

# Blacksmith Association of Missouri Membership Application

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## **BENEFITS OF JOINING BAM**

Bimonthly Newsletter – Lending Library – Blacksmith Coal – Meetings with Demonstrations & More – Scholarships – Annual Conference – Workshops & More.

Complete this form and send to the BAM Treasurer listed above.  
Memberships are for one year from receipt of dues.  
Dues are \$30.00 per year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member  Renewal

Are you a Member of ABANA?  Yes  No

What type of workshops would you like? (List as many as you want).

Send a check payable to BAM and this form to:

Treasurer/Membership contact listed above.

# Blacksmith Association Of Missouri

Black Smith Association of Missouri (BAM) was formed in 1983. BAM is an affiliate of the Blacksmith Association of North America (ABANA), and is devoted to the preservation and advancement of Blacksmithing.

Our main goal is the education of our members and the General Public about the craft of Blacksmithing. We hold Bi-monthly meetings (Jan. – March – May – July – Sept. – Nov.) at the larger shops of our members.

The reason we do not have a main shop or meeting location; is because our members are from all over the State and surrounding States.

Meetings are held on Saturdays starting between 8:30 am and 9 am. There are Demonstrations, a Business Meeting, Lunch, Iron-in-the-hat, Trade Item exchange, Tail-Gate sales and after the Business Meeting, an open forge time. Open forge time is where members can have hands on instruction from our experienced Smiths.

We have a Scholarship/Grant Program that grants up to \$1000.00 for our members to attend Blacksmith or Trade Schools to further their education or up to \$500 to fund workshops in member shops.

We have a Mobil Training Station Program (MTS) that travels around the state to our Members Shops and hold a one day hands on training for our members. We try to keep the cost of these one day workshops very reasonable so everyone benefits.

We also hold Multi Day Workshops where Gas Forges, Treadle Hammers, etc. are built by our members for themselves to take home.

The first weekend in May is our Annual Conference. It is a 3 day event. Tailgate sales go on all three days.

Setup is on Thursday and there is usually open forging on Thursday afternoon/evening.

Friday we hold several hands on workshops 7 to 8 hours. Friday evening we have a forging contest.

Saturday and a half a day on Sunday there are demonstrations from renowned Smiths.

There are Vendors all day and a Banquet Meal in the evening on Saturday. After the meal is a Benefit Auction.

There are crafts for the spouses who do not blacksmith.

We try to supply experienced Smiths for other functions and organizations that request them.

In August we have a booth at the State Fair in Sedalia MO. We have forges and tools so anyone that is a member can demo and spend time with other Smiths in the Blacksmith Booth. It is possible to sell your work on the day that you Demo.

A supply of coal is kept, and is spread out across the state, for sale to our members.

We also administer an online newsgroup called Around the Anvil. Signup instructions for the newsgroup are on the web site.

To join the cost is \$30.00 per year from the month you join (This is a family organization and the \$30.00 is for the whole family).