

Raylrode Daze Festival

Established 1969

P.O. Box 158, Branchville SC 29432

April 1, 2019

Hello Raylrode Daze Contestants:

Thank you for your interest in the upcoming 2019 Raylrode Daze Pageant held on Saturday, **May 18th at 5 pm** 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 the location.

Enclosed is the application, rules and regulations sheet, and general information on the pageant. Please complete the attached application and send it with your entry fee. Early Bird Applications are accepted through April 30th at the reduced rate of \$25.00, as of May 1st, the fee will increase to \$30.00.

There will not be a photogenic category. Refunds will not be issued if you withdraw from the pageant after May 10. Deadline for submissions is May 14th at 5pm. We will not be responsible for applications not received or lost in the mail.

The stage will be open for practice on Friday, May 17th from 6:30 pm to 7:30pm at Branch Junction. **It is not necessary for everyone to attend practice if you know the standard "T" formation. First timers are recommended to attend rehearsal if you need to practice the routine.**

Please be sure and read the general information because some things have changed this year. There will also be a fish fry dinner held from 5-7 pm in the Red Dog Saloon after the event. Tell your friends and bring a chair.

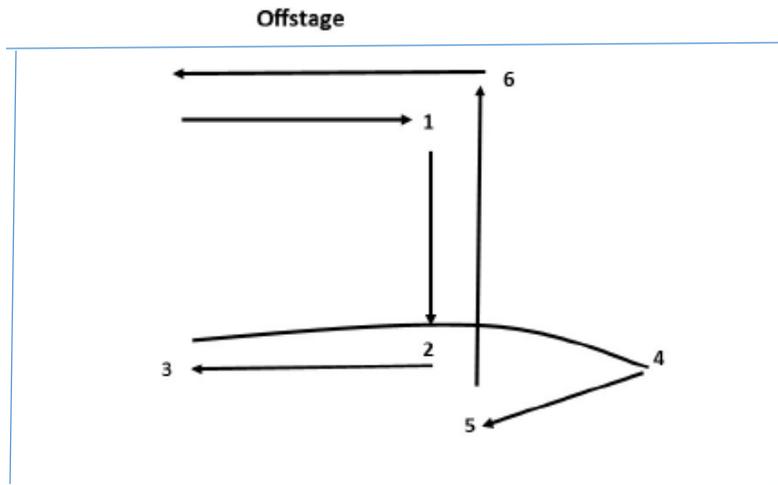
Thank you,

Pageant Committee
Carrie Johnson
Kelvin McAlhany
Jan Wright
Jennifer Hess

2019 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 David Hess at Branchville High. Applications can also be given to Jan Wright, or mailed to 4669 Bowman Branch Hwy, Branchville SC 29432 or emailed to readnwright.jan@gmail.com
2. The entry fee must be paid in full at the time the application is submitted. This year the entry fee is \$25.00 (Early Bird) On May 1, entry fee increases to \$30.00. Refunds will not be issued if you withdraw from the pageant after May 10.
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**. You will need to wear Raylrode Daze Attire: jean dress, red paisley, white dress, etc. Boots can be worn.
6. In 2020, you will be crowning your successor at the next pageant if you are crowned queen in 2019.
7. A write up is needed before **June 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 Festival Parade. If you are unable to attend that parade for any reason, you will not be allowed to compete in the next age category. Attire for the Raylrode Daze parade will be a dress similar to what you wear in the pageant. If in the Christmas parades, anything red or green for the Christmas season. If the weather is cold, pants are fine.
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.

Here's how you should walk when going on stage:



Categories:

You will be placed in the category of your age as of May 18, 2019

Ages Upcoming 4k-6

Ages 7-11

Ages 12-15

Ages 16-19

Little Miss Rayrode Junction

Young Miss Rayrode Junction

Teen Miss Rayrode Junction

Miss Rayrode Junction

For All Contestants

Attire:

Please note that again in 2019, 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) Winners will receive a crown, medal or trophy, sash and pin

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 Contestants

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, 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 June 1

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.

Make sure you keep up with guidelines and what to wear at opening ceremonies and the parade.

RRD COMMITTEE 2/1/2018