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Dear Fisherman:

The 81st Mountain State Forest Festival will be held in Elkins, WV September 30, through October 8, 2017.

The Fishing Tournament will be held at Scott Ford Bridge Boat Ramp on the Tygart Valley River Saturday, September 16, 2017. Boat Launch will be at 6:00 A.M., starting time 7:00 A.M. and check-in at 2:00 P.M.

Please find enclosed a Bass Tournament Entry Form, Bass Tournament Rules & Regulations and Mountain State Forest Festival Rules & Regulations. Please complete all paperwork and mail to the Mountain State Forest Festival Office by September 1, 2017. You will be notified of your acceptance on or before September 15, 2017.

I look forward to your participation in the Mountain State Forest Festival Bass Fishing Tournament. If you have any questions, please contact me at the e-mail listed below or you may call the Forest Festival Office.

Sincerely,

Rich Nida
Deputy Director General

**Mountain State Forest Festival
Bass Fishing Tournament
Entry Form
(*required field)**

Please complete and remit by September 1 to:

Mountain State Forest Festival
P.O. Box 388
Elkins, WV 26241

*Name 1.) _____

*Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zipcode _____

*Phone _____ *Cell _____

*Length of Boat _____ *Make of Boat _____

*E-mail address _____

*Name 2.) _____

*Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zipcode _____

*Phone _____ *Cell _____

*E-mail address _____

Registration Fee \$75.00 per Boat (20' Boat Maximum) Includes Lunger

You will be notified of your acceptance as a participant in the Bass Fishing Tournament by e-mail on or before September 01, 2017.

Release: By signing this form I release the Mountain State Forest Festival from any and all personal injury or property damage that I may incur as a result of my participation in the Mountain State Forest Festival.

*Signature 1.)

*Date

*Signature 2.)

*Date



**Mountain State Forest Festival
Bass Fishing Tournament
RULES & REGULATIONS
(*required field)**

1. Entrants must be 18 years of age unless accompanied by an adult.
2. Tournament official will disqualify any entrant for violation of tournament rules, unsportsmanlike conduct or rough handling of fish.
3. All grievances will be made to tournament officials prior to weigh-in.
4. **Official's decision is final.**
5. Live bait is not allowed.
6. No trolling.
7. All fishing must be done from inside entrant's boat. Only one line per angler may be in the water at a time.
8. Only two entrants permitted in boat during tournament hours. Partner changing during the tournament is not allowed.
9. The catch limit is six (6) per team. All fish must measure ten (10) inches from tip of snout, with mouth closed to the end of the tail.
10. Scores will be based on total weight.
11. No dead fish will be weighed.
12. No fishing is permitted within fifty (50) feet of another boat when anchored with trolling motor up.
13. Contestants arriving late at check-in:
 - ◆ Boat will be penalized one (1) pound per minute.
 - ◆ Any contestant more than ten (10) minutes late will be disqualified.
14. All boats must be registered and have required US Coast Guard Safety Equipment as well as Properly aerated live well or cooler.
15. All boats must be in good condition.
16. You **MUST** provide the tournament director with a **COPY OF YOUR LIABILITY INSURANCE, WHICH MUST SHOW EXPIRATION DATE. Please submit with your entry form.**
17. Prizes money is presented based on the weight of your team's catch. In case of a tie, position shall be Determined by dividing award equally among tied teams.



18. Tournament officials will have the authority to change starting times or cancel tournament should Severe weather arrives, in which case the Mountain State Forest Festival will refund the entry fee.
19. Tournament waters are off limits from midnight the Saturday before through the end of the tournament. Waters are off limits for a period of seven (7) days. Any competitors found fishing during off limits period will be disqualified and entry fees will NOT be refunded. Tournament waters are the Tygart River from the bridge on Georgetown Road to the bridge on 11th Street.
20. Landing Nets are permitted.
21. Penalty for short fish will be loss of biggest fish. A courtesy board will be provided at weight in site.
22. All boats must be inspected prior to start of tournament. It is the contestant's responsibility to make sure boat is inspected.
23. No more than six (6) bass may be in live wells at any time. Any person(s) found in violation of this rule will be disqualified.
24. Trolling motors only.
25. Friday, September 15, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. a dinner will be held at the Elkins Volunteer Fire Department which will serve as a pre-tournament meeting. All fishermen are encouraged to attend however, at least ONE FISHERMAN FROM EACH TEAM IS **REQUIRED** to attend.

By signing my name below I indicate I have read the Rules & Regulations and understand each as they apply and have made a copy for myself/organization/business:

*Signature 1.)

*Date

*Signature 2.)

*Date

We are always looking at ways to improve your experience with the Mountain State Forest Festival Bass Tournament. Please complete the brief survey below to assist us in making your experience pleasurable.

1. Keeping in mind that weigh in and the rules dinner on Friday night would remain in Elkins, please order the following fishing sites in order from 1 to 3 (1 being most desirable and 3 being least desirable) of where you would like to see next year's Forest Festival Bass Tournament.

___ Tygart River (Elkins) ___ Stonewall Jackson Lake ___ Tygart Lake

2. What is the ideal number of entrants for the tournament? _____

3. Please provide any additional suggestions.



**Mountain State Forest Festival
General Rules & Regulations
(*required field)**

- 1) Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to adjust locations in the event of inclement weather, inclement ground conditions or as needed.
- 2) All applications for specific events and entry fees must be received by the deadline set for specific event.
- 3) All applications will be reviewed by the designated Mountain State Forest Festival committee. Each exhibitor or vendor will be notified by mail/email if the application is accepted by the committee by the deadline advertised for that event.
- 4) All registration fees are non-refundable unless specified in the specific rules for that event.
- 5) A royalty will be charged to any vendor selling wears bearing the Mountain State Forest Festival and/or the official logo of the Mountain State Forest Festival.
- 6) Please note any special needs on your application. We will attempt to meet the special need, if any additional fees are required for your request we will notify you of the additional fee within two (2) weeks of receiving your application and fee.
- 7) The Mountain State Forest Festival, or any agent acting on its behalf, will not be responsible for damages to exhibitor's/vendor's displays, units or property.
- 8) The Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to advertise the presence of the exhibitor or vendor. The exhibitor agrees to hold the Mountain State Forest Festival and any agent acting on its behalf harmless from any advertising or other liability.
- 9) Unless otherwise agreed upon all hardware (i.e. electrical cords, tables, tents/canopy, coverings, lighting, etc.) is the responsibility of the Exhibitor/Vendor.
- 10) Alcohol is strictly prohibited at any Mountain State Forest Festival event without prior written permission from the Mountain State Forest Festival.
- 11) No merchandise depicting drugs, alcohol or tobacco may be sold, displayed or promoted at any Mountain State Forest Festival event without prior written permission.
- 12) No item used to consume drugs may be sold, displayed or promoted at any Mountain State Forest Festival event.
- 13) Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to request a vendor to remove any merchandise or display that the event organizers determine is unacceptable or inconsistent with the Forest Festival rules or philosophy.
- 14) Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to evict any person/organization/business for failure to follow the General Rules or the Specific Rules for each event.

By signing below I indicate I have read the General Rules & Regulations and understand each as they apply and have made a copy for myself/organization/business:

*Signature

*Date

*Signature

*Date

