

2023 MARION COUNTY FAIR BABY CONTEST

INFORMATION & RULES

ENTRY DEADLINE: Received in the Fair office by 4 PM, July 1, 2023. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 (PAID TO Marion County Fair by deadline; non-refundable)

Rules and Entry Form available at www.marioncountyfair.org **CONTEST DATE:** Saturday, July 8, 2023

CONTEST LOCATION: Marion County Fair—Park Stage **TIME:** 12:00 – Check in begins 12:30 PM – Interviews begin

(Babies may be divided into age groups but are to remain in area at all times.)

CONTEST RULES:

- Age Requirements: Contestants must be 6 to 18 months in age and have been born between December 29, 2021 and December 29, 2022
- Pre-registration required: Registration forms, birth certificates and \$10.00 registration fee must arrive at the Marion County Fair office no later than 4PM, July 1st. Last minute registrations can be turned in Saturday, July 8th. by NOON.
- Residency requirements: Contestants must live in Marion County.
- Please arrive at the Fairgrounds by 12:00 to accommodate sign-in and contestant numbering assignments.
- One adult may accompany the baby to the timed judging area.
- Judging will be based on the baby's appearance and personality at the time of judging. Judges realize that a baby's behavior is quite unpredictable.
- There is no required dress code for babies in the contest.
- All decisions of the judges will be final.
- Photography is allowed only outside the judging area.
- Contestant numbers will be announced by the emcee. Please listen carefully for the numbers immediately ahead so that the contest progresses smoothly and promptly.
- Babies may be divided into categories for judging depending upon the number of entries.

Categories will be assigned as follows:

- Prettiest baby girl—6 to 9 months
- Prettiest baby girl—10 to 13 months
- Prettiest baby girl—14 to 18 months
- Most handsome baby boy—6 to 9 months
- Most handsome baby boy—10 to 13 months
- Most handsome baby boy—14 to 18 months
- First place winners in all categories will be eligible for the Grand Prize and another judging round.
- The Marion County Fair will not be responsible for loss, theft, or damages.