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QUEEN'S PACKET

79th Annual Convention
of
Louisiana Association of
Fairs & Festivals

February 25 – 28, 2010

*Crowne Plaza
Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

"Deadline to enter is December 19, 2009"

L. A. F. F. ON A HUNT
Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals
Proudly Presents
Queen of Queens' Pageant 2010
February 24-28, 2010
Crown Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA
225-925-2244

Hello and welcome to the 2010 Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Annual Convention and Queen of Queens' Pageant. On behalf of LAFF, and its' Board of Directors, we invite you to come spend four fabulous days with us at our Convention and Pageant. This is a convention and as such, business of the organization must be conducted as well as very special awards presented to the numerous fairs and festivals and their volunteers. The Queen of Queens' Pageant is a major portion of Convention and we congratulate you on winning your title and look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Please review this packet carefully. Complete your two-page entry form, **sign it and have an official of your fair/festival sign it**. Send it in along with your 5x7 vertical photographs with your **name on the back of the photograph no later than December 19, 2009.**

The LAFF Convention and Queen of Queens' Pageant will be lots of fun and networking. This is one weekend a year where all of LAFFS' members and festival queens from throughout Louisiana will gather for good food, good music and good fun. Each of you will arrive as a queen and leave as a queen.

PAGEANT ENTRY INFORMATION:

In order to send a queen to compete at the Queen of Queens' Pageant, an organization must be a member in good standing and have been a member of LAFF for at least three years preceeding the convention at which their contestant is competing: be a member in good standing and have been incorporated under the laws of the State of Louisiana for a least three years prior to the convention at which their contestant is competing,. Membership must have been approved prior to April 26, 2009.

The deadline to enter LAFF'S Queen of Queens Pageant is December 19, 2009.

Late entries will be taken until January 19, 2010, but will not have photographs printed in the program book. Sorry, but no entries will be accepted after January 19, 2010.

The entry fee on or before December 19, 2009 will be **\$130.00**, after December 19, 2009 it will be **\$155.00**.

To be eligible for Queen of Queens', a fair/festival must pay LAFF membership dues in the amount of \$75.00 as well as their Queen's entry fee of \$130.00, and have one registered voting delegate attending the Convention.

The two-page entry form is enclosed in this packet. Please make certain to have an official of your sponsoring fair/festival sign the Entry Form as well. You may scan the entry form into your computers of type them. **You may not write anything on the back or add additional sheets to it.** A copy of Page 2 will be furnished to each judge so make certain your entry form is neat and free of errors. This is the first impression a judge will have of you. The entry form can also be downloaded from the LAFF website: www.laffnet.org or I will email it to you upon your request. If you'd like a copy of your scores and comments, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to one of my assistants at Thursday night's orientation.

All queens must submit a 5x7 black and white or color photograph along with her entry form. Your photograph will be used for the People Choice Award as well as for publication in the pageant program book. Photographs must be received no later than December 19, 2009. The photograph may be with crown and banner or without. **It must be a 5x7 vertical Photograph with the queen's name on the back of the photograph.**

HOTEL ROOMS:

Each sponsoring fair or festival is responsible for making hotel room reservations for their queen. LAFF has blocked 95 rooms for queens in 2010, so make your reservation **EARLY!** It is you or your director's responsibility to book your rooms.

ARRIVAL:

Queens are requested to arrive on Thursday night, February 25, 2010, for Queen Kacy's party in the Cypress Room 1 at 6:00pm. The theme will be "Kacey's Kamp-Out". We ask that your dress attire be "Kamouflage". More details will be sent on Kacy's party at a later date.

INTERVIEWS:

Interviews will be held on Friday, February 26, beginning at 9:00 AM and continuing until around 5:00 PM. Interviews will be done one-on-one, round robin. Each contestant will spend approximately 3 minutes with each of the five judges. Interviews will be held in Cypress Room 2. Dress for interviews should be a nice suit and taupe heels. If you need an early or late interview time, please let me know as soon as possible. I will accommodate as many as possible.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S DINNER AND INTRODUCTIONS:

In 2010, all Queens will be requested to dress in their favorite "animal" print outfit depicting a "hunted animal". As they will be hunted by our African Safari Hunter, 2009 Queen of Queen, Kacey Brister. She is on the hunt for our next LAFF Queen of Queens. No contest will be held on Friday night. But, we would like each Queen to be creative when selecting their particular animal to portray. Dress should be appropriate for a Queen. No crowns. Banners are optional. Please be prepared to give a short introduction. Introduction should include: name, festival and a short description of the animal you are portraying. Introductions should be no longer than 15 seconds. HAVE FUN!

EVENING GOWN PRELIMS:

All queens will be presented in evening gowns on Saturday morning starting at 9:00 AM in Cypress Rooms 1 and 2. Queens may wear a floor length gown of their choice. Admission for parents and guests will be \$2.00, paid at the door.

QUEENS' GIFT EXCHANGE:

All queens are requested to bring a gift card valued at \$25.00 that can be used in the State of Louisiana or online (for example – gas cards, AMEX gift cards, and restaurant or store gift cards) for the gift exchange on Saturday afternoon. In addition, you may also exchange pins and/or business cards.

DOOR DECORATIONS:

This is optional. For 2010, we are requesting Queens to make banners for their doors. Banners may be no more than 2½ feet wide by 4 feet long and will be hung on your hotel room door. No nails of any kind may be used on the doors. Banners are required to have the Queen's name and fair or festival on them. Banners will be judged on Saturday morning by a different set of judges and will have no bearing on the outcome of the pageant. Awards for the Door Decorations will be as follows: \$75.00 for First Place, \$50.00 for Second Place and \$25.00 for Third Place.

CLOTHING:

We suggest each queen bring the following:

- Interview – A nice suit, pantyhose and taupe heels
- Friday Night Banquet – favorite "animal" print outfit depicting a "hunted animal"
- Evening Gown Prelims – Floor length evening gown of your choice
- Queen's gift card Exchange and Rehearsal – Casual Clothes
- Saturday night's Banquet and Pageant – Floor length evening gown of your choice
- Additional Casual clothes, Kamo
- The hotel has hair dryers, irons and ironing boards in each room.

PAGEANT PROGRAM BOOK:

Our annual pageant program book will be available. Enclosed within this packet, please find an ad sheet showing prices. **An Ad Sale Award will be presented to the queen selling the most ads. All ads must be received no later than December 19, 2009.**

Photographs may be included in ads with the exception of business card ads. Ads should be print ready. Photographs should be actual photographs and not scanned copies for printing in the program book. Ads and photographs may be emailed to me or sent to me on a disk. **Please make certain to have queen's name on the back of all photographs.** We will do our best to return all photographs.

TICKET INFORMATION:

With every full packet purchased, the festival is entitled to **ONE** extra ticket to each function at which a ticket is required. All tables will be round tables of ten (10). There will not be any single chair tickets offered at a lower price. **NO ONE will be allowed to any ticketed function without a ticket. This will include all ages from birth to elderly.**

All parents and guest must have a ticket to attend the Banquet and Pageant. Please contact Mr. Curtis J. Hue at 985-446-1462 for any information regarding tickets for any part of the convention/pageant.

Each sponsoring fair/festival will receive a Convention Packet by early September 2009 with complete ticket prices and information.

OTHER INFORMATION:

LAFF would like to take this time to remind everyone that this is the annual LAFF Convention and the Queen of Queens' Pageant is held in conjunction with our Convention. Please tell your queens and all invited guest that LAFF business must be conducted during certain segments of the pageant and awards will be presented. LAFF does appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Complete itineraries will be sent to each queen later this year. Convention Packets will be sent to each fair/festival no later than September 2009.

Make sure that your fair or festival has made your hotel reservation as early as possible. No rooms will be held for **anyone**. We will maintain food, snacks and drinks in the queens' hospitality room, Room 254, throughout the pageant and convention. Although the Crown Plaza Hotel is a pet friendly hotel, we are requesting that all queens and their guests please do not bring pets to the pageant and convention in 2010 due to numerous complaints that we have received in the past. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 318-256-6943.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!
Happy "Hunting"

Alisa Yelverton
Pageant Director
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318-256-6943

Charlene Bruce
Queen of Queen's Coordinator
Email: char_cow@yahoo.com
985-233-9121

Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals (LAFF)
Queen of Queens Pageant
Rules and Regulations

1. A contestant participating in the 2010 LAFF “Queen of Queens” pageant must be single, must never have been married, nor given birth to a child, be born a female and must be the current reigning Senior Queen of her fair or festival or the immediate past Queen if contractual obligations apply.
2. A contestant must be female whose age shall not be less than 17 or more than 23 years of age on January 19, 2010.
3. A contestant participating in the 2010 LAFF Queen of Queens may not enter into any publicity contract involving or pertaining to LAFF without the written consent of the LAFF Board of Directors.
4. A contestant may not have been convicted of a felony.
5. A contestant should not cohabit with a male other than a family member.
6. All sponsoring fairs or festivals of a contestant must be a member in good standing in LAFF, and dues must be paid by the deadline of December 19, 2009.
7. Sponsoring fair or festivals must have a least one (1) registered delegate to the convention by the deadline of December 19, 2009.
8. Contestant’s two-page entry form, photograph and entry fee of \$130.00 must be **IN HAND** by LAFF **no later** than December 19, 2009. Late registration will be allowed for applications post marked after December 19, 2009 until January 19, 2010. The late registration fee will be \$155.00. No applications will be accepted after January 20, 2010.
9. Contestant’s lodging and transportation **are not** the responsibility of LAFF.
10. Contestants are judged in two phases: Interview and Evening Gown. Interviews will be held on Friday, February 26, 2010 and Evening gown Preliminary will be held on Saturday morning, February 27, 2010. On Saturday night, we will have a parade of all contestants, and then announce the fifteen (15) semifinalists. The semifinalists will model once again for the judges and then have an on-stage interview. Scores will be accumulated throughout the competition to completion and crowning.
11. A “Queen’s Packet” giving contestant’s number and all pertinent information will be mailed to each contestant in January. Late contestant entries will receive information as soon as possible.
12. “Queen of Queens” is an honorary title, therefore, she will be allowed by LAFF to retain her local fair or festival title unless rules prohibit same. She may not compete in any other pageant system without the written approval of the Board of directors of LAFF.
13. If chosen “Queen of Queens”, she must agree to attend all functions LAFF arranges for her. She is the official hostess for the Louisiana Travel and Tourist Summit. She is required to attend at least twenty (20) events, with at least one in each district of LAFF during the year. If after receiving the title she should marry or conduct herself in such a manner unbecoming to her title, she shall forfeit the title, crown, banner and scholarship to the first alternate.,
14. A contestant may compete more than once for title of “Queen of Queens” but upon winning the title, she may not compete again. A former “Queen of Queens” may represent another fair or festival at the LAFF Queen of Queens, provided she pays the \$130 registration fee. She will be introduced on stage during the parade of contestants but will not be judged in any competitions.
15. An education scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded to the winner of “Queen of Queens” at the end of her reign. A \$500 cash education scholarship will be awarded to the first alternate and a \$250 cash education scholarship will be awarded to the second alternate. These scholarships will be awarded upon verification of enrollment at an accredited educational institution of higher learning.
16. The “Queen of Queens” has a limited expense account, however, all expenses are to be documented by receipts, accompanied by a list of events attended and mailed to the LAFF Treasurer, monthly, by the last day of each month.
17. The “Queen of Queens” must attend the 2011 LAFF Convention and Pageant the following year to receive her scholarship, give up her title, and crown the 2011 LAFF “Queen of Queens”.
18. The “Queen of Queens” will receive a crown, banner, collar, mantel and scepter provided by LAFF for use during her reign. Upon completion of her reign, the mantel, collar and scepter must be returned to LAFF in satisfactory condition. If any of these items are lost or stolen during her reign, it will be the responsibility of the Queen to replace them or pay LAFF the sum of \$5,000.00.

**Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals
2010 Queen of Queens Pageant**

Please Type

ENTRY FORM

Page 1 of 2

Queen's Name: _____

Queen's Official Title: _____

Queen's Mailing Address: _____

Queen's Email Address: _____

Queen's Telephone Number including Area Code: _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Parents' Names: _____

Parents' Address: _____
Street Number City & State Zip Code

Parents' Telephone Number Including Area Code: _____

Sponsoring Fair or Festival: _____

Location of Fair or Festival: _____

Date of Pageant for 2010: _____

Pageant Director's Name: _____

Pageant Director's Mailing Address: _____
Street Number City & State Zip Code

Pageant Director's Telephone Number including Area Code: _____

**Sponsor must have paid 2010 membership dues of \$75.00 to enter Queen.
Sponsor must have at least one (1) registered voting delegate at 2010 Convention.**

If chosen 2010 Queen of Queens, I agree to attend all functions that LAFF arranges for me to attend. If after receiving the title of Queen of Queens I should marry or conduct myself in such a manner unbecoming to my title, I agree to forfeit my title, crown, banner and scholarship to the first alternate. LAFF, its' Board of Directors, Pageant Coordinators, nor staff will be held responsible for any items lost or stolen, or any injuries sustained while competing in the Queen of Queens Pageant or while representing same.

Date: _____ Signature of Contestant: _____

Signature of Fair or Festival Official: _____

MAIL \$130.00 ENTRY FEE & ENTRY FORM (2 SHEETS) BY DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 19, 2009.

**LAFF CONVENTION
C/O CURTIS HUE
601 Oak Lane
Thibodaux, La 70301**

**PLEASE NOTE: Type or retype in computer entry form on these 2 forms
DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL SHEETS
Judges will each have a copy of your entry form**

Contestant _____
(For office use only)

2010 L. A. F. F. QUEEN OF QUEENS PAGEANT

Please Type

ENTRY FORM

Page 2 of 2

Contestant's Name: _____

Date of Birth _____ Age: _____ Hair: _____ Eyes: _____

School/College Presently Attending/or Occupation: _____

Major: _____

Clubs/Organizations: _____

Honors/Awards: _____

Community/Church Activities: _____

Hobbies and Activities: _____

What makes me happy is: _____

The best advice I can give anyone is: _____

My favorite book: _____

My favorite thing to hunt: _____

My favorite place to visit: _____

If I could change one thing about the world, it would be: _____

Three adjectives that best describe me are: _____

The best thing about my fair/festival is: _____

I want the Judges to know that I am: _____

2010 L. A. F. F. QUEEN'S CHECKLIST

1. Complete and sign the two-page entry form.
2. Have my fair/festival official sign my entry form.
3. Get a 5x7 vertical photograph and print my name on the back of it.
4. Check with my fair/festival that they have made my hotel reservation.
5. Check with my fair/festival that they have paid their LAFF dues and paid for the one voting delegate **no later than December 19, 2009.**
6. Mail in my two-page signed entry form along with my photograph **no later the December 19, 2009.**
7. Mail in any ads to LAFF, c/o Curtis Hue, 601 Oak Lane, Thibodaux, LA 70301, **no later than December 19, 2009.**
8. Attire for Friday night's introductions.
9. Make my banner for my door (no larger than 2½ feet by 4 feet) with my name and fair/festival on it. (This is optional)
10. Get my gift card for the queen's gift exchange.
11. Get my business cards to exchange with other queens.
12. Get a gift for the new 2010 Queen of Queens. (this is optional)
13. Order tickets for my parents and other guests.
14. Get the following clothing that I will need:
 - ___ Interview suit, pantyhose and taupe heels for interview on Friday
 - ___ Full length evening gown for prelims and Saturday night
 - ___ Attire for Friday night
 - ___ Casual clothes, Kamo and shoes for party, relaxing and rehearsal
 - ___ Make-up
 - ___ Curlers, curling iron, shampoo, hair spray, conditioner, etc.
 - ___ Extra pantyhose
 - ___ Earrings for interview and evening wear (suggest you bring extra pair "just in case")

LAFF PAGEANT PROGRAM BOOK ADS

Full Page Ad -size8 ½ by 11-\$105.00
Half Page Ad 8/12 by 5 1/2 inches -\$65.00
Quarter Page Ad-4 1/4 by 5 ½ inches -\$45.00
Business Card Ad-\$30.00

All ads must be received no late than December 19, 2009
Send all ads and ad monies to:

LAFF
c/o Curtis Hue
601 Oak Lane
Thibodaux, LA 70301

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO L A F F

PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED TO ANY SIZE AD EXCEPT BUSINESS CARDS

Quarter Page Ad Size

Need a Hotel

These Hotels have agreed to book rooms for the LAFF Convention on February, 25-28, 2010 in Baton Rouge, La.

You must call the hotel's number in Baton Rouge to make a reservation and tell them you are with the L A F F organization. All are close to the Crown Plaza. (225-925-2244).

HAMPTON INN

I-10 & College Dr

4646 Constitution Avenue

Baton Rouge, La 70808

225-926-9990

Room Rates are \$109.00 plus tax per night

EMBASSY SUITES

I-10 & College Dr.

4913 Constitution Avenue

Baton Rouge, La. 70808

225-924-6566

Room Rates are \$129.00 plus tax per night

Comfort Inn (Formally Holiday Inn Express)

I-10 & College Dr.

4924 Constitution Avenue

Baton Rouge, La 70808

225-930-0600

Room Rates are: Regular Room \$84.00 plus tax per night

Suites \$119.00 plus tax per night