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Join us for TimberFest, a Celebration of Forests, on September 5th, 2026

Brevard, NC, 8/28/26: Can you hear the sounds of Axes chopping, the boisterous applause as the log falls? Can you smell the sweet sawdust that falls around the freshly made sculptures? And can you see the dozens of handcrafted goods that fill the trails, being made directly in front of you?

The Cradle of Forestry is proud to invite you to the inaugural TimberFest, a celebration of our shared forests and the products that are created through them. On September 5th, from 11 AM to 4 PM, join us for a family-friendly day of fun, including live lumberjack demonstrations, traditional crafters, living history, and so much more! Special thanks to Haywood Community College for performing the old-time lumberjack demonstrations..

Be among the first to experience the grand unveiling of the Cradle of Forestry's newest exhibit, a Chainsaw Carved Statue Walk by **Echoes of the Forest**, carved using trees felled during Hurricane Helene, carved into 6 species that were impacted by the storm.

These statues will be carved on site September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, leading up to TimberFest. Stop by between 10 AM - 3 PM on these days to see live chainsaw art made right before your eyes! The Chainsaw Carved Statue Walk will be unveiled September 5th, during TimberFest, at 12:00 PM behind the Discovery Center. This project was generously supported by Explore Brevard and the Transylvania County Tourism Development Authority.

This event is free with standard admission. All admission fees support the Cradle of Forestry's mission to promote, preserve, and enrich the birthplace of forest science in America by cultivating appreciation for the vast and varied potential of our shared forest lands.

TimberFest was made possible through generous support by **Explore Brevard, Transylvania County Tourism Development Authority, and Pisgah Climbing School.**

For more information and additional information, visit www.gofindoutdoors.org.

The Cradle of Forestry is located four miles south of Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 412 on Highway 276 in the Pisgah National Forest and six miles north of Looking Glass Falls. The Cradle of Forestry is the birthplace of modern forestry in America. Dr. Carl Alwin Schenck, forester for George Vanderbilt's Biltmore Estate from 1895 to 1909, founded America's first forestry school in 1898 and used the present Cradle of Forestry area as its summer campus. This land was the nucleus of today's Pisgah National Forest, established in 1916.

FIND Outdoors is a 501(c)(3) outdoor recreation nonprofit that centers forest education and stewardship. Based in Pisgah Forest, FIND Outdoors has been stewarding public lands for over 50 years, with a vision to create a lasting community of appreciation for the outdoors. Learn more about FIND and ways you can be involved at www.gofindoutdoors.org/about.

