

AURORA COLONY DAYS LITTLE MISS PIONEER APPLICATION PACKET

Thank you for considering participating in Aurora's Little Miss Pioneer program. This packet includes information about the program and required application materials.

PURPOSE

The Little Miss Pioneer program provides Aurora girls age 9-12 with an opportunity to represent the city at area events including parades, fairs, and local community functions. This tradition began in 1978 and after a twenty year absence was reinstated in 2008. The program builds self-confidence, manners and poise in a positive and comfortable environment. Selections for the Little Miss Pioneer Court are based on manners, effort, and attitude. Participants are NOT judged on physical appearance or talent. Although only three girls will be chosen for the court, all participants take part in the tea, rehearsal and ceremony described below and will benefit from this enriching and fun experience.

RULES

All participants must reside at an Aurora address (not necessarily within the city limits) and be age 9-12 as of June 1, 2009. A \$20 registration fee (scholarships are available upon request) is due to City Hall with a completed application packet by 4 p.m. on April 17. Attendance is required as described in the Schedule section listed below. Previous participants are encouraged to participate, however previous queens are not eligible.

SCHEDULE & JUDGING

All participants must attend the following Little Miss Pioneer functions in order to be eligible for the Little Miss Pioneer Court. Parents are welcome to attend all events.

- Tea and Etiquette, Sunday, May 3 from 2-4 p.m. at the Old Aurora Colony Museum
This event is intended to provide the girls with etiquette tips, review what will be expected of them, learn the traditional Little Miss Pioneer song "Pudding River," and take a guided tour of the Aurora Colony Museum. Each girl will participate in an individual interview with the judges and receive a list of possible questions that may be asked during the Little Miss Pioneer Ceremony.
- Rehearsal, Friday, May 15 from 7-8 p.m. at the Aurora American Legion Hall
This will be a full practice run through of the ceremony. Each girl will be escorted during the ceremony by an adult of her choosing, usually a male parent, relative or friend. Escorts shall also attend the rehearsal.
- Little Miss Pioneer Ceremony, Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Aurora American Legion Hall
Girls are escorted in, asked to answer a question from the previously provided list, and sing "Pudding River" as a group. A panel of judges will select the Little Miss Pioneer queen and two princesses based on manners used throughout the previous events, individual interview held during the tea, and her answer to the question during the ceremony. Each girl will be given a sash to wear and keep.

Participants selected to serve as the Little Miss Pioneer queen or as a princess on the court must be available for events in Aurora and other community functions in the Willamette Valley throughout the year including but not limited to:

- Strawberry Social, June 27
- St Paul Rodeo Parade, July 4
- General Canby Days Parade, July 4
- Hubbard Hop Festival Parade, July 18
- Aurora Colony Days, August 8
- Christmas at the Octagon, November 28

When possible, two weeks notice will be provided for all required appearances. Parents will be asked to assist in coordinating event logistics including submitting parade entry forms and organizing where and when to meet before and after parades.

ATTIRE

Girls are encouraged to dress nice for the tea and ceremony. A dress, skirt or nice pants are appropriate. Casual dress is allowed at the rehearsal. The girls selected for the court will be required to wear pioneer style dresses at all official functions. The dresses will be custom made and provided to the girls for them to keep.

QUESTIONS? Call Niki Umbenhower, the first ever Little Miss Pioneer queen in 1978, at 503.678.1074.

LITTLE MISS PIONEER APPLICATION FORM

This form must be returned to Aurora City Hall (21420 Main ST. Aurora, OR 97002) by 4 p.m. on April 17 with \$20 registration fee* and the MASTER OF CEREMONIES form. Please make checks payable to: City of Aurora.

PARTICIPANT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AGE _____

BIRTHDAY _____

PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' NAMES _____

PHONE (day) _____ **PHONE (eve.)** _____

EMAIL _____

I understand that the registration fee for the Aurora Little Miss Pioneer program is nonrefundable and I agree to abide by all the rules of the program. I understand that the decisions of the judges are final. I understand that the City and members of the committee are not responsible for the loss of theft of items brought to the program or left behind after the program. I release and agree to not hold the City of Aurora and its agents responsible for any claim arising out of injury resulting from the program and any activities associated with the program.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

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LITTLE MISS PIONEER MASTER OF CEREMONIES FORM

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_____ IS _____
YOUR FULL NAME YOUR AGE

SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF _____
YOUR PARENT(S)' NAME(S)

MORE PARENT(S)' NAME(S)

AND IS ESCORTED TODAY BY HER _____,
FATHER, GRANDFATHER, UNCLE, BROTHER, COUSIN, FRIEND

ESCORT'S NAME

_____ IS A _____ GRADER AT _____
YOUR FIRST NAME YOUR GRADE YOUR SCHOOL

HER HOBBIES INCLUDE

YOUR HOBBIES

MORE HOBBIES

HER AMBITION IS TO BECOME _____
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

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