 Raylrode Daze Festivul

#####  Established 1969

 P.O. Box 158, Branchville SC 29432

March 1, 2017

Hello Raylrode Daze Contestants:

Thank you for your interest in the upcoming 2017 Raylrode Daze Pageant held on Saturday, April 1 at 11 am in Branch Junction on the stage. In the case of inclement weather, the pageant will be held at another location and you will be advised of where.

Enclosed is the application, rules and regulations sheet and general information on how the pageant is coordinated. Please complete the attached application and send it with your entry fee. The entry fee this year is $25.00 as we are trying to encourage participation.

There will not be a photogenic category this year. Refunds will not be issued after the deadline if you withdraw from the pageant. Deadline for submissions is March 30, 2017. We will not be responsible for applications not received or lost in the mail.

Rehearsal is going to be on Thursday**, March 30** at 6:30 pm at Branch Junction. It is not necessary for everyone to attend rehearsal if you know the standard “T” formation. First timers are recommended to attend rehearsal if you need to practice the routine. Therefore, it is NOT mandatory.

There will be other activities in Branch Junction that day including a yard sale, the pageant, and other fundraisers. So invite your family and friends and bring a chair if you can.

Please be sure and read the general information because some things have changed this year.

Thank you,

Pageant Committee

Carrie Johnson

Gwen Harbeson

Kelvin McAlhany

Heather Harbeson

**2017 Miss Raylrode Daze Pageant**

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Favorite Food\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Movie\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Musical Group/Singer or Band\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***Miss and Teen Miss Contestants Only: Your Favorite Quote***:

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

2017 Miss Raylrode Daze Pageant Rules and Regulations

1. Contestants must complete the application in full and turn it in before the deadline to include all fees. The applications can be turned in to Tom Jennings at Farmers and Merchants Bank or to Mrs. Stephanie Heffelfinger at Branchville High or can be mailed to P.O. Box 158, Branchville SC 29432 or can be given to Carrie Johnson.
2. The entry fee must be paid in full at the time the application is submitted. This year the entry fee is $25.00. Refunds will not be issued if you withdraw from the pageant after March 27.
3. You must live in the 29432 zip-code or go to Branchville Schools. This must be your permanent residence.
4. If you are crowned any queen, you must dress in an appropriate manner and represent the Town of Branchville during the Festival in a lady like manner wearing your crown and sash at all times. (No cut-offs, tank tops, etc.)
5. You must make an appearance at Kick-Off Sunday and will need to be at the opening ceremonies on Friday of the Festival and welcome the attendees with a brief speech.
6. In 2018, you will be crowning your successor at the next pageant if you are crowned queen in 2017.
7. A write up is needed before July 1 for the program book if you are crowned queen, this can be emailed to carriej658@gmail.com.
8. Duties include riding in two additional parades as a group or as individuals. It is up to the parents to decide on which parade they are to participate in (Seesaw, Grits, Orangeburg Christmas parade, Branchville Christmas). It is mandatory that you ride in the annual Raylrode Daze Festivul Parade. If you are unable to attend that parade for any reason, you will not be allowed to compete in the next age category.
9. If crowned queen, you agree to hold harmless the Raylrode Daze Festival, Board and volunteers from possible damages through loss, theft, or injury caused by or during participation in the pageant or pageant related events.
10. **The Committee has the right to combine age categories based on participation and/or delete age groups as needed. It is our intention to have a great group to participate so that this will not be an option.**
11. If you are a current queen, you cannot compete again while crowning.

**Categories:**

**You will be placed in the category of your age as of April 1, 2017**

 **Ages 4-6 Little Miss Raylrode Junction**

 **Ages 7-9 Young Miss Raylrode Junction**

 **Ages 10-12 Junior Miss Raylrode Junction**

 **Ages 13-15 Teen Miss Raylrode Junction
Ages 16-19 Miss Raylrode Junction**

**For Little Miss, Young Miss and Junior Miss Contestants**

 **Attire:**

Please note that again in 2017, we are having a natural pageant, ***dresses are short and casual***, either sun-dresses, church dresses, or dressy short dresses. These dresses must be age appropriate, no sequins, glitzy or cupcake dresses. Although, contestants must look their best, they should not have hairpieces and should look age appropriate about hair, dress, makeup and hairstyle. Points will be deducted if you do not follow these rules.

**Awards:**There will be awards for the winner, first and second runner-up (if more than four contestants in each age division

**Judging:**

Judges will be looking for poise, eye contact, age-appropriate dress and type of dress, natural beauty, smile, and personality. Judges score sheets WILL NOT be shared with anyone. Judges will take points off if the dress is not what is outlined in the guidelines.

**For Teen Miss and Miss Raylrode Daze Contestants Only**

**Attire:**

Please note again in 2017, we are having a natural pageant, ***dresses are short and casual***, either sun-dresses, church dresses, or dressy short dresses. These dresses must be age appropriate, no sequins, glitzy, or hi-low dresses. Dresses must be short and casual. No long dresses. Although, contestants must look their best, they should not have hair pieces and should look age appropriate in regard to hair, dress, makeup and hairstyle.

**Awards:**There will be awards for the winner, first and second runner-up (if more than four contestants in each age division)

**On Stage Question: (MISS CONTESTANTS ONLY)**

You will be asked one of the following questions on stage, answers should be brief and to the point
1. Who do you most admire and why? 2. What is your favorite memory about Raylrode Daze? 3. What do you want to accomplish in your future endeavors. Judges will ask you one of these questions on stage. This is a heads up for preparation.

**Opening Act:**

Teen Miss and Miss Contestants will walk on stage and state their name, number and age for the judges and any little small tidbit they want to share and proceed in a circle and wait in a line until everyone is done and go off stage until it is time for your category.

**Judging:**

Judges will be looking for poise, eye contact, age-appropriate dress and type of dress, natural beauty, smile, and verbal communication skills in the meet and greet. Judges score sheets WILL NOT be shared with anyone. Judges will take points off if the dress is not what is outlined in the guidelines.

**After the Pageant:**

Queens and other winners need to be present for photos and be sure to send in your welcome and write-up for the Raylrode Daze Book before July 1.

You will receive fundraiser tickets later to sell for the Festival.

Please be sure and keep a copy of the guidelines for future reference throughout the year.

If a queen does anything immoral, the crown may be given to the 1st runner up, no exceptions.

RRD COMMITTEE 3/1/2017