

**LE FESTIVAL
DES CABANES**

The Hut festival 2026 competition rules.

‘Cabins as works of art or childhood dreams. The dream of a life to be built, of a future to be invented. A new way of inhabiting the world, of expanding it.’

The cabin is the subject of an architecture competition initially launched in the community of communes of the sources of Lake Annecy.

The aim of this competition is to create cabins that will be installed in May and June 2026 on natural sites in the community of communes of the sources of Lake Annecy, an area located between Annecy and Albertville.

1 – Candidates / teams

The competition is open to:

- Graduated architects
- Or master's students. (more than 3 years of study in architecture)

Where team registration is concerned, at least one of the team members, the representative, has to match these criteria.

2 – Registration number and anonymity

When registering, candidates have to choose a registration code that will serve as a signature for their project throughout the competition.

This code has to be made up by 3 letters chosen by the candidates. It will be completed by the organizer at the time of registration by the number corresponding to the site assigned.

The candidates will attach this chosen registration number and the code of 3 letters on the top right of any material they provide : notebook cover, boards, model material, summary sheet, USB stick.

3 – Application file

Candidates may compete individually or in groups, or as part of an agency or collective. Participation as part of a school project is not permitted.

You can download the application file on the following website:

www.lasoierie.com/festival-des-cabanes or

www.lefestivaldescabanes.com

The chosen registration number explained in point 2 must be written on the application file.

The student candidates must staple a copy of the representative's student id card or a school certificate (for the 2025/2026 school year) to the application file.

Each candidate must fill out and sign the transfer of **copyrights document** before adding it to the application file. (In case of team application, the transfer of copyrights document will have to be signed by the representative as well as all the team members.)

4 - Cancellation of “Le Festival des Cabanes”

For any reason - a lack of subsidy, a refusal from the territories among others - the association reserves the right to cancel "le festival des cabanes" at any stage, leaving no place for discussing whatever responsibility of the aforementioned association. Cancellation will not result in any compensation.

5 - competition sequence of events

The competition is divided into 4 phases.

Phase 1 - APPLICATION

The candidates send in their application. They can only apply to construct a maximum of one hut. Between January 1st and March 18th 2026, they will have to choose their registration number (point 2), put their application file together (point 3) and send it to the address below:

La soierie « Le Festival des cabanes »

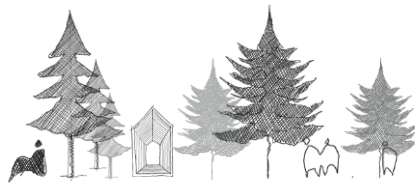
141 Route Albertville

74210 FAVERGES-SEYTHENEX

Applications can only be sent by post to the address mentioned above.

Each team or candidate will have to provide:

- A team presentation of their choice
- A photocopy of each participant's ID card
- The signed transfer of copyrights document
- The application form downloadable on the following website:
www.lasoierie.com/festival-des-cabanes or
www.lefestivaldescabanes.com
- A copy of the representative's student id card or a proof of registration to a national architecture school (for the 2025/2026 school year).
- Each candidate must fill out and sign the transfer of copyrights document before adding it to the application file.



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Phase 2 – SITE DISBURSEMENT

On receipt of the application, a site will be allocated to each team. The representative will receive a letter by post or e-mail with information on the site allocated to him/her.

Candidates must send their project to

**la Soierie 141 route d'Albertville 74210 Faverges
before March 23.**

The candidate will have to provide:

- An A3 notebook (10 pages maximum), summarizing the project's approach. It must be led with a conceptual note: preconceptions, objective, solutions ... (1500 characters maximum).

The notebook must include all information that helps to verify:

- The constructive principle of the structure (that can be applied with any setup)
- Detailing of the equipment used for each step, glossary of material used.

- A set of A3 sheets (10 pages maximum) including a ground-plan, plans and cross cuts with dimensions of the unit, as well as representations (perspectives) that help to explain the construction and layout details for any situation. A presentation of the implementation phase (maximum A3 page) including: the number of people on the site, the different construction phases and the estimated total construction time, the list of tools (provided by the team) necessary to the realization of the construction.

- A model of the hut, scale 1/10.

Each model must be solid enough to be presented several times and must have reusable packaging for transportation. If possible, add a double layer of cardboard in the packaging.

The model must be exposed on a 5cm stand.

The total weight of the model must not exceed 15 kilos.

- A digital folder (USB stick) that includes: The two digital A3 notebooks and 3 photos (jpeg) of the model on a white background.

All of these elements will clearly include the registration number (the site number + 4 letters) chosen by the team.

The hut is designed to be built of wood. It shall use less than 3 m3 (three cubic meters) of wood in order not to exceed the budget and its surface should be about 6 m2 (six square meters). This surface can be exceeded provided that the budget is respected.

- All these elements must be properly packaged.

Claims will not be accepted in cases of damaged packaging.

- Each element of the paper version file must include the chosen registration number in the top right corner.

The shipment and shipment fees of documents and models are the participants' responsibility. The competition organizers cannot take responsibility for overdue project submissions. The organizers take no responsibility for the loss or the deterioration of the sent documents or models.

The following will be excluded from the judgement procedure: incomplete files, projects that do not fulfill all of the conditions, projects that are poorly made, any damaged models or any projects submitted past the deadline.

Phase 3 – THE JURY COMES TOGETHER AND MAKES ITS FINAL DECISION

The hut festival competition jury comes together and designates projects winners: April 6st 2026. The jury may also award "distinctions", "jury favourite" as well as other special prizes.

Each selected and awarded project will be promoted through:

- Communication materials distributed by the Annecy Lake Springs federation of municipalities and the Annecy Lake Springs Tourist Office.
- An exhibition,
- The festival leaflet,
- The official opening ceremony of the festival on June 27th 2026,
- The press.

WARNING !

Any incomplete files will be disqualified.





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Results will be communicated to the candidates by post or by email or phone from April 6th 2026 onwards.

Phase 4 – CONSTRUCTION

Between May 22nd and June 27th 2026, each winner will build his/her hut on scale 1 on the site that he/she has been appointed.

By participating in the competition, candidates commit to developing their projects until the end of the construction phase. In case of withdrawal, the jury may change the award and the team.

Huts shall be finished by June 27th 2026, before the day of the festival's opening ceremony.

As each site is a sensitive natural location, candidates commit to maintaining a clean site during the construction work as well as during the delivery period. Be very careful not to use toxic products (lacquer, glue, white spirit...). Depending on each site's condition, it may be possible to obtain natural materials from the site (moss, branches...). As some sites may present special conditions, certain considerations may need to be taken into account (access to the public, respect for a nearby stream...)

Construction materials:

Wood supply help may be offered to candidates who ask for it (from sawmills and the National Forestry Office of France) between April 15th and mid-May.

You will have to provide precise quantities of wood needed.
Project winners will provide estimated values.

Material loan:

If needed, the festival organizers commit to supplying generators to teams that put in a request before the construction starts. Be aware that on certain sites the use of noisy tools is forbidden. This kind of information will be communicated to candidates at the beginning of Phase 2.

Reimbursement:

A lump sum of 1700 Euros is awarded to each laureate. Wood orders will be deducted from this amount.

The reimbursement takes into account all costs linked to the candidate or team's participation in Phase 4 (construction material, wood, potential labour, lodging during the construction, purchase of portable tools, attending the grand opening ceremony...). None of the costs previous to phase 4 will be reimbursed.

New World" bonus:

Teams who build their huts without using power tools, with the exception of screwdrivers, will receive a €120 bonus.

For foreign winners residing outside the European community and Great Britain, and brought to materialize their project, a lump sum of 200 Euros per person (maximum two people) will help for travelling (plane, train, car).

Additional information available at la Soierie:
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