Great Jones County Fair Queen Contest

Congratulations on stepping out of your comfort zone and into a new and exciting experience. We are so pleased that you would like to be a part of the 16th Annual Great Jones County Fair Queen Contest. Our goal is for you to learn life lessons, make new friends, be creative, confident, and original and have a great time.

Please feel free to phone Marcia Kray at 319-465-5775 (home) or 319-480-4012 (cell) with questions or concerns. You may also contact the Fair Office at 319-465-3275.

Application – Your application is attached. Please note it is very important that you tell your story. Your application is sent to the judges before the pageant so they are able to read and decide on the questions they want to ask you in the interview. The application is their window to get to know you and be aware of your interests and accomplishments. You may add a page if necessary, remember to highlight things that are most important to you. Applications are due June 8th, 2015 to John Harms, PO Box 150, Monticello, IA 52310 or you may hand deliver to the Fair Office.

Fair Kickoff – The Great Jones County Fair Kickoff party will be June 10th at the Youth Development Center in Monticello. We encourage all queen contestants and their parents to attend, please be present around 6:30 pm. This is the night showcasing the 2015 fair and awards. At this event, as a contestant you will come up front, introduce yourself and your parents, tell where you are from and your future plans. This is a chance for everyone to get to know you, because one of you will be representing the fair as the 2015 Great Jones County Fair Queen. Dress for this event is dressy casual (in the past contestants have worn dresses, casual dresses, skirts, capris). Remember this is your time to shine and yes, the media will be at this event.

Spa Day – June 26th We will be having a spa afternoon at Monarch Spa located at 315 South Main Street, Monticello, Iowa. This will be a great bonding experience, a chance to practice interviews, ask questions and pamper yourself. Dress is casual but cameras will be present.

Workshop – A workshop (date and time to be determined) will be held at the Monticello Eagles Club where the pageant will be held. You will have a chance to practice on the stage with your heals (shoes) and learn how the pageant will flow. I strongly encourage you to attend. We recommend you bring the clothes you are considering wearing for the pageant (if you are undecided or want an opinion). This will be fun and helps to take the unknown out of the pageant day.
Our Great Jones County Fair Queen Pageant will be Sunday, July 12, 2015. We will begin with interviews that will last 5 minutes each. We will have a panel of three judges. All contestants are judged on the following criteria as set forth by the Iowa State Fair Queen Contest: Personality, Attitude, Appearance, Leadership, Community Involvement, Overall Appearance and Poise. After the interviews the pageant will begin. Please invite your family and friends to come and watch you on stage; this event is open to the public. You are asked to prepare a costume relating to the Great Jones County Fair. The idea will be all yours, let your creativity run wild with anything related to the fair that represents you (should be 2 minutes or less). If you have questions we can discuss them in more detail. Please keep your idea a secret form the other contestants (don’t want anyone to copy your idea). Also, there will be an evening gown portion in this competition. We will discuss all of this in detail at the workshop and spa day. Feel free to contact me – Marcia Kray with any questions.

Crowning – Tuesday, July 21st, 2015 (Sneak-a-Peek night of the fair)
On Tuesday, July 21st, 2015 we will crown our 2015 Great Jones County Fair Queen at the fairgrounds, on stage in front of the grandstands at 6:30 pm. We will meet at the Youth Development Center at 6 pm and then be transported with the people mover to the stage.

If you are crowned the Great Jones County Fair Queen, you will be expected to make various appearances at the fair, including handing out awards, interviews and other events to be determined. You are required to compete in the Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant starting the week of August 10th. Your year as queen will end when you return to crown the new queen next year at the 2016 Great Jones County Fair. If for some reason the Queen cannot fulfill her duties, the Princess will become Queen.

Now that you have all the information, I look forward to working with each of you. Thank you for being a part of the contest and The Great Jones County Fair!