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### **Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site**

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Who:

What: **SAWA Pro Lumberjack Meet**

Where: **Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site**

When: **Saturday June 24, 2006**

Price: **Admission for this event is \$5.00 for ages 16 and older; youth 15 and under and Golden Age and Golden Eagle Passports get in for 1/2 price on this special day, (\$2.50).**

Website: [www.cradleofforestry.org](http://www.cradleofforestry.org)

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### **Paul Bunyan is coming to town! The Cradle of Forestry will Host SAWA Professional Lumberjack Sports**

Pisgah Forest, NC . . . **P**aul Bunyan is coming to town! At least it will seem that way when the SAWA Pro Lumberjack Series, presented by Stihl®, comes to the Cradle of Forestry historic site from 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. Featuring many of the same events and competitors as the “Stihl TimberSports Series ®” on ESPN, the SAWA Pro Lumberjack Series also includes Regional, Collegiate and Junior competitors using an Australian style handicapping system for added excitement. So if you’re looking for a great day of entertainment, come on out and catch the action as these modern day Paul Bunyan’s smash through some logs!

You’ll know these guys when you see them. They’ll be the ones carrying six pound razor sharp axes, six foot long crosscut saws and 250 cc motor bike engines disguised as chainsaws. With a number of events throughout the day, the lumberjacks will chop and saw their way through a truckload of logs in no time flat. The chopping events are handicapped, but even so the eventual winner will need to chop through a 12” hardwood log in under a minute, and possibly under 30 seconds, to have a chance at the blue ribbon! And that’s nothing compared to the sawing events. Using super-modified chainsaws, some of which are built from motorcycle engines, they can make three cuts through those logs in under 10 seconds... and that includes starting the saw!

Events of the day include: Underhand and Standing Block Chops, Two Man Crosscut, Jack and Jill, Axe Throwing and Single Handed Sawing. Tammy Hopkins, Special Events coordinator with the Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association said, “We recommend that folks bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on if you plan on spending the afternoon.” This professional lumberjack meet will be held out in the corral on the Biltmore Campus Trail at the Cradle of Forestry.

Admission for this event is \$5.00 for ages 16 and older; youth 15 and under and Golden Age and Golden Eagle Passports get in for ½ price on this special day, (\$2.50). Admission includes an 18-minute film, the Forest Discovery Center with 15 hands-on exhibits, a scavenger hunt, a firefighting helicopter simulator, historic cabins and antique equipment on two paved trails, living history interpreters and a 1915 Climax logging locomotive. The Cradle of Forestry is located on Hwy. 276 in the Pisgah National Forest, six miles north of Looking Glass Falls and four miles south of the Blue Ridge Parkway. For more information call 828-877-3130 or go to [www.cradleofforestry.org](http://www.cradleofforestry.org).

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