



Woods on Wheels

Indiana Woods on Wheels is a traveling interactive exhibit that provides information about the Hoosier state's most renewable resource, our forests. Visitors will feel as if they have been transported to the woods as soon as they enter—the interactive displays will immerse the senses while covering key topics in forestry. Navigating through the exhibit takes visitors from learning about the benefits of forest management and how it supports Indiana's native wildlife to the history of Indiana's forests and the many industries that rely on our magnificent hardwoods to produce the products we all know and love.

Woods on Wheels has a target audience of 4th- 6th grade students but includes information for high school students eager to explore forestry career options, landowners needing expertise, policymakers looking to inform their decisions, educators, and fact-seeking members of the public. Along with having beneficial information for all within the exhibit, the Woods on Wheels forester will provide more in-depth information and guidance.

Woods on Wheels is housed in a 40-foot trailer that is pulled by a pickup truck "Dually". The exhibit will be made available at no expense to elementary school programs as well as for public events such as maple festivals, fall foliage festivals, and forestry-related events. State, county and local officials may also request Woods on Wheels for various local events. The collaborators intend for Woods on Wheels to visit all 92 Indiana counties as often as possible. Woods on Wheels availability for all school programs runs September–October and April–June to avoid weather risks. Additional information, including guidelines and a request form, can be obtained by contacting Sara High, Woods on Wheels operator, Indiana Department of Natural Resources at 260-573- 3328 or shigh@dnr.IN.gov . Woods on Wheels was made possible by the hard work and dedication of the Indiana Hardwoods Lumbermen's Association (IHLA), Purdue: Forestry & Natural Resources Department, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, with the support of the state's hardwoods industry. The website supported and hosted by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. The truck and trailer are provided by IHLA with monetary/material support from Hollingsworth Lumber, C.C. Cook & Son Lumber, Tom & Ronda Derleth, Daniel Antes, Milton Cole Family, Joe Crone (Crone Lumber), Brett Franklin (Tri-State Timber), Frank Miller Lumber Company, Pennsylvania Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company, Pike Lumber Company, Purdue University, U-C Coatings, Tim Uhrich (Tree Worx).

GUIDELINES FOR VENUE SCHEDULING

All venue requests must be made by using the “REQUEST FORM FOR WOODS ON WHEELS” and sent via email to Sara High (shigh@dnr.IN.gov).

- If you are an educator and wish to have the exhibit come to your school, we request that all other educators in the building be notified prior to the exhibit coming so that there are not multiple trips to one school.
- Please check the posted calendar to see if there are any open dates close to your desired date that coincide with the exhibit already being in your vicinity, consider those dates, then complete the request form.

Space requirement is a minimum of 15 feet x 65 feet. Minimum height requirement for Woods on Wheels indoor exhibitions is 13 feet. Level space with easy access should be provided. The ideal location will have a spot where the operator can pull up and pull out, such as a side entrance or parking lot.

Space must be complementary or furnished by a sponsor secured by the host organization or venue; DNR will not pay for booth space rental. Electricity hookup is not needed.

All hosts of Woods on Wheels must provide a volunteer who should be able to lift 50 pounds to assist with setup upon arrival and to help pack up at the conclusion of the event. This should take less than 30 minutes.

The DNR will determine the schedule for Woods on Wheels based on the type and size of venue, geographic location, proximity to other scheduled events, available staff and volunteers, and other considerations.

- Priority in scheduling is given to educational school programs.
- Forestry, woodworking, and agriculture events will be given priority.
- Non-profit and community-organized events will be given priority over private commercial operations.
- Pending availability, repeat requests for the same annual event will not be given priority.

All scheduled events remain tentative pending available staff and funding, which may not be confirmed until two weeks prior to the event.

REQUEST FORM FOR WOODMOBILE

Venue/Event Name: _____

Date(s): _____

Audience Type (e.g., Students, General Public, Members): _____

Estimated Size of Audience: _____

Person Requesting Woods on Wheels:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____, Indiana

Physical Address of Venue: _____

City: _____ IN ZIP Code: _____

County: _____ Contact Name at Venue: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Directions to the event from major highway. Please include where to park upon arrival and any in-route obstacles such as low underpasses, weight-restricted roads (under 10 ton), and sharp-angled turns.

Please email completed form to: Sara High, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Tel: 260-573-3328, shigh@dnr.IN.gov

For Office Use Only: Date Rec'd: _____ Date Confirmed: _____
