



June 17, 2009

Dear Performer:

It's that time of year again – time to register for the 16th Annual **BEST Talent Show!** Please take note of the following information.

What: The BEST Talent Show

When: Thursday, August 6th, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Coopersville High School Centerstage Theatre, 198 East Street, Coopersville

Contestant Arrival Time: 6:00 p.m. Parents may stay with minors prior to the show, but must pay admission fee.

Registration Fee: \$10.00 per act, due by Friday July 24th. Late registration is \$15.00 through Friday July 31st.

Admission: \$3.00 Adult, \$2.00 Child (3 – 13 years old). Admission applies to contestant families and public.

Rules & Regulations

- We will accept the first 8 registrations, including registration fee, in each age category for a total of 24 acts. Should we not be able to fill an age category as listed below, slight age category adjustments will be made at the discretion of the program director. **Attention groups:** Your age category is based on the oldest performer in the group.

Planned Age Categories:

- 10 and Under
- 11 – 16
- 17 and Over

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Awards will be given in each age category.

- 1st Place, \$100.00
- 2nd Place, \$50.00
- 3rd Place, \$25.00

- Amateurs Only
- Acts are limited to 5 minutes with an additional 1 minute set up. Acts running over on time will be disqualified.
- A portable piano with weighted keys is available.
- No sound checks available. Centerstage Theatre professionals will be conducting all lighting and sound.
- Hand-held microphones and microphone stands will be available.

- Minor contestants (18 and under) must be accompanied by *and* seated with a responsible adult for the entire show. **No Exceptions.** Minors not accompanied by and adult will be disqualified from the competition and escorted out of the theater.
- ***Any contestant or audience member not exhibiting good sportsmanship, respect or causing any type of disturbance to the other contestants or audience members will be disqualified and escorted from the theatre Please – do not disturb the contestants or audience - remain seated during the performances.***
- One or more of the following individuals will make this determination:
 - Cindy Timmerman, Director, The BEST Talent Show
 - Megan Doss, Summerfest Coordinator
 - Kelly McGrail, Summerfest Logistics Coordinator
 - Ottawa County Sheriff's Department
 - Acting Theatre Manager, Centerstage Theatre
- Contestants will use karaoke or background music only. Contestants will be disqualified if singing over an original artist's voice. Contestants are responsible for finding their own music.
- Bands must contact Cindy at 616/997.5164 or ctimmerman@cityofcoopersville.com regarding set-up by July 31.
- Contestants will provide CD's labeled with your name and cuing information. No tapes accepted.
- Contestants are responsible for retrieving their own CD's. All CD's left behind are disposed of after the show and not able to be retrieved.
- Consider the appropriateness of your act. Song choice should be age and audience appropriate. This is a family show.
- No pyrotechnics, open flames or any other dangerous means of enhancing an act are allowed.
- Registration fees are non-refundable. No exceptions.

Questions may be directed to Cindy Timmerman at 616/997.5164 or ctimmerman@cityofcoopersville.com
 We hope to hear from you soon and have fun!

Completed registration forms and checks payable to the **Coopersville Area Chamber of Commerce** may be sent to:
Coopersville Summerfest
 Attn: The BEST Talent Show
 289 Danforth Street
 Coopersville MI 49404

The BEST Talent Show

Registration Form

Return your Registration Form and check for \$10.00 by 5:00 p.m., Friday July 24th. Late registration accepted through 5:00 p.m., Friday July 31st. Late registration is \$15.00. Registration fees are non-refundable. No exceptions.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Age(s): _____

Name of Act: _____

Brief Description of Act:

We need 50 – 75 words about you to share with the audience. Please provide us with interesting facts about yourself that you would like to share for the MC to announce to the crowd. Information may include special training, school or career information, hobbies, etc.

I, _____ agree to the previously listed Rules & Regulations as stated in the 2009 Contestant Letter. I also understand that photos of contestants of The BEST Talent Show may be used for marketing purposes by the Coopersville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Date: _____

Direct questions to Cindy Timmerman, 616/997.5164 or ctimmerman@cityofcoopersville.com

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