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“Dream Big Sparkle More Shine Bright”

2018 Music & Signing Competition

General Information for Music Competitions – Please read ALL guidelines and rules.

- 1) A practice room will be available with a piano and CD player for warm-up prior to competition. Each individual or group entrant will be given 15 minutes prior to their performance for time in the practice room.
- 2) No spectators will be allowed in any competition rooms.
- 3) Awards will be presented in each competition.
- 4) If you are a Grand Bethel Officer, Grand Bethel Representative, Miss Nebraska Job’s Daughter Candidate or Spirit Ambassador Candidate, please check the guidelines given to you by those in charge of your practices and activities to make sure you are eligible to enter the music competition. If you are, please note any conflicts with scheduling on the Music Competition Registration Form.
- 5) Attached are the forms for entry in each competition. Please fill out each form completely, noting any known conflicts on each form.
- 6) The individual instrumental division and the small ensemble will continue this year.

Return the completed forms postmarked no later than May 1, 2018, to Lori Nerud at the address listed above or e-mail to fawcusspringsranch@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please call or email Lori at (308) 631-4641 or fawcusspringranch@gmail.com.

Thank you for your interest in the Music Competition. We hope to see several Daughters participating in the many musical competitions.

In Jobie Friendship,
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BETHEL CHOIR COMPETITION

- The Bethel Choir competition will have two divisions: Small Bethel and Large Bethel.
- There is NO limit to the number of girls that may compete.
- The categories will be determined *after* registration to make the groups as equal as possible.
- Awards will be given for First, Second, and Third places in each division.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official Bethel Regalia (white robes – <i>white or purple</i> chords – no capes and crowns or costumes or props) must be worn.

- There will be a warm-up room.
- All selections are to be MEMORIZED.

The following songs have been chosen for the competition:

1. “Let There Be Peace on Earth” – page 51-52, New Music Ritual
2. “Touch the Sky” – sheet music, words and music by Julie Fowlis, arranged Sebastian Wolff.

The sheet music will be sent to the mailing address provided on the Bethel Choir registration form. Access to an accompaniment track will be provided if noted on the registration form. Upon receipt of the registration form, the sheet music will be sent.

- The accompanist may be either an Adult or a Daughter (**the Daughter would need to be in official Job’s Daughter Regalia**).
- A piano will be provided. If a Bethel is in need of CD accompaniment, please indicate this on the registration form.
- Each Bethel Choir will be judged on **Tempo, Dynamics, Technique, Blending, Tonal Quality, Interpretation, Group Rhythm, and Stage Presence**.

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SMALL ENSEMBLE COMPETITION

- This competition is designed for a small group that numbers a minimum of two (2) to a maximum of four (4) Daughters.
- There are no age divisions. All small groups compete against each other. Awards will be given for first, second, and third place.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official Bethel Regalia (white robes – <i>white or purple</i> chords – no capes and crowns or costumes or props) must be worn.

- There will be a warm-up room.
- Each small group sings one (1) song of their choosing. The selection must be **MEMORIZED** and must be **APPROPRIATE**. Groups are encouraged to sing a song that has some harmony included, at least for a portion of the song.
- Maximum time allowed per small group is six (6) minutes.
- Each small group must have 2 copies of the music with the measures numbered to be handed to the judges at the time of competition.
- Each small group is responsible for accompaniment either by piano or CD. The accompanist may be either an Adult or a Daughter, (**the Daughter would need to be in official Job's Daughter Regalia**).
- **CD accompaniment may not include any kind of background voice(s).**
- A piano and CD player will be provided unless the group prefers to use their own CD player.
- Each group will be judged on **Tone, Interpretation, Tempo, Technique, Dynamics, Musical Effect, Stage Presence, Group Rhythm, Appropriateness, and Degree of Difficulty.**

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Individual Voice Competition

There will be four divisions for vocal competition as follows:

Division I:	Ages 10 – 13 years as of 6/15/2018
Division II:	Ages 14 – 16 years as of 6/15/2018
Division III:	Ages 17 – 19 years as of 6/15/2018

There will be awards for First, Second, and Third Places in each division.

GUIDELINES for Individual Voice:

- ONE vocal solo allowed PER DAUGHTER.
- Maximum time limit for vocal solo is five (5) minutes.
- The selection must be **APPROPRIATE** and **MEMORIZED**. If the competitor has participated at a previous Grand Session in individual voice, the musical selection **must be different** from the previous year.
- You must have **2 copies** of your music with the measures numbered to be handed to the judges at the time of competition.
- Each Daughter must be responsible for accompaniment. CD accompaniment may be used, but it **must not include any background voice(s)**. A piano and CD player will be provided unless the Daughter prefers to use her own CD player.
- Apparel is to be official Job's Daughter regalia, **NO CAPES AND CROWNS and NO COSTUMES or PROPS**.
- Each individual will be judged on **Tone, Interpretation, Tempo, Technique, Dynamics, Musical Effect, Stage Presence, Appropriateness, and Degree of Difficulty**.
- **If appropriateness is in question, please seek the advice of the Guardian Council. Judges will be instructed to lower a score for inappropriateness. Call Lori with any questions.**

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Individual Piano Competition

There will be three divisions for Piano competition as follows:

Beginner: Playing for 3 years or less

Intermediate: Playing for 4-6 years

Advanced: Playing for 6 or more years

There will be awards for First, Second, and Third places in each piano division.

A piano will be provided for the competition.

GUIDELINES:

- Maximum time allowed per selection is ten (10) minutes.
- Each Daughter will play 2 selections:
 1. “Sweet Hour of Prayer” (page 26, standard version, New Music Ritual) one time through. Competitors in the Beginner division may play the simplified version, page 96, one time through.
 2. A selection of your choice.
- **Neither** of the selections is required to be memorized.
- You must have 2 copies of your selection with the measures numbered to be handed to the judges at the time of competition (excluding the song from the music ritual).
- The entrant must play the selection as a **solo** - no CD/tape, additional piano, or other accompaniment allowed.
- Apparel must be official Job’s Daughter regalia, **no capes and crowns or costumes or props.**
- Each individual will be judged on **Tone, Interpretation, Tempo, Proficiency, Dynamics, Technique, Stage Presence and Degree of Difficulty.**

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Individual Instrumental Competition

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Beginner:	Playing for 3 years or less
Intermediate:	Playing for 4-6 years
Advanced:	Playing for 6 or more years

There will be awards for First, Second, and Third places in each division.

GUIDELINES:

- Maximum time allowed per selection is **ten** (10) minutes.
- Daughter chooses an individual performance piece of her choice. Please advise what instrument you will be playing so that we may provide proper judges.
- Please bring your own instrument. None will be provided.
- The selection DOES NOT have to be memorized.
- You must have **2** copies of your music with the measures numbered to be handed to the judges at the time of competition.
- The Daughter **IS ALLOWED TO HAVE ACCOMPANIMENT**, either by piano or CD. If using CD accompaniment, the CD must be only instrumental, meaning **no background voice(s) or background singing**. This is a change to the rules from last year. A CD and/or piano will be available for use, and the Daughter must provide her own accompanist.
- Apparel is to be official Job's Daughter regalia, **no capes and crowns or costumes or props**.
- Each individual will be judged on **Tone, Interpretation, Tempo, Proficiency, Dynamics, Technique, Stage Presence, and Degree of Difficulty**.

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Individual Signing Competition

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Division I:	Ages 10 – 13 years as of 6/15/2018
Division II:	Ages 14 – 16 years as of 6/15/2018
Division III:	Ages 17 – 19 years as of 6/15/2018

There will be awards for First, Second, and Third Places in each division.

GUIDELINES for the Individual Signing Competition:

- 1) Signing will be done to the song “Nearer My God to Thee”- both verses as per the Music Ritual **OR** you may select a song of your choice.
- 2) If signing “Nearer My God to Thee”:
 - Signing must be in compliance with the Nebraska Signing Video. If a video is needed, please contact Lori Nerud at fawcusspringsranch@gmail.com for a copy.
 - CD accompaniment, including the words, will be provided for the performance and in the practice rooms.
- 3) If you are signing a song of your choosing:
 - List the name of the song you have chosen on the registration form.
 - You must provide a website/web page/web link where an exemplification of your song can be found (such as a link to a YouTube video), **OR**
 - Provide a video that can be viewed by the judges to check against your performance.
 - The above information/video must be provided prior to your competition performance.
- 4) Daughters may sing along with the CD/tape, if they so choose, but will not be judged on vocal ability.
- 5) Apparel is to be official Job’s Daughter regalia, **no capes and crowns or costumes or props**.
- 6) Each individual will enter the competition room and arrange herself so the judges can see her movements clearly.

Each Daughter will be judged on the following criteria:

- a) Overall impression and painting an accurate picture in space.
- b) Accuracy of signs as demonstrated on the DVD/Video.
- c) Eyes and head should follow the direction of the sign, i.e. upward when signing “God”.
- d) Signs should be large enough to be seen across a Bethel Room, as opposed to signing within a 3” box directly in front of you.

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Group Signing Competition

The Group Signing Competition will have two divisions: Small Bethel and Large Bethel.

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There will be awards for each division (Small Bethel and Large Bethel).

GUIDELINES for the Group Signing Competition:

- 1) Signing will be done to the song “Nearer My God to Thee” –both verses as per the Music Ritual.
- 2) Signing must be in compliance with the Nebraska Signing Video. If one is needed, please contact Lori Nerud at fawcusspringsranch@gmail.com for a copy.
- 3) A CD accompaniment, including the words, will be provided for the performance and the practice room.
- 4) Daughters may sing along with the CD/tape, if they so choose, but will not be judged on vocal ability.
- 5) Apparel to be official Job’s Daughter regalia, **no capes and crowns or costumes or props.**
- 6) Each group will enter the competition room and arrange themselves so the judges can see them clearly.

Each Group will be judged on the following criteria:

- a) Overall impression and painting an accurate picture in space.
- b) Accuracy of signs as demonstrated on the video (no finger spelling).
- c) Eyes and head should follow the direction of the sign, i.e. upward when signing “God”.
- d) Signs should be large enough to be seen across a Bethel Room, as opposed to signing within a 3” box directly in front of you.
- e) Groups will be judged on uniformity of signs and synchronization of movements.