



October 3, 2011

The Ohio Association of the Deaf, Inc. (OAD) will host its seventh Ohio DEAFair 2011 scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2011 in Columbus, Ohio at the Ohio Expo and State Fair, Lausche Building. Please check the www.oad-deaf.org for more details.

This year, our theme is "Seeing through Deaf eyes. See for yourself ". We as Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind Community have come a long way to achieve our goals: to be recognized as a member of society, therefore it's our turn to achieve changes.

OAD DEAFair Event 2011 will once again serve several purposes including the following:

- Awareness: Come and walk in our world, experience our culture, language, and celebration of diversity.
- Exhibits: New Technology, Services Organizations, Communication Devices, crafts, and many, many more
- Entertainment: Several exciting games, and roving all day performances by very talented Deaf Individual.

And most important of all, it's for EVERYONE! The Deaf, Hard of hearing, Deaf-Blind, Deaf children of Hearing parents, Family members, Senior Citizens, Interpreters, Service Providers, Students from various colleges/universities who are in post secondary programs with an interests in Deaf Education, Interpreting or any deaf related field are also welcome in Ohio.

OAD Ohio DEAFair 2009 was a tremendous success and we hope to achieve the same success this year. There were a large number of attendances 2,000 as well as over 40 exhibitors. There was a lot of new technology among other exciting products to see and purchase.

There will be a special show called "Deaf Children Comedy Contest" and it will be new experience to have deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind children give a comedy performance. The Master of Ceremony will be Verne Taylor, Jr. . It will start at 1:00 p.m. There will be prizes. Please see the guideline and the form (s) that they will need to meet the requirements. The deadline date is October 31, 2011.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through e-mail at youthprogram@oad-deaf.org.

Thank you for interest in being a participant.

Sincerely,

Linda Mahmood , Committee
2011 OAD Ohio DEAFair



" Comedy Contest"

Guidelines

- Must be Deaf, Hard of hearing or deaf-blind
- Must be ages: 10 - 13 and 14 - 18.
- Must use ASL
- Performance is limited to 3 minutes
- Must have content form with a parent/guardian's signatures.



" Deaf Children Comedy"
Ohio Expo and State Fair, Lausche Building
Columbus, Ohio
November 5, 2011

Please print clearly, Thank you!

Child's Name: _____

Please check one:

- Age: _____ (10 through 13)
- Age: _____ (14 through 18)

Name of school you attend: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parent/guidance's signature: _____

Name of the story: _____

Or

Deadline Date for application: October 31, 2011

Please mail the form to: Linda Mahmood, OAD Ohio DEAFair Committee, 22455 Lake Road, Apt. 308A, Rocky River, Ohio 44116.

Thank you for your participation.