



SUMMER FESTIVAL OF EDUCATION

SHOWCASING THE HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

“Making Blue Ribbon Winners for Tomorrows Future”

Produced by YOUTH FOCUS INC. *IN COOPERATION WITH THE 2009 SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIR*

June 15, 2009

Dear Home Educator:

We are pleased to again produce the “Summer Festival of Education” **Showcasing the Homeschooling Community of Santa Clara County** as a part of the 2009 Santa Clara County Fair to be held July 31-August 2, 2009. The fair will be held at the Fairgrounds on Tully Road.

The “Summer Festival of Education” is open to all Santa Clara County Homeschool students, grades preschool through twelfth. This event also motivates students to strive for a higher standard of excellence within the homeschooling community by being recognized and rewarded for their work.

Any item produced by your student during the past year, may be entered for exhibition; penmanship, poetry, arts and crafts constructions, creative writing, posters, graphics - just to name a few. The exciting part of the program is that you as a home educator & teacher do not have to come up with a special project for entry which would place an additional burden upon your time. Any item that you have done within your current curriculum may be entered.

All exhibits entered will be evaluated on the Danish System of judging. The Danish system of judging evaluates each entry on its own merit, and every student receives a ribbon award. If you have one project where your whole coop participated in making the exhibit, each student will receive a ribbon. **“SUMMER FESTIVAL OF EDUCATION” BEST OF SHOW ENTRIES** will be the only exhibits judged on the American System of Judging and will be awarded trophies and/or rosettes to the student.

We are excited about this year’s exhibit and the endless opportunities for recognition for your students and look forward to displaying their individual work during this year’s youth showcase.

If we can assist you in any way or provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact home educator, Crissi Allen of HEART Academy at heartacademy@comcast.net, 408-712-4646; or our offices at 408-298-2644 or by email youthfocus@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Wm. R. Smethers
Executive Director
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The **Santa Clara County Homeschool Community Program / Summer Festival of Education** is a special exhibit of the Santa Clara County Fair which will be held July 31, through August 2, 2009. The **Summer Festival of Education** is uniquely designed to focus attention on the accomplishments of our county youth and to enhance individual productivity and excellence. We encourage all home educators and coops at all levels to participate in this student showcase of the year. We believe **Summer Festival of Education** provides a positive environment for Santa Clara County youth to come together to showcase their talents and accomplishments and to be recognized for their achievements.

Objectives of the Homeschool Community Enhancement Program

- To provide a positive means of recognition for students
- To provide continued opportunities for both students and group recognition awards
- To open constructive avenues for individual and/or group expression, initiative and creativity
- To motivate students to assume responsibility for self improvement and self discipline
- To give students an opportunity to demonstrate achievement in an environment of positive, fair and unbiased competition and cooperation
- To offer high visibility for everyone involved in, or contributing to the educational goals and objectives as set forth in the Homeschool system as well as the goals and objective of meaningful youth oriented programs

Entries in the Summer Festival of Education may be submitted by Home Educators, Student (s) Coops as a group project and may include, but not limited to:

- Creative Writing--Short Stories-Essays-Plays
- Prose or Poetry
- Penmanship and Calligraphy
- Constructions, cardboard models, mission and Indian village models, etc.
- Art Work-posters, pen and ink, color crayons, etc.
- Computer Graphics
- Arts and Crafts Programs
- Science Projects
- Map Projects
- Silhouettes
- Flag and Cultural Projects
- Journalism Projects
- Citizenship Projects
- Environmental Projects
- School Year Book
- Jewelry-Leather Work-Metal Work
- Any other Work

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT MOBILES, AS WE CANNOT DISPLAY THEM

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GENERAL RULES FOR SUMMER FESTIVAL OF EDUCATION DIVISION HOMESCHOOL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM 2009

1. All entries must be submitted on an official Summer Festival of Education entry form included in this packet. Additional entry forms may be obtained by calling Crissi Allen of HEART Academy at Heartacademy@comcast.net or the YOUTH FOCUS Office at (408) 298-2644. ELECTRONIC or PHOTO COPIED ENTRY FORMS ARE ACCEPTED.
2. Options for receipt of entry forms. (1) must be received by mail to the YOUTH FOCUS Office at 1620 Fruitdale Ave. San Jose, Ca. 95128 on or before 5 PM, on **Monday, JULY 20, 2009**. (2) must be received by Crissi Allen at heartacademy@comcast.net or by FAX 408-298-3028 on or before 5 PM on Monday, July 20, 2009. Entry forms must have included: number of exhibits entered, description of exhibits, size of exhibits, grade of exhibitors, and display area required (table or wall).
3. The "**Summer Festival of Education**" is open to all Santa Clara County HOMESCHOOL students, preschool through grade 12.
4. Exhibitor tags can be home generated but must be clearly visible. They must be attached to the front lower right side of the exhibit and must contain the following information: Name of student, School, Grade, and Title of the Exhibit.
5. Exhibits may be entered by home educators, individual students, or by teachers of coops who wish to enter their students' or class projects.
6. Ribbons only will be awarded, on the Danish System of Judging. This system judges each exhibit on its own merit, and awards a ribbon to each entry. SUMMER FESTIVAL OF EDUCATION BEST OF SHOW ENTRIES will be the only exhibits judged on the American System of Judging and will be awarded trophies and/or rosettes.
7. There are no entry limitations, teachers and students may enter as many items as they deem appropriate.
8. All entries must be complete and ready for display. All Art work (oil, photographs, posters, etc.) must be framed and ready to hang. Card stock paper backing is acceptable.
9. Creative writing (poetry, prose, penmanship, calligraphy, etc.) must be mounted and ready for hanging. Construction paper backing is acceptable.
10. All entries are entered at the Exhibitor's risk.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORMS DUE BY MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009

- Deadline of official entry forms due by 5 PM –email or regular mail
- Email sent to three email addresses: heartacademy@comcast.net & youthfocus@aol.com & twonow@aol.com and then mail the hard copy to the below address.
- Mailed to Youth Focus, Inc, 1620 Fruitdale Ave, San Jose, CA 95128

DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS – TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009

Delivery of Exhibits

- Exhibits may be delivered to the PAVILION Building at the **Santa Clara County Fairgrounds**, 344 Tully Road, San Jose, CA 95111
- Date: Tuesday, July 28th , between the hours of 1 pm to 6 pm

Pick Up of Exhibits

- Exhibits must be claimed at the close of the Santa Clara County Fair on August 2, 2009. Those exhibits that are not picked on the last day of the fair will be discarded.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Name of Home Educator or Individual Submitting Entry email

Home Phone Cell Phone

Name of School Phone email

Address City Zip

NOTE: For group entries, individual names are not needed on this Entry Form. Please help us plan our display area by providing the following:

Quantity (number of items): _____ Grade: _____

Description of entry: _____

- Creative Writing Short Stories Essays Plays Prose Poetry
- Penmanship Calligraphy Silhouettes
- Constructions, cardboard models, mission and Indian village models, etc. Art Work Posters (pen and ink) Posters (charcoals, chalk, color crayons, etc.)
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