

2024 BCYF Prince and Princess Contest Guidelines

- What:** Berrien County Youth Fair Prince and Princess Contest
- Who:** BCYF Exhibitor (must be registered exhibitor for the current year)
Age: 9 - 12 years old (Jan. 1 of current year establishes age)
- Where:** Grandstand, 7:00 pm, **FRIDAY**, August 9, 2024
- How:** Application and Release Form must be completed and returned to the fair office by **midnight, July 17, 2024**

All contestants and parent(s) are strongly encouraged to attend the Get Acquainted event on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Youth Memorial Building. The royalty committee will review the contest program, fair week events, and dress code. If you cannot attend for pertinent reasons you must contact the Fair Office, Ph: 269/473-4251 email: gail@bcyf.org or Susan Roth at 574/340-2616.

The contestants will also have their picture taken for the contestant board that will be displayed during fair week in the Historical Building, program and possible newspaper article.

Please have the contestant dress accordingly.

Rehearsal:

All contestants will be required to attend a practice rehearsal the night before the contest. We ask that the contestants be at the grandstand on Thursday, August 8, at 6:00 pm. They will run through the contest from start to finish and get a chance to practice being on stage interview questions with the emcee.

Interviews:

Part of the contest includes a sit-down, group interview with a panel of three judges. The judges are given the recommendation of looking for individuals who have a passion for the fair, are hard-working, community involved, and appear to be a well-rounded individual. The interviews take place on the **SUNDAY** afternoon before the contest and are done in groups of 5-10 (or so) contestants taking turns sitting down with the judges for approximately 15 minutes.

Sunday, August 4, 2023 2:00 pm Youth Memorial Building

ALL: contestant's contest attire must be approved, please bring it with you.

Contest:

All contestants will meet behind the grandstand at 6:00 pm on Friday, August 9th. Participants will be assigned a contestant number and will have a run through of the contest.

Prior to and during the contest, parents will not be allowed backstage or with contestants.

Contest attire is 'Sunday Best.'

Girls: Preference is a dress but dress pants are acceptable.

No pageant gowns will be allowed. **Dresses cannot have sequins, beads, glitter, and cannot be strapless, halter-top, or straps width of less than 1". Dresses cannot be shorter than ½ inch above the knee. No heels higher than 1 ½". No sequins or sparkles of any kind will be allowed on shoes, accessories etc.**

Boys: Dress pants are preferred. Button down shirt (long or short sleeved) or polo is preferred. Ties allowed, not required. No t-shirts, suits or sport coats.

Winner's Schedule:

Mandatory meeting for royalty and parents will be held on Sunday, August 11th at 5:30 pm. At this meeting, weekly appearance requirements will be determined. **Please bring a list of your fair commitments**, however; exhibitor responsibilities take preference. At no time will duties of royalty conflict with exhibitor fair or animal commitments. Location is to be determined.

Prince & Princess Responsibilities includes:

Presentation of ribbons, attendance at the Circus, still-exhibit awards ceremonies, Showmanship Sweepstakes, Ag-Olympics and possible Meet-N-Greets for the evening entertainment acts.

(See inside cover of the Exhibitor Handbook for approximate times and locations.)

Please note: if there are any scheduling conflicts for non-fair week activities, they must be presented in writing to the chairperson AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Any missed activities or appearances will be brought to the committee's attention and could possibly result in revoked titles. It should be understood that when competing in/winning fair royalty titles, you are in agreement to make as many appearances as possible!

Suggested Attire:

Prince & Princess attire will need to be appropriate looking semi-casual clothing. No tank tops or t-shirts, gym shorts, cut-offs, holes or faded jeans, or inappropriate attire will be allowed.

Clothing is subject to chairperson's opinion.

Girls: skirts, khaki/dress pants, nice dark jeans, nice shirts.

Boys: khaki pants/shorts, polo/button down shirt, nice dark jeans.

Expectations:

At all times, Prince and Princess must remember that they are representatives of the fair and its volunteers. They will conduct themselves as such at ALL events. In the event that the Prince and Princess do not conduct themselves properly and/or do not fulfill their obligations, their title will be forfeited as agreed upon in the Prince and Princess Release Form.

Non-Fair Week Activities:

- Volunteer Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, August 24, 8:00 am, Horticulture Building
- Niles Apple Festival Parade, Saturday, September 28, Time/Location TBD
- BCYF Annual Meeting, Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 pm, YMB Auditorium
- Flag Day Parade 2025, Three Oaks in June
- Berrien Springs 4th of July parade 2025 in Berrien Springs, MI Time TBD
- Additional activities can be added based on royalty's availability and willingness to participate.

Please remember that not only are you a representative of the Berrien County Youth Fair during fair week, but also year-round. This includes time at school, at home, at "play," and online! You should continuously conduct yourselves accordingly. Please use good judgment when it comes to your behavior at all times in person and online.

It is the hope of the Royalty Committee that this will be a fun opportunity for the youth of Berrien County. We look forward to working with the contestants and their parents!

Please note, the committee and Board of Directors reserves the right to amend these guidelines if necessary. If you have any questions, please contact the Fair office Ph: 269/ 473-4251, email: gail@bcyf.org or Royalty Committee, Susan Roth at 574/340-2616,