

**AUBURN FAIR BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS  
17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLD COUNTRY FAIR TALENT CONTEST**

**DATE & TIME OF CONTEST:** Sunday, September 7, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

**PLACE & ADDRESS:** Gold Country Court Stage  
Gold Country Fairgrounds  
1273 High Street  
Auburn CA 95603

**NON-REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE PER ACT:** \$10.00 (Must accompany each entry form)

**\*\*\*\*READ ATTACHED CONTEST RULES BEFORE COMPLETING\*\*\*\***

**DEADLINE DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES:** 5:00 P.M., August 20, 2008

**SEND ALL ENTRIES TO:** Gold Country Fair Talent Contest  
Attn: Valerie Garcia  
P.O. Box 5527  
Auburn CA 95604

**LIMITED TO SIX (6) PERFORMERS PER ACT – ONLY ONE ACT PER PERSON  
-SUBMIT ONE ENTRY FORM PER ACT-**

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**NAME OF CONTESTANT(S)                      ADDRESS/CITY/ZIP                      BIRTHDATE/AGE**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Person with Phone Number to contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACT CLASSIFICATION** (circle one)

Primary – Age 11 and under

Junior – Age 12 through 18

Adult – Age 19 and over

**ACT CATEGORY** (circle one)

Vocal                      Dance

Instrumental              Novelty

**Name of Rendition:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accompaniment Requirements (please circle):**      Keyboard                      CD                      Cassette

**GOLD COUNTRY FAIR TALENT CONTEST**  
**ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES**  
**RULES AND PROVISIONS**

1. Contestants may not include any of the following in audition/competition performances: Sexual innuendoes, suggestive comments, jokes of a sexual nature, sexually suggestive actions, graphic commentaries, suggestive or insulting sounds, leering, whistling, obscene gestures, scatological references, derogatory racial or ethnic references or foul language.
2. Contestants must be of amateur standing only. Any person who participates in a professional performance or is under contract through a professional agent for such appearances will not be eligible to compete. "Professional", as used in "a professional performance," denotes one undertaking or engaging for money as a means of subsistence in a particular art and is defined as meaning engaged in by professionals as a means of livelihood.
3. Immediate family and members of Auburn Fair Boosters Association, Gold Country Fair Board, fair staff, and any contest sponsors are not eligible to compete.
4. Contestants appearing as a "group" must not exceed six persons, INCLUDING the accompanist if they are to be judged as part of the act.
5. For any one act, only one musical accompanist, provided by the contestant, is permitted. The accompanist is not considered part of the act.
6. A Gold Country Talent Contest 1st Place Winner in any age division (Primary, Junior, Adult) CANNOT COMPETE in the same age division the following year. He/she may, however, compete in the same age division after remaining out of competition the next year if he/she meets the age requirements of the division upon returning. He/she may compete the following year in the next higher division if he/she meets the age requirements.
7. Contestants are permitted only FOUR (4) MINUTES in which to complete their act. Penalties will be imposed by the Timekeeper of ten (10) points for each minute or fraction of a minute exceeding the four (4) minute time limit. A Timekeeper for each contest is mandatory. Once the contestant begins his/her act, there will be NO STOPPING OF THE CLOCK for new props or act changes. If introductory music is played for the contestant, the act begins when the music starts.
8. Contestants using tapes for their musical accompaniment cannot use a recording where it is predominant over the contestant's performance.

9. **Contestants will be classified in the following performance categories:**
  - a. **Instrumental (individual/group)**
  - b. **Vocal (individual/group)**
  - c. **Dance (individual/group)**
  - d. **Novelty (i.e. baton twirling, magic act, etc.) (individual/group)**
10. **Contestants will be judged on Showmanship & Personality, Difficulty & Technique and Excellence of Performance.**
11. **Contestants who have not reached their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday by show date of the contest year will compete in the PRIMARY DIVISION.**
12. **Contestants who have reached their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday but not their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by show date of the contest year will compete in the JUNIOR DIVISION.**
13. **Contestants who have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by show date of the contest year will compete in the ADULT DIVISION.**
14. **Contestants performing as a “group” composed of more than one age will be classified according to the age of the oldest contestant and the “group” must compete in that division.**
15. **Contestants are permitted to participate and be judged in only one act. Example: A contestant cannot be judged in a “group” then again as a “single” in a different act or vice versa.**
16. **Contestants under the age of 16 will receive two fair admission tickets to allow accompaniment of a parent; age 16 and over will receive one fair admission ticket.**
17. **Divisions are limited to ten (10) contesting acts. Contestants for each age division are selected on a first come first serve basis. Applicants will be notified in writing as to their acceptance to the talent contest or rejection because the divisions have reached their 10-application limit.**
18. **The Talent Coordinator has the privilege of adding additional contestants to divisions if he/she feels the addition of contestants would better serve the Fair if all three divisions have not met their application limit of 10.**
19. **Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold the State of California, 20<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association (Gold Country Fair), Auburn Fair Boosters Association and the Auburn Journal harmless from any and all claims, liability, loss, damage or expenses resulting from contestant’s participation in the Gold Country Fair Talent Contest.**