

# Talent Contest

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.  
in the Pavilion

Registration cut-off time is 6:30 p.m. on July 21, 2011.

1. Professional entertainers are not eligible. Professional is anyone who gets paid for performing.
2. Limitations – Contestants must reside within the area encompassed by Menard County School Districts or must be attending Menard County Schools. Any contestant whose parents are residing within the area encompassed by Menard County School Districts, who is a student at a university, college, trade school or other school of higher education, shall be eligible.
3. There will be three divisions.
  - A) Junior Division: contestants can be 14 years old or younger on the day of the contest. Winners may be 15 years old when competing at the state level in January if they met our age requirements. If any participant in a group is 15 year of age or older the whole group must compete in the Senior Division.
  - B) Senior Division: contestants cannot be over 21 years of age on the day of the contest. Winners may be 22 years old when competing at the state level in January if they met our age requirements.
  - C) Adult Division: anyone 22 years old on the day of the contest. There must be a minimum of four (4) entries or the division will be dropped. Adult division winners will not be eligible to compete at the State level in January. They compete at the local level only.
4. Entry fees for the contest shall be \$5.00 per person for all age divisions (example: four (4) people in a band would pay \$20.00).
5. All Senior and Adult contestants will receive a daily gate pass good for the day of the contest. Junior division contestants shall receive one daily gate pass for the contestant and one daily pass for their supervising adult.
6. A keyboard, general stage lighting and stage sound reinforcement will be the only equipment furnished. All contestants will furnish any additional equipment required. Contestants are responsible for the care and safety of their equipment.
7. A panel of judges will select winners using the following score sheet:

A) Costume	5 points
B) Audience appeal	5 points
C) Stage presentation	15 points
D) Ability	25 points
8. Any ties will be decided by the judges and their decisions will be final and not open to discussion or negotiation.
9. There will be a set up time limit of 3 minutes and a performance time limit of 4 minutes. Any act that exceeds the performance time limit will be disqualified. Time starts when the act begins its performance.
10. When using a CD or cassette taped accompaniment, no like talent is allowed on the recording (example: vocals for singers, tap dancing for tap dancers or no like instruments).
11. There will be only one category for lip sync. All ages will compete in one category. Lip sync acts will be allowed in our local contest and will be judged separately from real
12. Talent acts. Lip sync winners will not be eligible to compete at the State level. Lip sync acts will be scored as follows:

A) Costume	5 points
B) Audience appeal	10 points
C) Stage presentation	15 points
13. All age division winners shall receive the following:
  - A) 1<sup>st</sup> place \$75.00 and a trophy or a plaque
  - B) 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$50.00 and a trophy or a plaque
  - C) 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$25.00 and a trophy or a plaque
  - D) All non winning acts will receive a participation ribbon
14. Lip sync acts will receive the following:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place \$50.00 and a rosette
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$35.00 and a rosette
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$20.00 and a rosetteAll non winning acts will receive a participation ribbon
15. There will be a limit of twenty (20) total acts for the pavilion show. In the event that we receive more than twenty (20) total entries a pre-qualifying contest will be held before the pavilion show. Pre-qualifying scoring will be the same as the pavilion contest. The top twenty (20) acts will advance to the pavilion contest. This is a total of twenty (20) acts in the pavilion show not twenty (20) per age division. The date, time and location of the pre-qualifying contest will be announced if needed. All qualifiers will be announced by the end of the qualifying contest.