

IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR THE *Manatee County Fair Talent Show*

All Middle and High School Students are welcome.

*THE TALENT SEARCH PROVIDES ENTERTAINMENT FOR FAIRGOERS AND
PROMOTES THE RECOGNITION AND EDUCATION OF OUR TALENTED YOUTH.*

ARE YOU A PERFORMER? DO YOU SING OR DANCE?

IF SO THEN WE WANT YOU!

Who is eligible? Any Manatee County Middle or High school student.

Performance Dates and Times

- **Tuesday, January 12, 2010** - Dress Rehearsal at the Fair Grounds...5:00 PM
- **Sunday, January 17, 2010** - On the Main Stage...1:00PM
- **Sunday, January 24, 2010** - Winners perform on the Main Stage...1:00PM

ON SUNDAY JAN. 17 & JAN 24TH ENTRANTS NEED TO CHECK-IN AT THE MAIN STAGE AT **NOON** PERFORMANCES WILL BEGIN AT 1:00

WHY SHOULD I ENTER THE TALENT SEARCH?

It's fun. You will be sharing your talent with the community. The Talent Search serves as an excellent opportunity to gain recognition, support and performing experience.

HOW DO I BECOME A CONTESTANT?

Fill out the **entry form** and bring it to the Fair office by Friday Jan. 08, 2010 / 5:00p.m

WHAT ARE THE CATEGORIES?

VOCAL -DANCE : Solo or Group

WHAT DO I WIN?

There will be ribbons and cash prizes.

HOW ARE THE ACTS JUDGED?

How you appear and how you present yourself are very important. Remember, everything you do is being judged. For example how you approach the microphone and how you present yourself can all affect your score. Smile make eye contact with the judges let them know you're enjoying yourself and come well prepared.

WHAT IS THE ENTRY FEE?

There is no entry fee and all participants in the Show will receive free admission the day of the show.

WHAT IF I NEED MORE INFORMATION? Call the Fair office 722-1639 or go on line at: www.manateecountyfair.com for entry forms .

RULES GOVERNING FAIR TALENT SHOW

1. Accompanists are not considered performers and must not assume visual importance in the performance. (An example of an accompanist is a music teacher or parent playing the piano for a child or youth).
2. In the vocal categories, instrumental accompaniment by the performers or others is allowed, but must serve strictly as accompaniment. Contestants in the vocal category may use no voice(s), live or recorded, for accompaniment. Taped instrumental music is allowed.
3. Acts should run no more than THREE (3) minutes. Any act running over THREE (3) minutes will be disqualified. Timing starts when the performer begins using the microphone. Should any performer(s) be disqualified for not meeting the time restriction, he/she/they will be informed immediately after the performance.
4. Fire, liquids, confetti, knives or any other substance that may prove hazardous to other contestants will **NOT** be allowed on stage.
5. Volume of performance must be in accordance with legal safety limits (Limit: 90 decibels).
6. All performers the use of inappropriate language-- (no foul or suggestive language) will be accepted in music, lyrics, comments or DRESS. The Talent Show is promoted as a family oriented show.
7. A competitor may enter the Talent Show as part of **one group** as well as **one category as solo performer**.
8. All tapes used must be clearly labeled and cued; we are not responsible for locating/cueing music.
9. Please remember to be courteous and respectful to other performers while they are on stage. Noise distracts the performer as well as the audience.
10. You must be prepared to stay until the end of entire show, as that is when the winners will be announced. **Some category age groups may be combined in order to obtain minimum of three acts per category. (Example: Group vocals; 2 middle combine with 2 High School groups to give a total of 4 performers).** You will be given a choice prior to day of show as to whether you wish to participate in the mixed group. Mothers **DO NOT** request preferential treatment in child's performance time, as this will not happen. If you cannot stay through the day please do not sign up.
11. The judge's decisions are **FINAL** and no contestant; parent or group member is to have personal contact with any judge, before, during or after the performance. Doing so may result in your disqualification and forfeiture of any prizes won.

Thank you for your choice to participate in this year's Talent show; our past shows have been a great success and one of the highlights of our fair.

Manatee County Fair Talent Show Entry Application

Please bring or mail this completed form to the Fair office by **Friday, January 8, 2010**

5:00 p.m. Mail to: 1402 14th Av W, Palmetto, FL 34221 Phone: 941-722-1639

www.manateecountyfair.com

Dress Rehearsal (required attendance) Tues. Jan.12, 2010 5pm / Show Sun. Jan. 17, 2010

NAME: (Soloist or Group) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL/GRADE _____

TELEPHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

CONTACT PERSON (IF GROUP) _____ PHONE _____

AGE DIVISION

Middle School

High School

TALENT CATEGORY

VOCAL: Solo or Group

DANCE: Solo or Group

(Please circle your Division and your Talent Category above. Thank You)

GROUP MEMBERS, INCLUDING LEADER, LIST NAMES, ADDRESSES, ON THE BACK OF FORM.

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ACT :(example: I am a Soloist or we are a Trio/names) _____

PIECE TO BE PERFORMED (Example: Dancing to "Swing" by: The Glen Miller Band) _____

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR USE: CASSETTE/CD PLAYER _____ MICROPHONES _____

Any cassette tapes or CD used should be clearly labeled with the Performer's name, address and phone number. All tapes/CDs must be cued and labeled on the side that is to be used.

Performers are allowed to use their own equipment, but it is their responsibility to make sure that it is compatible to the Fair's Sound equipment, by calling the Fair office.

Four minutes time is allotted for performance.

I (we) being the parent or legal guardian of _____ grant permission for his/her participation in the 2010 Manatee County Fair Talent Show. Tryouts/rehearsals will take place Jan.12, 2010 5:00PM or later, and to perform on Jan.17 & 24 2010 1:00PM or later on the main stage at the Fair Grounds.

Signature: _____

*Parent or Guardian must sign for each minor

ENTRANTS NEED TO CHECK-IN AT NOON AT THE MAIN STAGE WE WILL BEGIN AT 1:00pm SHOW TIME. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED TO STAY FOR ENTIRE TIME OF COMPETITION, NO SPECIAL TIME CHANGES OF PERFORMANCES WILL BE GIVEN SO PLEASE DO NOT ASK. JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND NO CONTESTANT, PARENT OR GROUP MEMBER IS TO HAVE PERSONAL CONTACT BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE PERFORMANCE WITH ANY JUDGE. THIS ACTION COULD RESULT IN ANY PRIZE BEING FORFIETED. THANK YOU.