

# **Biography & Event Description**

The Axe Women Loggers of Maine production is a self-contained turnkey event unlike any other lumberjack or lumberjill shows across the country. From the apparel of the Axe Women to the sets of the production, no detail has been spared in updating the logger show for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The show is the centerpiece of the touring division of Pro Timber Sports LLC based in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Alissa Harper, World Champion Axe Thrower with over 12 years' experience working for the only other female lumberjill show in the country performed and managed the cast of the stationary show in Maine as well as the touring show in the owners absence. Alissa is the founder and president of the new company, which also has a sporting competition side of the business giving her Axe Women a platform to compete worldwide.

The company's equipment sponsors are Northeast STIHL of Shelton, Connecticut, which supplies the team's hot saws, (power saws), and LOGRITE of Vernon, Connecticut which provides the state-of-the-art logging sports equipment. Both sponsors are necessary to produce the touring exhibition as well as compete in various sporting championships around the world.

From arrival and set up to strike and load out the Axe Women team handles every single detail from behind the scenes to their world-class performances, displaying the highest caliber competition by some of the most recent World Champions in Axe Throw, Underhand Chop, Standing Block Chop and Peavey Log Roll.

So what makes Axe Women Loggers of Maine different from all the rest of the touring logging shows out there? First, you should know that every lumberjack performance since the inception of these type shows have spun off from one single show. There has literally been no change from the very first script, including the same old corny jokes and music. The Axe Women show has a new script that not only entertains but also informs the viewers of the history of logging all while wrapping the performance in popular contemporary country rock music.

Second, Axe Women features more current World Champion performers than any other logging show including various event championships from 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, and 2013. Just last year two team members won three first place titles. Third, the show is produced by an experienced live touring show producer whose events have been performed around the globe. Finally, a major difference setting this show apart from other timber shows is the themed aesthetic sets. Instead of looking over the log rolling tank and seeing whatever is in the background whether it be a ferris wheel, a corn dog stand or a row of port-a-potties, you see a backdrop provided by the only closed-in 26 foot box trailer touring the lumberjack circuit. The trailer is wrapped with beautiful photographs of the Maine wilderness taken by a famous Maine photographer. Additionally there are set pieces of trees and a faux log entrance giving the appearance of entering a real logging camp.

#### Events which can be showcased at performances:

#### **UNDERHAND CHOPPING**

Athletes stand on top of a log, just inches from their feet using a 6 pound razor sharp axe and 'blaze' through the wood. They chop from one side to the other. Great skill, determination and amazing accuracy are essential in the underhand chopping. It is truly an amazing experience to see! It is very popular and a fast growing event for Axe Women in the sport.

### **STANDING BLOCK CHOPPING**

Mimicking the felling of a tree, the athletes races to chop through 12 to 14 inches of a vertical log. The competitor must chop from both sides of the log. The first woman to chop through the log wins. Precision is the key to success in this event. Stamina is the primary challenge because this is one of the most physically exhausting events.

### **CROSSCUT SAWING**

Axe Women Cross-Cut saw through a slice of wood using a 5'6" long double-handled saw. Skill, strength, speed, and sheer determination are essential in this competition. It is one of the hardest events when competing. Two women can compete with one-handle saws or four women using double handle saws. The saws are extremely expensive, state of the art Peg & Raker racing saws imported from New Zealand.

### **AXE THROWING**

These gals throw a 2.5-pound double-headed axe at a target at about 20 feet away. The target stands 5 feet off the ground. The Axe Women get 3 throws; an amazing example of skill and accuracy. A big hit as audiences love it! Two of our Axe Women are World Champions in this event.

#### HOT SAWING

Two STHIL modified stock chain saws are used in this event by two Axe Women competing in a three cut race involving down, up and down cuts. It is loud, fast and a blast to watch! The 'souped' up saws are not only hot looking but also hot and very dangerous to operate at these speeds as evidence by the chaps the Axe Women have to wear while performing this event.

#### LOG ROLLING

This has always been a favorite event to watch! Two Axe Women use their skills to stay atop a spinning Western Red Cedar log. One of the hardest skills to master, agility, perseverance and balance are very important skills in this competition; an exciting ride from beginning to end.

# Experiential Attraction: Log Rolling & Axe Throwing Instruction

During daylight hours between the Axe Women Logger's scheduled shows there will be a special opportunity for the event attendees to take part and learn two totally different skills. There is one on one log rolling instruction and axe throwing instruction in the first of its kind touring attraction. Interactive instructors will charge participants a nominal fee to participate in learning these skills. These sports are perfect for most ages from kids to adults to learn. Participants are required to sign a 2-page Release of Liability Wavier Assumption of Risk form. All minors under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian fill out and sign the form.

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