



March 12, 2007

The Ohio Association of the Deaf, Inc. (OAD) will host its fifth Ohio DEAFair 2007 scheduled for Saturday November 10, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio at the Ohio Expo and State Fair, Lausche Building. Check the www.oad-deaf.org for more details.

This year, our theme is "IT'S OUR TURN TO SHINE" 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 shine.

Ohio Association or the Deaf DEAFair 2007 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 performances provided by very talented Deaf individuals

And most important of all, it's for EVERYONE!! Consumers who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Deaf Children of Hearing Parents, Family members, Senior Citizens, Interpreters, and Service Providers.

Ohio DEAFair 2005 was a tremendous success and we hope to achieve the same success this year. There were a large number of attendances (2,500) as well as over 70 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 our first year to have deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind children give a comedy performance. The Master of Ceremonies will be Verne Taylor, Jr. . It will start at 1:00 p.m. There will be prizes. Please see the guideline and the form that they will need to meet the requirements. The deadline date is October 15, 2007.

If you have any questions about the guideline or form, please do not hesitate to contact us at ohio_deafair@oad-deaf.org.

Thank you for interest in being a participant.

Sincerely,

Nancy Resh and Verne Taylor, Jr.
Co-chairpersons 2007 OAD Ohio DEAFair

Guideline of "Deaf Children Comedy Contest"
Form of "Deaf Children Comedy Contest"



"Deaf Children 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 consent form with a parent/guardian's signatures.



"Deaf Children Comedy Contest"

Ohio Expo and State Fair, Lausche Building

Columbus, Ohio

November 10, 2007

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: _____

Deadline Date for application: October 15, 2007

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.