-powered electric power plant, steam traction engines and more.

The museum's gift shop features toys, books, videos, hats and more for kids of all ages. Food is available at Doc's Soda Fountain on the museum grounds or visitors may bring a picnic.

The museum also is open Sundays through the month of October. Visit

www.hesston.org for more information or call 219-778-2783 (weekends).

TAKE I-94 TO EXIT ONE, SOUTH TO COUNTY RD 1000 NORTH OR TAKE THE INDIANA TOLL ROAD TO EXIT 49, NORTH ON 139 TO COUNTY RD 1000 NORTH AND FOLLOW THE SIGNS.



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