

Linton Freedom Festival Miss Sparkler and Mister Firecracker

Dear Miss Sparkler and Mister Firecracker Parents and Participants:

Hello! Attached you will find information for the Miss Sparkler and Mister Firecracker contest, which will be held on **TUESDAY, June 28, 2011, at 7:00 pm.** Please be sure to read this entire packet. This packet contains valuable information about becoming a contestant. Please share this information with others and encourage them to participate. If you have any questions, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 812-847-4846.

Contestants will be judged on casual wear and interview. A Miss Sparkler and Mister Firecracker will be chosen to represent Linton in the Linton Freedom Festival Parade on Monday, July 4, 2011. Goodie bags, which will include many surprises, will be given to all pre-registered participants. A framed photo of all contestants will be sent upon completion of the contest.

The contestants must be able to speak on stage. All contestants will be a bit nervous, but we are asking your help in making this fun by keeping your child's best interest in mind.

A pre-registration entry deadline for the contest is on or before **Friday, June 24, 2011.** Registrations will be accepted at the door the evening of the event beginning at 5:30 pm. **Those participants *pre-registered* will be guaranteed a goody bag from our sponsors.** Please return your completed form and the \$10.00 entry fee (payable to the Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce) before the deadline. Information may be mailed to:

**Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 208
Linton, IN 47441**

Please read the rules carefully and contact the coordinator with any questions you have.

Good Luck to All!

Cheryl Hamilton
Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce

Linton Freedom Festival ~ Miss Sparkler and Mister Firecracker Contest

Rules and Information ***Please note this is not a baby contest.***

The contest will be held Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the Band Shell in the Linton City Park. All contestants should be at the band shell between 6:30 pm and 6:45 pm to check-in and have their picture taken.

Contestants must be at least 3 years old and may not be older than 5 years old. Contestants **must** live in Linton and have a Linton address.

There will be two categories: INTERVIEW and STAGE PRESENCE worth a total of 55 points. Judging will be based on the following factors: Interview-Conduct (10), Personality (10), Attentiveness (10), Responsiveness (10), Overall Impression (15). Points and score sheets are for judges' assessment only. Selection is based on the above point scale; should there be a tie, the final selection is the judges' decision.

Interviews will be held on stage during the pageant. Each child will be asked 3-4 short questions by the Emcee. The questions will be about the child, their hobbies, or other very simple topics. Examples might include: What do you like to do in the summer? What is your favorite color? Do you have a pet? What do you like to do at the Linton Freedom Festival?

Casual Outfits will be worn for the whole contest; there is no change of clothes. Girls should wear shorts and a t-shirt (no long dresses will be allowed) or simple little sundresses. Boys should wear shorts and a t-shirt (no tuxedos or suits). Fancy dresses, suits and "Sunday best" are not appropriate for this contest. Creativity is encouraged! Hats, purses and other accessories or props will be allowed. The judges will not consider how "fancy" an outfit is when judging. If you have any questions, PLEASE ask BEFORE the contest.

Miss Sparkler and Mister Firecracker will be asked to participate in the Linton Freedom Festival Parade. All pre-registered contestants will receive goody bags, a special prize and photo for participating. All at-the-door registrations will be guaranteed a special prize and photo for participating. The outfits for the Linton Freedom Festival should be read, white and blue.

One Miss Sparkler and one Mister Firecracker will be selected based on a point system and should there be a tie, the judges will have the final decision. Winners will receive a trophy and crown. They will represent Linton in the Linton Freedom Festival Parade on July 4. .

Any contestant who has performed or competed at the professional level or in anything other than amateur contests will be ineligible to compete. Please ask if you are unsure of this rule.

There is a \$10.00 entry fee that must accompany the information sheet. Checks should be made payable to the Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce.

No one will be permitted behind the stage, except contest helpers and contestants during the contest. There will be no exceptions.

Be sure to include Church, School, Pre-School, swimming lessons, sports teams, dance and any other activities in which your child participates. Playing with friends, family members, pets, hobbies and collections are considered activities and should be included. If you need help in completing the registration form, please call for ideas and tips, BEFORE the June deadline. The form must be turned in with the application form. The Chamber is not responsible for the registration form and it's contents.

If you have any questions about the rules or deadlines, please call the Chamber office at 847-4846.

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Registration / Application Form

Please check one Miss Sparkler _____ Mister Firecracker _____

Name _____

Birth date ____ / ____ / ____ Telephone _____

Parent or Caregiver's name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Hobbies _____

Favorite Food _____

Favorite TV Show _____

Pets _____

I have read the contest rules and entry form, and agree to abide by the rules. I understand that the judges' decisions are final.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date