

2010



Butte County Fair
Missette Butte County

RULES, INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2010

2010 MISSETTE BUTTE COUNTY COMPETITION

The Missette Butte County Scholarship Competition provides an opportunity to enhance your personal development in the areas of poise, self-confidence, communication skills, and good sportsmanship. All contestants can enjoy participating in the event and receive a memento of the competition, plus a pass to the fair. It will be a memorable learning experience if you choose to make it so. The competition is not a beauty contest, but rather a program that fosters youth accomplishments, community service, academic achievement, and talent with recognition for excellence. All rules and regulations are designed to prepare applicants to represent Butte County at other competitions within the State of California.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Contestant must be between the age of 9 and 12 as of August 25, 2010, the date of the competition.
- Contestant must be a resident of Butte County and the State of California for at least one year prior to the opening of the fair.
- Contestant must agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Missette Butte County Scholarship Competition Program (MBCSCP) now in effect or announced hereafter. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
- Contestant, if not chosen as the Missette Butte County, may compete in the following year.
- Contestant and parent must attend the orientation meeting scheduled Saturday, July 17, 2010 starting at 9 a.m. to approximately Noon at a location to be announced.
- Black & White photos, for various media publications, will be taken at the orientation meeting. Please come dressed appropriately (no white clothing) for press photos. Cost of the photos is included in application fee.
- All winners will be required to sign a "Code of Conduct Contract."
- Each contestant will be required to provide a **non-immediate family member** for backstage assistance for their hair, clothing etc. for the night of the program. For obvious reasons, only female assistants will be allowed.
- Contestant must not hold any other pageant type titles requiring public appearances. If selected as one of the 2010 Missette Butte County Court Members, any non-community service pageant type titles requiring public appearances must become mute and the MBCSCP title will be primary title held.
- The Butte County Fair, its employees, or event Directors will not pay for cost of events (ie. travel, clothing, etc.).
- Due to time constraints, the contestant is limited to **one hairstyle** for the entire competition night.
- The use of cosmetics is limited to mascara and clear lip-gloss to maintain age appropriateness.
- Apparel worn to competition camp will be modest in nature. Contestants will be required to wear walking shorts, a t-shirt and gym shoes.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Contestant must complete the official competition application (which includes personal introduction, resume of activities, release form and talent information) and pay the appropriate fees to be considered a complete application.
- Parent or legal guardian must sign all applications.
- Applications are posted online prior to acceptances date for the benefit of the contestant. Applications will ONLY be accepted from June 1, 2010 at 8 a.m. to July 16, 2010 at 5 p.m. Any applications received prior to June 1, 2010 will be rejected. The MBCSCP reserves the right to accept applications after July 16, 2010. All applications must be in the Butte County Fair Office at 199 E. Hazel Street, Gridley no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 16, 2010.
- Applications are limited to the first ten entries received. Entries will be dated, stamped and assigned contestant number as they are received.

SPONSORS AND APPLICATION FEE

- Contestant and/or sponsors shall pay an application fee of \$150 per contestant. Checks are to be made payable to the Butte County Fair. Parent, family member, or business that wish(es) to sponsor the contestant may pay the application fee.
- Sponsors will be announced on stage during the contestant's various areas of competition.
- Application fee must accompany the contestant's application to the Butte County Fair Office.
- Contestant applications that are not completed properly or accompanied by the application fee will not be accepted or processed.
- Included in the application is a letter from the MBCSCP for contestants to garner sponsorship. Feel free to make as many copies as necessary to fulfill contestant's needs.

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION TIME AND PLACE

Competition will take place Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at the Butte County Fairgrounds.

JUDGING AND AREAS OF COMPETITION

Contestant agrees that judging governs the established policies and procedures of the Missette Butte County Fair Competition Management, and the decision of the judges will be final in all cases.

The contestants will be judged in the following areas of competition:

Personality Interview	30%
Personal Introduction	30%
Talent	15%
Impromptu Question	25%

WARDROBE

Contestant shall provide the following garments for competition:

Personality Interview	Short, nice dress (see attached)
Personal Introduction	Short, nice dress (see attached). May be the same as Personality Interview.
Talent	Costume must be age appropriate, modest, and reflect the theme of the performance. MBCSCP approval is required.
Impromptu Question	Tea-length party dress, no gloves, and no spaghetti straps (Straps must be a minimum of 1" wide). (see examples attached)

- The Missette Butte County Management reserves the right to reject any wardrobe item selected by the contestant that is not suitable for public appearance.

COMPETITION ACTIVITIES

- Contestant agrees to attend all competition-related activities and rehearsals without exception.
- Contestants understand that parent, boyfriend, and/or friends are not to attend any competition camp. Parents are welcome at orientation and final rehearsal.
- No parent is allowed backstage once competition begins program night. Contestants will be released to their parents following the actual competition.
- Contestants may be asked to appear for publicity reasons and any other similar type appearances so designated by the competition directors.

PERSONALITY INTERVIEW

In this phase of the competition, the judges have the opportunity to meet the contestant and evaluate her response to a variety of questions drawn from her Resume of Activities during a **seven-minute** informal interview. This area of competition focuses on the contestant's areas of interest, sense of values, attitude, and personality. Personal appearance and poise also provide the judges with insight relative to the contestant being interviewed. Personality Interviews will take place the Saturday preceding night of competition.

PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

The contestant demonstrates her ability to speak before a live audience and the effectiveness of her communicative skills during this phase of competition. The contestant's speech or address must be a minimum of 60 seconds but not more than **two (2) minutes** in length. Composure, confidence, and on stage personality are important facets in this area of competition. Judges will give consideration to creativity and content of each address. The address should include the following information.

- Contestant's name and age
- City where contestant resides
- Interesting facts about contestant
- School attending
- Hobbies

Personal Introduction must be memorized; a hard copy turned in with contestant's application and no changes may be made without prior approval from the MBCSCP.

TALENT

- Contestants must display a live talent presentation must be a minimum of 60 seconds but not more than **two (2) minutes** in length. The presentation may be dancing, vocal performance, baton, instrumental, dramatic reading, acting performance, mime presentation, action demonstration, drill or pompom routine, martial arts, etc.
- Due to time constraints, no media presentations will be allowed.
- A contestant who is a singer must perform the live talent. A contestant cannot have accompaniment of a tape recording of her voice.
- Contestants are not permitted to perform a vocal solo to a professional recording that features or has the voice of a professional artist on the recording. Minimal background vocals allowed with prior approval from MBCSCP (i.e. Karaoke).
- A contestant whose talent is sketching, painting, graphic arts, commercial arts, dressmaking, creative sewing or cooking, and who presents any of those items made prior to the competition as her talent in conjunction with her stage arts competition, must provide proof of authenticity and creation. A written statement by someone other than the contestant's family such as school or private instructor, scout leader, 4-H or FFA leader, minister or community leader will qualify as proof.
- Contestant who plays a musical instrument must have selection memorized so that she does not need the music on stage. **MUST** have selection memorized.
- Contestant only will be on stage during her talent performance. No other person can be a part of the contestant's act.
- MBCSCP will determine the contestant's stage entrance and exits.
- Contestants are limited to one functional prop that is appropriate for her talent presentation and her age. All props must have approval by MBCSCP.
- No talent routine or costume can be changed after the first day of competition camp. Costume must be age appropriate, modest, and reflect the theme of the performance. MBCSCP approval is required.
- Contestant will provide two (2) copies of appropriately edited musical accompaniment no longer than 2 minutes in length to the MBCSCP the first day of competition camp.
- Music and dance moves should be age appropriate with modesty as a gauge.

IMPROMPTU QUESTION

In this phase of the competition, judging will focus on poise, confidence, and ability to give a relevant response to an impromptu question. These qualities are not entirely superficial; they express an attitude towards us in an overall picture of a poised young woman. In this phase of the competition, the contestant's will be asked a question regarding information provided on their Resume of Activities. The question will be written by the MBCSCP.

RESTRICTIONS PERTAINING TO CONTESTANT'S PARENTS, GUARDIANS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Parents, guardians, family members, or friends will not be permitted backstage during the actual competition, pre-competition rehearsals, interview, etc.
- Parents, guardians, family, boyfriends or friends of a contestant are not to talk with the judges and talliers before, during, or after the competition.
- Only in situations of extreme emergency, with the permission of competition officials, is a parent/guardian able to make contact with a contestant the night of competition.

AWARDS

👑 All contestant that participate will receive four (4) season passes to the 2010 Butte County Fair

👑 Missette Butte County will receive:

- a. Rhinestone Crown
- b. Sash
- c. Two box seats for the remaining Grandstand Shows
- d. \$100 savings bond at the end of her reign in August 2011 (must provide social security number).
- e. Special Gift provided by the Butte County Fair

👑 The First Runner Up will receive:

- a. Rhinestone Tiara
- b. Sash
- c. Two box seats for the remaining Grandstand Shows

👑 Missette Congeniality will receive:

- a. Rhinestone Tiara
- b. Sash
- c. Two box seats for the remaining Grandstand Shows

MISSETTE CONGENIALITY

One of the most meaningful awards given in the Missette Butte County Competition is the Missette Congeniality Award. The contestants will have the opportunity to vote for the girl they feel best personifies a Miss Butte County Congeniality Award winner.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NEWLY CROWNED MISSETTE BUTTE COUNTY

- The Royal Court consists of 2010 Missette Butte County, 2010 Missette Butte County First Runner Up and 2010 Missette Butte County Congeniality.
- Winner agrees to attend all public appearances when asked by the MBCSCP.
- If the contestant chosen as 2010 Missette Butte County should for any reason move from Butte County and/or fail to fulfill her obligation as outlined in the Code of Conduct Contract, she shall forfeit her title, crown, and cash prize. In this event, the first runner-up will fulfill the title of the Missette Butte County for the remainder of the year.
- The Royal Court agrees to dress and fulfill duty guidelines as outlined by the MBCSCP.
- Missette Butte County agrees to 80% participation in all required activities.
- Winner agrees to wear only official Butte County Fair authorized crown and sash.

LOST ARTICLES

Contestants and parents understand that the competition management will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles during any pre-competition and/or competition activities.

SAMPLE PERSONALITY INTERVIEW/ PERSONAL INTRODUCTION OUTFIT

NOTE: STRAPS MUST BE MINIMUM ONE-INCH IN WIDTH



SAMPLE IMPROMPTU DRESSES

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**2010 MISSETTE BUTTE COUNTY OFFICIAL CONTESTANT
Questionnaire and Application**

Contestant's full name: _____ Age: _____

Birthplace: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

How long at above address? _____

How long as a resident of Butte County? _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's work/cell phones: Mother: W: _____ C: _____

Father: W: _____ C: _____

Address: _____ ZIP: _____

email: _____

Jane D. Doe

Age: 12 **Grade:** 8th **School:** Your School

Academic Honors and Awards:

- Biggs School Student of the Month October 2009 (6)
- Member of the Principal's Honor Roll (4,5,6)

Other School Activities and Organizations:

- ASB President (6)
- ASB Activities Commissioner (7)
- Member of Cheerleading Squad (7,8)
- Member of Track Team (7)

Athletic Activities and Awards:

- Member of the Cheerleading Squad (7,8)

Community Activities and Awards:

- California Girls State Delegate (11)
- Attended Youth Leadership Camp (8)

Church Activities:

- Watch children in church's nursery (6)
- Attended Bible Camp (6,7,8)

Hobbies and Interests:

- Spending time with family and friends
- Community Service
- Dancing
- Cheerleading
- Being involved in school activities
- Being involved with Youth Group
- Public Speaking

Future Plans:

Continue my to receive good grades and stay on the honor roll. Serve my community and try to make captain of my cheerleading team.

RETURN THIS FORM WITH APPLICATION

TALENT INFORMATION AND RELEASE

TALENT INFORMATION

How will contestant's stage arts competition be performed? (song, dance, monologue, oral presentation, etc.)

Description of talent: _____

If contestant is performing a musical talent or using musical accompaniment, please indicate:

Full Title(s): _____

Artist: _____

Prop: _____

**Note: Limit one prop per contestant

RELEASE

Permission is hereby given to the MBCSCP to utilize the information contained herein in any way they see fit for publicity purpose without reservation from heirs, my immediate family, or me. Contestant hereby releases the Miss Butte County competition directors, volunteers, the Butte County Fair Association, County of Butte, its directors, agents and employees of each from claims of any kind or nature arising out of damage of persons or property occasioned by, or in connection with, any portion of contestant's participation.

Signature of Contestant: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Date: _____

REMINDER

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Return applications to:
Butte County Fair Office
199 E. Hazel Street or P.O. Box 308
Gridley, CA 95948.

Please include the following documents in the following order:

- Application Fee of \$150
- Application
- Personal Introduction
- Resume of Activities
- Talent Information and Release

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Please contact the Missette Director, Mady Schott-Silva, at 530-570-5485 or missbuttecounty@yahoo.com.



MISS BUTTE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

MICHELLE CARR, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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BIGGS, CA 95917-1059

(530) 520-6458 CELL

Dear Sponsor:

This letter is to illustrate how important your donation is to the requesting Miss Butte County Scholarship Program participant.

Your donation will help defray her expenses related to participation in the program. Those expenses include dresses, shoes, entrance fee, costumes, etc. Your support will enable her to perform to her utmost highest. In return for your sponsorship, you name and/or business will be mentioned several times throughout the program in which the participant enters.

In addition, the overall Miss Butte County Scholarship Program is always looking for businesses or people like you for sponsorship of a scholarship or financial support to the program. Please contact me personally regarding Program sponsorship.

Thank you for your interest in supporting the youth of our community. The Miss Butte County Scholarship Competition is an unforgettable experience.

Without you, it would not be possible.

Sincerely,

Michelle Carr

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Program Coordinator