

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

- **Wednesday, January 09, 2008** - Dress Rehearsal at the Fair Grounds...5:00 PM
- **Sunday January 27, 2008** - On the Main Stage...1:00 PM

ON SUNDAY JAN 27th, 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 Tuesday Jan. 08, 2007 / 5:00 PM

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 are 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 online 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. There will be no **use of inappropriate language**; nothing foul or suggestive 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 decision to participate in this year's Talent show; our past shows have been a great success and one of the highlights of our fair.