

2009 MARION COUNTY FAIR BABY CONTEST

INFORMATION SHEET

ENTRY DEADLINE: Received in the Fair office by 5 PM, Friday, July 17, 2009

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 (PAID TO Marion County Fair by deadline; non-refundable)

CONTEST DATE: Saturday, July 25, 2009

CONTEST LOCATION: Marion County Fair Park Stage

TIME: 11 AM – Sign in

Noon – Interviews begin

(Babies may be divided into age groups, but are to remain in area at all times.)

CONTEST RULES:

1. Age Requirements: Contestants must be 6 to 18 months in age and have been born between January 25, 2008 and January 25, 2009
2. Pre-registration required: Registration forms, birth certificates and \$5.00 registration fee must arrive at the Marion County Fair office by 5 PM, Friday, July 17, 2009
3. Residency requirements: Contestants must live in Marion County or adjacent counties.
4. **One adult** accompanying registered baby will be admitted free of charge at the gate on Contest Day. Please enter by main gate #1 for easiest access.
5. Due to limited Park Stage seating, adults may bring lawn chairs.
6. Please arrive at the Fairgrounds early to accommodate sign-in and contestant numbering assignments.
7. One adult may accompany the baby to the timed judging area.
8. Judging will be based on the baby's appearance and personality at the time of judging. Judges realize that a baby's behavior is quite unpredictable.
9. There is no required dress code for babies in the contest.
10. All decisions of the judges will be final.
11. Photography is allowed only outside the judging area.
12. Contestant numbers will be announced by the emcee. Please listen carefully for the numbers immediately ahead so that the contest progresses smoothly and promptly.
13. Babies may be divided into categories for judging depending upon the number of entries. Categories will be assigned as follows:
 - a. Prettiest baby girl—6 to 9 months
 - b. Prettiest baby girl—10 to 13 months
 - c. Prettiest baby girl—14 to 18 months
 - d. Most handsome baby boy—6 to 9 months
 - e. Most handsome baby boy—10 to 13 months
 - f. Most handsome baby boy—14 to 18 months
 - g. Best looking twins or other multiples—6 to 9 months
 - h. Best looking twins or other multiples—10 to 13 months
 - i. Best looking twins or other multiples—14 to 18 months
14. First, second, and third place winners will be awarded ribbons. First place winners in all categories will be eligible for the Grand Prize and another judging round. All babies will receive a participation ribbon.
15. The Marion County Fair will not be responsible for loss, theft, or damages.

For more information, call the Marion County Fair office at 353-2444 between the hours of 9 AM and 3 PM.