



**2010 District Fine Arts Festival
Pennsylvania-Delaware District
March 31-April 2, 2010**

Location: Philip Bongiorno Conference Center Carlisle, PA and the Giant Center Hershey PA.

Contact Person: Marion Holt, PennDel District Fine Arts Festival Coordinator

Registration Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 1st, 2010. No entries will be accepted if postmarked after March 1st.

Cost: \$25 per participant (Do not send personal checks or cash)

No faxes will be accepted

All festival registration fees are non-refundable. Overpayments will be transferred to Speed the Light.

Each Church must register on ONE Group Form

Group Leader Registration Instructions

It is the participant's responsibility to ensure that all materials are submitted correctly and postmarked on time, however, there is to be only ONE Group Registration Form per church. Participant forms must be sent in with the completed Church's Group Registration Form. Individual registrations are not accepted.

REGISTRATION FOR THE FESTIVAL

(All Writing Division, Short Film, and website design entries must be sent by March 1st)

Send the following in one envelope by March 1, 2010, to:

Marion Holt, District Fine Arts Coordinator

12229 Linshan Drive

North Huntingdon, PA 15642

(DO NOT require a signature for delivery)

- ONE church Group Registration Form (only ONE per church – all forms must be sent together)
- Participant Registration forms for each and every participant from your church/youth ministry
- **Creative Writing entries (4 copies)** must be sent along with a participant registration form attached to **each** copy postmarked by March 1.
- **Short Film** DVDs must be sent along with 3 participant/group registration forms postmarked by March 1st.
- Any **website entry** must be online and its location (URL) sent along with 3 participant/group registration forms postmarked by March 1st.
- ***Do not bring any Creative Writing, Short Film, and Website entries to the Festival. They must be submitted by March 1st because they are judged before the festival. If the above entries are not submitted prior to the postmarked date of March 1st, they will not be judged.***
- ONE **church check** (made payable to "PennDel District" for the total amount of \$25 per participant).
- A **TYPED** list on a separate piece of paper with every participant's first and last name listed.

DO NOT MAIL medical releases. They are to be brought to the festival with you.

Questions on the above info? Contact Marion Holt at agfinearts@aol.com or c)724-972-1756

REGISTRATION FOR HOUSING AND MEALS AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER

Send the following in one envelope by March 1, 2010 to:

Fine Arts Housing & Meals

4651 Westport Drive

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

- ONE completed Housing & Meals Form (ONE form per church - first come, first served until we fill up)
- ONE credit card payment form or church check (made payable to "PennDel District" for the total amount). See Housing & Meals form for costs. **Payments by credit card may be changed until Friday, March 5th. Payment by check cannot be changed or refunded under any circumstances.**

Questions on Housing & Meals? Contact Jodi Lamer (Mon. – Thurs., 12-3 PM) at 717.795.5921 or email her at jodi@penndel.org

**Make sure you have filled out all of your registration paperwork neatly & legibly.
There is a \$10 fee to process all incomplete and/or illegible forms.**

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS THE EVENT SCHEDULE?

Wednesday, March 31st

12:00 PM	Check-in begins at the PBCC in Carlisle PA (open throughout the festival except meal times)
4:00-8:00 PM	Snack Bar open
4:00-11:00 PM	Fine Arts Competition begins in <u>ALL</u> categories
11:30 PM	Curfew
12:00 MIDNIGHT	LIGHTS OUT – NO EXCEPTIONS

Thursday, April 1st

7:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast (prepaid)
8:00 AM-3:00 PM	Fine Arts Competition resumes
11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Youth Choir Presentations (Gym)
11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Lunch (prepaid)

Friday, April 2nd

6:00 PM	Awards Ceremony at the Giant Center in Hershey PA
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HOW CAN I GET A PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE?

The participant schedule will be posted online at www.penndelyouth.com Wednesday, March 24th, 2010 (PDF format). No scheduling information will be available before this date. **Do Not Call** with any scheduling requests or for a copy of the schedule. There will be **NO** schedule changes. Thank you for your cooperation. Any scheduling errors, name misspellings, or dropped students will be handled at on-site check-in.

HOW DO I CHECK IN AT THE FESTIVAL?

On-site check-in is **MANDATORY** and must be completed by **one adult group leader**. Check-In will open Wednesday at noon and will be open throughout the entire festival. **One adult group leader is responsible to check in their entire church group at registration at least 1 hour before their group's first participant is scheduled to perform.** At the office the adult group leader will:

Notify the office:

- That the group has arrived
- Of any participants who have dropped
- Of any misspelled or missing names

Pick up the following:

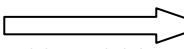
- CD sleeves for all CDs (for participant name, church name and city, and track #)
- A hard copy of the schedule
- An updated **ORIENTATION** packet
- Required Stage Plot forms for all presentations in the gym

Art must be dropped off between noon on Wednesday and 9:00 AM on Thursday. No art entries will be accepted after 9:00 AM on Thursday morning.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT FINE ARTS?

Only students currently enrolled in grades 6-12 who have received a Superior with Invitation at Sectional FAF may participate in the District Fine Arts Festival.

WHAT IS THE THEME FOR FINE ARTS THIS YEAR, AND HOW DOES THAT IMPACT MY ENTRIES?

Each year a theme is selected for Fine Arts. The theme for Fine Arts Festival 2010 is  Most entries require that you incorporate this theme in your presentation. All Writing Division, Drama Solo/Ensemble, Graphic Design, Short Sermon/Spanish Short Sermon, Short Film, Children's Sermon, and Children's Lesson entries must include the theme. You don't need to incorporate the theme into vocal and instrumental divisions. See the Official Rule Book for more info.



HOW DO I GET A RULE BOOK?

The Fine Arts Festival 2010 Official Rule Book comes from the National Fine Arts office and contains detailed information about each category, such as rules/guidelines for that specific division. Each participant is responsible to read and agree to abide by the rules listed in the Rule Book. If you need a rule book, you can request a copy by calling GPH at 1-800-641-4310 and requesting item #731-404, or you can download it for free at www.faf.ag.org.

WHAT RECENT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE THAT I SHOULD KNOW OF REGARDING FINE ARTS?

The following changes apply to the Fine Arts Festival:

- Web Design is no longer a category at the National Fine Arts Festival. Web page has been added as an acceptable genre in the Graphic Design category and must interpret the annual theme.
- Comic Strip is an acceptable medium within the Visual Art, Two-Dimensional category.
- Children's Literature is an official category in the Writing Division.
- Spoken Word Solo is a new category in the Exhibition Division and has a time limit of 3 minutes.
- The Worship Dance exhibition category is now accepting both Solo and Troupe entries. A troupe entry is comprised by two to ten eligible students.
- Urban or hip-hop dance is now an accepted genre within the Worship Dance exhibition category.
- Songwriting entries now have a group limit of 5 qualified students.
- The Writing Division category of "Sketch Writing" has been renamed "Script Writing".
- The Vocal Division category of "Youth Choir" has been renamed "Choir".

Disclaimer: this is not an all inclusive list. Each participant is responsible to read, understand, and abide by ALL of the information and changes listed in the official 2010 Fine Arts Festival Rule Book.

IS THERE A DRESS CODE?

Appropriate, modest dress is required for all entries – keeping ministry effectiveness in mind.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO DISTRICTS?

To be prepared, bring a CD player/mp3 player to rehearse with, original and copies of music, scripts, modest dress clothes and shoes, a stop watch, and money for meals.

HOW ARE THE ENTRIES EVALUATED?

Three qualified evaluators, chosen for their education, expertise, and impartiality will evaluate each presentation by using the following general criteria: Selection, Communication, Presentation and Technique, and Effectiveness. More specific criteria and guidelines for each category can be found at www.faf.ag.org

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE ADVANCED TO NATIONALS?

Only presentations which receive a **SUPERIOR WITH INVITATION** at the District Fine Arts Festival Awards Celebration at the Giant Center on Friday April 2nd are eligible for the National Fine Arts Festival.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE NATIONAL LEVEL OF FINE ARTS BE HELD?

Dates: August 2-6, 2010

Place: Detroit, MI

For more information visit: www.faf.ag.org

I LOST MY INFORMATION, WHAT DO I DO?

All of the District Fine Arts Festival information and forms will be available for you to download at www.penndelyouth.com

I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS. HELP!

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