

**Schedule:**

**Teams arrive and set up 9AM**

**Contest starts at 10Am**

**3:30 PM weaving stops and shawls are cut off loom**

**3:30 PM to 4 PM Finishing of shawls (shawls are judged while still damp)**

**4 PM Judging**

**Teams:** Every team will have a name and one person designated as the “leader” to be the contact person. Teams will consist of carders, spinners and 1 weaver. Team members can change tasks during the competition but only 1 weaver at a time. Teams will provide a display. Teams provide all their own equipment, fiber, and tools.

**Shawl:** Teams will create an adult size shawl- 20 inches by 72 inches (not including fringe) or at least 1440 square inches. Shawls will be measured before washing.

**Equipment:** Teams will provide all their own equipment. Any type of loom is allowed that will produce the shawl of the correct size. Only 1 drum carder allowed. No electric (or any other type of fuel) equipment allowed. Teams will be provided with one table and one chair per person.

**Fiber:** Teams will provide their own fiber. Any type of animal fiber is allowed. Fiber should be unprocessed. Fiber should be cleaned and ready to card. It may be dyed.

**Warp:** Looms may be prewarped, except for triangle looms. Minimum 8epi (measured on loom). Bonus points for handspun warp. Warp must be animal fiber.

**Display:** teams should display the following information

Team name

Names of members, and where members are from –if not Huntsville

Inspiration if any

Technical information:, type of equipment used, weaving pattern/strategy, fiber used , (source if possible) spinning techniques, fiber processing methods, finishing techniques ,type of dye , sett, ppi, etc.

**Prizes:**

Grand Prize \$200 (must finish in the allotted time)

If team continues to weave after 3:30 but gets shawl finished by 4 PM, Shawl will not be eligible for grand prize but will be eligible for other prizes.

1<sup>st</sup> place \$150

The following prizes will be dependent on the number of team entrants:

People’s choice \$50

Best use of color - - gift basket or gift card

Best spinning - gift basket or gift card

**Judging:** Teams will be judged on a point system..

Total points 100

a. **Team spirit** (team name, team costume, team display, team energy)

20 points

Team name	5points
Team costume	5points
Team display	5points
Team energy	5points

b. **Spun fibers**

40 points

Fiber choice	5 points
Yarn design fits product	15 points
Overall quality and consistency of yarn	20 points

c. **Shawl**

40 points

Design and complexity of pattern	5 points
Straightness and evenness of edges	5 points
Evenness of beating	5 points
Overall quality of weaving	5 points
Finishing details	5 points
Overall aesthetic appeal of shawl including drape , hand, and appearance	15 points

**Deductions:**

Less than required square inches in finished shawl-	5 points
Weaving after deadline-	5 points

**Bonus points:**

Finishing first	10 points
Finishing second	5 points
Using handpun warp	5 points
Hand Dyed warp or weft	5 points
Extra Decorative finish	5 points
Beginning spinner (less than one year)	5 points each
Complexity of finished yarn	5 points
Complexity of weaving patterns	5 points