



2008 TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL BABY CONTEST



CO-CHAIRMEN: Daina Cook & Candace Abshier
296-9681 (Daina) or 243-3149 (Candace)

CONTEST DATE: Friday, October 3, 2008

LOCATION: TRF Stage in the Winnie-Stowell Park

AGE REQUIREMENTS: Babies two years of age and under are eligible to enter the competition and to ride on the official float in the Youth Day Parade.

TIME: Check-in and line-up will begin at 9:15 a.m. behind the North Stage. The viewing and judging of the babies will be on stage at 9:55 a.m. until 10:25 a.m.

YOUTH DAY AND GRAND PARADE: The Youth Day Parade will begin at 2:45 p.m. on Friday. Winners are asked to ride on the Baby Contest Float. Please meet in front of the Community Building in the Park at 2:15 p.m. for line-up instructions. We will begin placing babies on the float at 2:30 p.m. An adult must ride with each baby. We also encourage you to ride in the Grand Parade on Saturday at 10:45 am. Line-up instructions for that parade will be given to you on the day of the contest.

NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS: The contest will automatically close when 25 entries have been accepted. Babies to be judged as a pair will be considered one entry.

THEME: *Stars & Stripes : Spirit of America*

CATEGORIES: Little Rice Tot, Most Unique, Best Pair, Best Costumed Girl and Boy, Best Stage Presence, Crowd Pleaser, and Best Float.

AWARDS: Trophies will be awarded in the eight categories above. Participation Awards will be presented to all other contestants.

ENTRY FEE: An entry fee of \$15.00 per child is to be submitted at time of entry. Pair's will pay a \$30.00 entry fee.

CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY: In the event an entry form arrives at the Festival office after the contest has been declared closed, the applicant will be notified and the entry fee will be returned. Otherwise, entrants should consider themselves confirmed. Entry fees will not be refunded for cancellation or no show. Deadline for entries will be Friday, September 19, 2008. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the TRF office at (409) 296-4404.

PROPS: Wagons, carriages and other small conveyances may be considered in judging if they directly contribute to the costume presentation. It is necessary that such conveyances be small enough to utilize the stage runway. Hand held props may be used. ***Props or floats should be no larger than a normal child size wagon (15"x30").*** **Any entries larger than this will not be allowed on stage and will be disqualified.** ***Music will no longer be allowed in the competition.***

NO DUPLICATE COSTUMES WILL BE ALLOWED!

In the event a duplicate entry is received the first entry will prevail and the second entry will be asked to change.

DAY OF CONTEST - During line-up before the contest **ONLY ONE ADULT PER CHILD** will be allowed in the line-up area behind stage. Please ask your family and friends to wait in front of the stage in the viewing area. **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Drinks and snacks will be provided for the babies and adults while they are waiting.

Should you need further assistance please call Daina Cook @ 296-9681 or Candace Abshier @ 243-3149. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. If there is no answer, please leave a message. All calls will be returned as soon as possible.

THANK YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL!!

Entry Fee

Check #

Cash

**2008 TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL
BABY CONTEST
ENTRY FORM**

REGISTRATION BEGINS JULY 9, 2008

Return Applications in
person to the
Texas Rice Festival
307 East LeBlanc
Winnie, Texas 77665

CHILD'S NAME _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

PHONE # _____ BIRTHDATE _____

GENDER _____ AGE (AT THE TIME OF CONTEST) _____

SINGLE ENTRY _____ PAIR _____

CHARACTER TO BE PRESENTED _____

IF PAIR PLEASE FILL OUT INFORMATION OF SECOND CHILD

CHILD'S NAME _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

PHONE # _____ BIRTHDATE _____

GENDER _____ AGE (AT THE TIME OF CONTEST) _____

CHARACTER TO BE PRESENTED _____

WILL BABY RIDE ON OFFICIAL FLOAT DURING YOUTH DAY PARADE: _____

DO YOU PLAN TO MAKE YOUR OWN FLOAT FOR THE YOUTH DAY PARADE? _____
(IF YES, YOU WILL NEED TO FILL OUT A YOUTH DAY PARADE ENTRY FORM)

**THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF 25 CONTESTANTS. THE CONTEST WILL AUTOMATICALLY CLOSE
WHEN THE LIMIT IS REACHED. DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES WILL BE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2008.**