

2026 NWBA SWAPTOBERFEST SCHEDULE

October 23 ~ 25, 2026

Cowlitz County Events Center & Fairgrounds – 1900 7th Ave Longview, WA

Note: This year's Swaptoberfest's schedule is shorter and smaller than in years past. There will be no demos on Friday. Instead, we will begin Friday evening with a Slide Show/Presentation by Jim Garrett. Saturday's demos will be in the Mentoring Center. This is being done to keep over all expenses to a minimum. The Conference fee will be \$65

Friday October 23rd

6:00pm -9:00pm	Registration & Merch Table Open in Mentoring Center
4pm - dark	Conference and vendor/tailgate
7:00 pm	Conference begins
7:00 pm- 8:30ish	Jim Garrett Presentation in the Mentoring Center
Followed by:	Forging competition!
8:30pm - 12:00ish	Blacksmoke Alley

Saturday, October 24th

7:00am-8:45am	Coffee and Breakfast potluck in the Vendor barn
8:00am-10:00am	Registration & Merch Sales Open in Mentoring Center
9:00am - 12:00pm	<i>David Tuthill</i> Demonstration in Mentoring Center
9:00am - 12:00pm	Youth and Beginners Forge and open forge in Vendor Barn
12:00pm - 2:00pm	Potluck Lunch in the Vendor barn
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Registration & Merch Sales Open in Mentoring Center
2:00pm - 5:00pm	<i>Silas Maddox</i> Demonstration in Mentoring Center
2:00pm - 5:00pm:	Youth and Beginners Forge and Open Forge in the Vendors Barn
5:30pm	Potluck Dinner in Vendor Barn
6:30pm	<i>General Members Meeting</i> in Mentoring Center
7:30 pm ish	Live Auction in Mentoring Center following General Member Meeting
Followed by:	Forging competition! in Mentoring Center
8:00pm - 11:00 ish	Blacksmoke Alley
8:00pm-9:30pm	Registration & Merch Sales Open in Mentoring Center

Flexible Throughout Saturday:

- *Repoussé* Table with *Louie Raffloer* in Vendor Barn
 - Forge Welding Chain Links with *Berkley Tack* in the Black Smoke Alley area
 - Archives and Member Galleries in MC
 - Tailgate sales in Vendor Barn and parking lot
(non-members will be invited and allowed to come and enjoy this area free of charge at this year's event. This is being done in an attempt to help grow the swapping portion of Swaptoberfest.)
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Sunday, October 25th

8:00am – 11:00am	Registration & Merch Sales Open in Mentoring Center
7:00am-8:45am	Coffee and Leftovers in Vendor barn
9:00am - 12:00pm	Hot Tips with <i>John Huffstutter</i> in Mentoring Center
12:00pm:	Conference Concludes!
12:00pm - 4:00pm:	Volunteers help with Conference Breakdown and clean up. Many Hands make light work!

Thank You for Coming!

****Attention Vendors and Tailgaters. Due to the rising cost of renting 8” folding tables from the Fair Grounds the NWBA will no longer be able to provide these tables at no cost. You will still be able to use the Fair grounds tables (if available) but there will now be a fee of \$12 per table. This fee is what the fairground charges the NWBA, and there is no mark-up.***