



Newberry Jigsaw Puzzle Competition FAQs January 2025

Q. What time does the puzzle competition begin?

A. The puzzle competition begins at 6:00 PM sharp on Friday, January 24, 2025. We strongly encourage all participants to check-in no later than 5:45 PM.

Q. Where is the puzzle competition being held?

A. The January 2025 Jigsaw Puzzle Competition is being held at Piedmont Technical College – Newberry Campus in room 100NN. There will be signs and staff directing participants/attendees.

Q. Can family or friends come watch?

A. Absolutely! We encourage them to join in the fun. However, no members of the public (non-staff and non-team members) will be allowed on the competition floor. There will be boundaries set-up for spectator viewing.

Q. Can team members bring/use sorting trays (bowls, boxes, etc.) to aid in sorting the puzzle pieces?

A. Yes, but each team is limited to a maximum of three sorting trays.

Q. Can teams bring in outside food/drinks?

A. We prefer that you do not. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Q. Do all teams get the same puzzle?

A. Each team within a division will be provided with the same puzzle. See *Rules* for more information.

- Quad Puzzlers – teams of four (4) – 1,000 pieces
- Puzzling Duos – teams of two (2) – 500 pieces
- Puzzle Fanatics – teams of three (3) – YOUTH ONLY DIVISION (ages 7 to 13) – 300-500 pieces

Q. Can you tell us before the competition begins what the puzzle will be for each division?

A. No, the puzzle is not pre-released.

Q. What if a team member can no longer attend the event?

A. There is a *Team Member Replacement Form* you can request via email: recreation@newberrycounty.gov. It will need to be completed and returned, so the team member can be replaced.

Q. Can teams bring their own light or magnifying glasses to aid in visibility?

A. Yes, teams are permitted to bring their own battery-operated light and/or magnifying glass – power will not be made available (only one of each permitted per team).

Q. What are the prizes for the winners?

A. Within each division there will be cash prizes for the first and second finishers. There will be gift baskets for the team shirt competition winners in each category. See *Rules* for how the competition winners are determined.

Q. Why is there a registration fee?

A. The registration fee covers the cost of a quality puzzle, drinks/snacks, and goody bags. Each team will get to keep the puzzle and each team member will receive a goody bag.

