

27th Annual New Jersey Peach Festival
New Jersey Peach Queen & Little Miss Peach Contest

The New Jersey Peach Queen and Little Miss Peach Contest will be held Friday, July 24, 2009. It will start at 6:00 P.M. on the main stage at the Gloucester County 4H Fairgrounds, Mullica Hill, NJ.

Who may enter? Girls ages 5-18 (Must send in copy of birth certificate). Must be a NJ resident (proof required). There are **five age groups**: 5 to 6 years, 7 to 9 years, 10 to 12 years, 13 to 15 years, and 16 to 18 years. There is a winner, first and second runner up per age group. There are only 10 openings in each age group, first come, first serve (may be modified at our discretion).

Sponsorship: All contestants must be sponsored by a peach grower. Ask for written permission to use their name as a sponsor for the contest. This written permission can be a business card signed by the peach grower.

Entry Fee: \$50.00 for the 16-18 yr age group and \$25.00 for all contestants ages 5-15. Make check payable to "New Jersey Peach Festival". **CONTESTANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRY FEE, NOT THE GROWER.** This fee helps cover cost of trophies and prizes.

Application: All contestants must fill out and return application to named address by July 22, 2009.

Speech: The Peach Queen Contestants (16-18 years) are to prepare a short speech about New Jersey Peaches or a Peach related topic. Examples: history, growing processes of peach season, why New Jersey peaches are the best, how to promote peaches, make own commercial, or story of a family farm. Again, these are only examples. You may talk about other aspects of peaches, even if it does not appear in the previous examples. Be creative. Speeches are to be no longer than 5 minutes and no shorter than 1 minute. Note cards are permitted, however they are discouraged.

Clothing: Contestants are asked to wear a peach colored, accented or highlighted dress/skirt. Length of dress is optional. Accessories may contribute to peach theme. Be creative. Example: for solid white dress, line collar with peach colored lace, trim hem with peach colored satin, or use peach colored satin for sash around waist. This is only an example of what you can do to make a basic outfit look more "Peachy". Use your own judgment.

Make-up: Contestants ages 10 years and under are not permitted to wear any make-up except clear lip gloss. Contestants ages 11 and up may wear *LIGHT* every day make-up to enhance their *NATURAL* beauty.

Rules: **Please no current titleholders may apply.** If you are a current titleholder (any title) from July 2009 to July 2010, you are ineligible to participate in this contest. Contestants must be of age by contest date. No exceptions. The reign for each first place winner is one year or until the date of the next contest. Once a contestant has won in her age group she is not eligible to compete in the Little Miss Peach and Peach Queen Contest until she is in the next age group. This is not a talent contest so please no singing or dancing. Contest will go on rain or shine, be prepared to bring an umbrella. The stage is covered.

Please register 30 minutes to one hour before contest begins. Give yourself enough time as not to rush. Friday night is a busy night at the Peach Festival and Gloucester County 4H Fair. Arrive early for parking and allow time to relax.

The Contest: The contest will start at 6:00 P.M. Friday night. The 5-6 yr old contestants are first, 7-9 second, 10-12 third, 13-15 fourth, and 16-18 last. All contestants 5-15 will go on stage and be "interviewed" by the MC. Each age group will have their own set of questions which will be drawn at random. The questions are geared to the child's age so that it will not be difficult for them to answer. The 5-6 year old contestants will not draw questions at random. Instead, they will be asked both of the following questions:

1. What is your favorite food and
2. What do you want to be when you grow up?

Upon registering you will receive a line up number. Pin number to left hip. Sit in assigned area. Contestants are asked up on stage and introduced by the MC. The MC will ask contestant the few questions required, and then the contestant may return to her seat. If contestant has something prepared they may ask for the microphone at this time (speech). Then contestant exits stage and goes back to seat.

Judging is based on a 100-point scale divided equally among five categories:

1. Peach theme of outfit
2. Personality (eye contact with judges and MC, voice, mannerisms)
3. Personal grooming (neatness, age appropriateness of make-up & hairstyle)
4. Poise (self-confidence and comfort)
5. Thought and quality of written/oral presentation

After all age groups are done there will be an awards presentation for the New Jersey Peach Growers then the Little Miss Peach & Peach Queen 2009 will be announced. The order of awards ceremony is as follows: The 5-6 yr old contestants will be asked up on stage. The 2nd runner up is announced, the 1st runner up, then 5-6 Little Miss Peach is announced. All contestants will receive a gift, and then exit the stage. Then the 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18 Queen will do the same. The new Little Miss Peach 5-6, 7-9, 10-12 and 13-15 will all receive a tiara, one year dance lessons at Corrine Gangi Dance Center, trophy, sash, flowers, and \$100.00 savings bond or \$50 cash. The Peach Queen will receive a \$1000.00 savings bond/scholarship or \$500 cash, one year dance lessons at Corrine Gangi Dance Center, tiara, sash, trophy and flowers. Winner and runner-ups are asked to remain in the area for the photo opportunity. Photos of winners will be printed in local newspapers.

Winner Obligations: As Little Miss Peach & NJ Peach Queen you will be responsible to attend a few agricultural related events, make appearances, and participate in local parades. Failure to attend all events will result in the forfeiting of monetary prize.

If you think you would represent the New Jersey Peach industry well, please fill out application and return to:

Jenna or Chris Smith
212 Fish Pond Road
Sewell, NJ 08080

Don't Forget: Application, Fee, Grower's Signed Business Card, Copy of Birth Certificate, Proof of NJ Residency (parent driver's license or report card).

Thanks for your interest in the 2009 New Jersey Peach Queen and Little Miss Peach Contest. Thank you Corrine Gangi Dance Center for your donation!

If you have any questions contact Jenna at (609)-221-5388 or Chris at (856)-881-1411. For more information on the Gloucester County 4H Fair, call the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office of Gloucester County at (856)-307-6450 ext 3.

2009 New Jersey Peach Queen & Little Miss Peach
Application Form

Name of Contestant: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

Past Honors: _____

Expiration Dates of Any Current Titles: _____

Where did you hear about the Little Miss Peach & NJ Peach Queen Contest?

By signing below, I register my child for the Peach Queen and Little Miss Peach Contest and I hereby give permission for the Peach Promotion Council and its representatives to retain and utilize any photos taken during the contest or at any of the promotional functions of my child, to use as they see fit in the promotion of peaches, and/or the Peach Festival. I hereby release and waive any and all rights and claims for damages or injuries my child may suffer against Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Camden and Gloucester Counties, New Jersey Peach Promotion Council Inc., and the Gloucester County 4H Fair Association Inc. during the contest or at any promotional event my child may attend during her reign as Little Miss Peach or Peach Queen.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Return this application form with signed business card from sponsor, copy of birth certificate, proof of residency and check payable to "Peach Festival".

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