

86th Mountain State Forest Festival

2024 JESTER TRYOUTS

Jester Clinics

Clinics & Tryouts - Elkins High School

Mandatory Clinic Dates

Monday, April 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

TRYOUTS - Saturday, April 27th at 10:00am

An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Mountain State Forest Festival office located at 10 Eleventh Street. (Randolph County Development Authority office in the Industrial Park)

Information packets will be available at the meeting or can be picked up at the Mountain State Forest Festival Office.





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2024 MSFF Jester Checklist

Each contestant must have and/or sign:

- Jester Parent Permission/Responsibility Release
- Mountain State Forest Festival General Release
- Mountain State Forest Festival Liability Release (will be available at 1st Clinic)
- “Why I Want to Be a Jester” Essay
- Copy of most recent report card
- Academic Reference
- Personal Reference



Jester tryouts for the 86th Mountain State Forest Festival will be held on **Saturday April 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

Competition is open to all Randolph County Students who will be enrolled in grades 6 through 10 by September 1, 2024

To be eligible, participants must attend all Jester Clinics listed below.

If you have been a Jester in the past, you may not compete.

Judging will be based on the following:

1. An original paragraph of 100 words or less on "Why I Want to Be a Jester." Please complete your paragraph on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper and present it at tryouts.
2. All participants will be required to perform a group routine which includes simple dance steps that will be taught during the Jester Clinics.
3. All participants will be required to perform a one to two minute dance & tumbling routine that they have created. Please provide routine music to Jester Coaches on a CD or USB drive before the last day of Clinics (April 25, 2024).
4. Appearance, attitude, smile, personality, cheerfulness and ability to work well with others will be scored during jester clinics and tryouts.
5. Ability. Participants will be asked to demonstrate various gymnastic skills.
6. One academic reference, one personal reference, and an attendance and grade report.

Other pertinent information:

You will not be spotted during tryouts; therefore, you must be able to perform the gymnastic skills independently on a gym floor. **Clinics and tryouts are closed to spectators.** Scores will not be given out. Jesters will be announced the day of tryouts. Chosen Jesters will be expected, at all times, to perform to the best of their abilities. If at any time the chosen Jester refrains from tumbling, dancing, or fulfilling their duties as a Mountain State Forest Festival Jester, they will be replaced by the next runner-up according to tryout scores.

The 86th Mountain State Forest Festival will be held Saturday, September 28, 2024 through Sunday, October 6, 2024. Jesters will not be permitted to participate in cheerleading and/or other activities when Minor Court activities are scheduled. There is a **mandatory parent meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the start of the first Clinic** located at Elkins High School.

JESTER CLINICS

To be eligible to begin Jester Clinics, participants must present the completed and signed forms listed below at the first practice on **Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Participants MUST attend all Jester Clinics.**

1. Completed Parent Permission/Responsibility Release
2. Mountain State Forest Festival General Release
3. Sign the Mountain State Forest Festival's Liability Release upon arrival at clinic.

Monday, April 22, 2024	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Clinic at Elkins High School
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Clinic at Elkins High School
Thursday, April 25, 2024	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Clinic at Elkins High School
Saturday, April 27, 2024	10:00 am-?	Tryouts at Elkins High School



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Parent Permission/Responsibility Release Jester

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Current Age: _____

My child has permission to be a Jester in the Royal Court of Queen Silvia LXXXVI. I understand the cost will be \$1,500.00, which will include fabrics for the costume, costume maker's fee, gift for Queen from Jesters, gifts for Maids of Honor from Jesters, and tickets to selected festival events.

I will be responsible for transportation to practice and fittings. I will ensure my child will be in appropriate attire for all Minor Court events and any other required events and/or activities. I understand that **Jesters will not be able to participate in cheerleading and/or other such activities when Minor Court Activities are scheduled.**

In addition, I understand that I will be personally responsible for purchasing formal photos, which were taken for publicity purposes, independently from said cost, when applicable. Furthermore, I understand there is a secrecy requirement for all MSFF Minor Court participants and their families in that it is prohibited to post and/or release Minor Court information, including, but not limited to, photos or announcements, on social media prior to official releases by the MSFF Association.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)



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GENERAL RELEASE

In consideration of my participation in the activities of the 86th Mountain State Forest Festival, I hereby waive, release, and forever discharge the Mountain State Forest Festival Association from and against any and all claims or liability for any personal injury or damage to property I may suffer as a result of such participation in the Mountain State Forest Festival. In addition, thereto, I agree to indemnify the Mountain State Forest Festival Association and to hold the said Association harmless from and against any and all claims or liability for personal injury of whatever kind or nature or property damage of whatever kind or nature that I may suffer as a result of such participation.

Dated this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

(Participant Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

2024 MSFF JESTER CLINIC SCORE SHEETS

Participant Name: _____

Rated on a Scale of 0 to 5: (5-Outstanding, Excellent Performance; 4-Above Average; 3-Average; 2-Needs Improvement; 1-Poor, Below Expectations; 0- Doesn't possess required skill)

Clinic Day:	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Participation	_____	_____	_____
Attitude	_____	_____	_____
Confidence	_____	_____	_____
Team Work	_____	_____	_____
Dance Ability	_____	_____	_____
*10 – 8 Count Dance			
Jumps			
*Tuck Jump	_____	_____	_____
*Scissor Kick	_____	_____	_____
*Toe Touch	_____	_____	_____
*Optional Jump	_____	_____	_____

Please turn page over for additional skills.

Tumbling Ability

*Handstand Roll down _____

*Front Walkover _____

*Back Walkover _____

*3 Step Round off _____

*Standing Handspring _____

*3 Step Round off
Back handspring _____

*Standing Tuck _____

*3 Step Round off
Back Tuck _____

*Optional Stunt 1 _____

*Optional Stunt 2 _____

*Tumbling Pass _____

Daily Total: _____

GRAND TOTAL _____

Clinic instructor signature _____

**Mountain State Forest Festival
Jester Tryouts Score Sheet**

Rated on a Scale of 1 to 5: (5-Outstanding/Excellent Performance; 4-Above Average; 3-Average; 2-Needs Improvement; 1-Poor/Below Expectations; 0-Does not possess specified skill)

100 Word Essay & Interview

Presented Well _____

Eye Contact _____

Well Thought Out _____

Overall Impression _____

Total _____

Group Routine

Timing with Group _____

Showmanship _____

Precision of moves _____

Knowledge of Routine _____

Total _____

Contestant # _____

Tumbling

Handstand Roll down _____

Walkover - Front or Back _____

3 Step Round-off _____

Standing Handspring _____

Round-off Back Handspring (3 Step) _____

Standing Tuck _____

Round-off Back Tuck (3 Step) _____

Optional Stunt #1 _____

Optional Stunt #2 _____

Optional Tumbling Pass _____

Total _____

Individual Routine

Moves match music _____

Precision of moves _____

Difficulty _____

Showmanship _____

Total _____

Tryout Grand Total _____

Clinic Grand Total _____

Overall Total Score _____