

# **2024 Sheep to Shawl Contest**

***Presented by Clemes & Clemes***

**Entry Fee:** \$30 per team

**Entry Deadline:** May 20, 2024

**Time:** Sunday, June 9, 2024 from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Estes Park Events Complex - Pavilion

1125 Rooftop Way

Estes Park, CO 80517

## **Awards:**

First Place \$100 – provided by TBD

Second Place \$50 – provided by TBD

People's Choice \$50 – provided by TBD

**Judge:** TBD

## **Set-up:**

Teams may set up at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning, June 9 with final instructions given at 8:45 a.m.

## **Rules:**

1. Teams will consist of five members with one alternate. The alternate is to be listed on the application form. The alternate may & should act as community outreach to help engage the public.
2. An adult-size shawl must be turned in to the judges by 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11 to be eligible for the first prize. Late shawls turned in after 2:30 p.m., but before 3 p.m. will be eligible for other awards. Because of the time limit and the interaction between the team and the public, you will be judged on the outreach aspect of this competition. Careful planning is crucial to be able to complete a shawl within the time limits.
3. Each team will take a required 30-minute lunch break (discontinuing working): Team 1 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Team 2 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Team 3 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Team 4 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
4. The basic garment must be woven, but all other fiber techniques are acceptable for finishing and design purposes.
5. WEFT - Each team will provide sheep's wool from its own state. This wool must be washed before the competition, but NOT carded, picked combed, or teased. A sample of raw fleece (unwashed) MUST be presented to the judge.

Teams may select whichever fleece or fleeces they feel appropriate to the shawl's purpose. Only white or natural color is to be used. The shawl may contain other precious animal fibers. (IE: llama, alpaca, angora rabbit, mohair, pygora or cashmere, etc.) These other fibers are not to exceed 10 percent of the total weight of the shawl. A 2" header (first 2" of the shawl) may be done ahead of time to protect the warp during transport. This must NOT be of the same fiber as the shawl being woven.

6. WARP - Looms are to be pre-warped before the contest. The warp must be handspun by a team member.

7. A triangular loom may be used but NOT pre-warped.

8. Each team will provide its own equipment. Only "people-powered" equipment will be allowed. This means that the energy for running the equipment must be provided by the five team members. Electricity, gas, or fuel of any kind may not be used. Drum carders are allowed if hand-cranked.

9. Education Display: Each team must supply an educational display to further encourage interaction with the public. Electronic displays (PowerPoint) are not allowed.

10. Sewing notions and closures are acceptable as long as they don't distract from the natural, handmade quality of the garment.

11. The shawl must be washed before it is turned in for judging. Warm water will be provided. Shawl must be only damp when presented to the judge.

12. Each team will be provided an area of at least 144 sq. ft. (12' x 12') in which to work. The contest will be held in a covered and enclosed area (either a tent with sides or a building). The teams may bring as much equipment as will fit in their space.

### **Teams Provide:**

- Fiber from Colorado or the team's home state
- Carding, spinning, and weaving equipment
- Lunches (food is sold on the premises)
- A rug or carpet for your area is helpful and defines your space & team
- Towels to assist in drying washed shawl Estes Park Wool Market Provides:
- Tent or covered area for work area
- Tables (2), Chairs (6) per team
- Team shirts
- Water for washing shawls & buckets