

Dear Applicant:

Enclosed is the 2012 Stingray Chevrolet Entertainment Tent Application. Please read the rules and regulations carefully as rules have changed. When filling in the dates and times available please put the time frames you are available. *Example: March 4, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

If you have any questions regarding the application please call the Strawberry Festival office at 813-752-9194 or email me at angeldcarter@msn.com. Applications must be submitted on or before December 1, 2011.

Please send your applications to:

FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL®
ATTN: ANGEL CARTER
PO DRAWER 1869
PLANT CITY, FL 33564

For more information regarding the Florida Strawberry Festival®, please visit our website at www.flstrawberryfestival.com.

Please keep in mind that **no one** is guaranteed a performance every year. If you are not placed, please re-apply for the next festival season. Thank you so much for your time and talent.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Angel D. Carter
Chairperson and Stage Manager

2012 Florida Strawberry Festival®
Stingray Chevrolet Entertainment Tent
Rules and Regulations



Application Rules

All applications must be legible and filled out **completely**. Any application received with missing information will not be considered for a show time. Applicants will not be contacted in the event of missing information.

Applicants must agree to the Rules and Regulations set forth by the Florida Strawberry Festival®. If you do not understand the rules, please contact the festival office before returning your application.

Applications will be considered on the following basis:

- Variety of Talent
- Availability of Performer
- First Come, First Serve

Please fill in the date and time frame you are available on the application. All completed applications will be considered for a show time.

Band Rules

Bands will need to bring the following equipment:

- Amplifiers
- Cords
- Batteries for Instruments that require them

We will mic the following instruments only:

- Keyboards
- Vocalist(s)
- Kick Drum

No other instruments will be mic'd due to the size of the stage and the tent.

Bands will be given **40 minutes to perform, 15 minutes to set up and 20 minutes to exit the stage area after their show is complete.**

Bands selling any type of product must request on their application a table to sell product. Tables will not be provided unless requested at the time of application. You may have a salesperson seated at your product table during the show and will be given 15 minutes after your show time to sell product.

Bands will not be permitted to leave equipment backstage before or after their performance. You must keep all equipment with you before and after your show.

No groups will be permitted backstage access during another group's show time. Show times consist of set up, performance and exit. The Stage Manager or ET Staff member will advise when you are able to access the backstage area. The times listed on your acceptance letter are informational only and are subject to change without notice.

Bands/Groups who try to gain access to the backstage area without ET Staff permission will not be permitted to perform. Please give everyone the same courtesy you expect during your performance.

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Soloist Rules

Soloists are considered persons without instruments who sing with tracks only. If you have a band, you will need to follow the band rules and fill out the application as a band, not a solo artist.

Soloists will be granted a **performance time of 40 minutes, a Set up of 10 Minutes and a 10 minute Exit time.**

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Dance School/Group Rules

Dance School/Groups are considered as Dancers only. No singing or instruments are involved.

For groups with Singers and Dancers, please apply as a variety group.

All music must be free of **ALL PROFANITY**. Groups with any questionable lyrics will be stopped and asked to leave the stage area immediately.

Costumes must cover the body completely. Make sure you wear the proper undergarments to conceal any costume part that may become loose during your performance.

No vulgar/sexual movements. Please remember this is a family friendly event and should be treated with respect to all viewers. We are rated G only.

Dance Groups will be given **40 minutes to perform with a set up time of 10 minutes and an exit of 10 minutes.**

Please keep in mind that we have a small dressing room with limited space. You will need to keep this in mind for costume changes. No one will be permitted to change costumes on the side stage area. Girls and Boys will not be permitted to change at the same time.

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Singing Groups/Choirs/School Groups

Singing Groups are considered groups of singers that sing to track music. Groups with instruments will need to follow the guidelines for bands.

Singing groups will be granted a **performance time of 30 minutes, set up time of 15 minutes and an exit time of 15 minutes.**

Singing Groups selling any type of product must request on their application a table to sell product. Tables will not be provided unless requested at the time of application. You may have a salesperson seated at your product table during the show and will be given 15 minutes after your show time to sell product.

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Variety Acts

Variety Acts are considered groups that are showcasing more than one style of entertainer: Dancer(s), Singer(s), and Solo Instrumentalist(s).

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Tickets:

Tickets are mailed to scheduled performers once the signed confirmation of performance has been returned.

Performers will not be contacted to return performance confirmation. In the event of open time slots after the confirmation deadline, performers who have chosen to be on the waiting list will fill open timeslots on a first come, first serve basis.

Tickets will be required at the gate by each performer and chaperone.

Chaperones

- The number of performers listed on the application as ages 13 and under determines chaperone tickets. The stage manager determines chaperone numbers at the time of application.

Anyone without a ticket will be required to proceed to a regular ticket gate to purchase a ticket.

Tickets are only to be used on your performance date. If you choose to use your admission ticket prior to your performance date, you will be required to purchase a ticket on your performance date. Tickets are good for one use only. Make sure that your group understands this policy.

Extra tickets are to be returned to the Stage Manager upon entrance to the Festival grounds and are not for your personal use.

General Rules

- Any Entertainer who does not adhere to the rules will not be permitted to perform at the Florida Strawberry Festival® the following year.
- **The Florida Strawberry Festival® is not responsible for any lost, stolen personal items, band equipment, props, invalid/lost tickets (tickets used prior to performance date), etc...**
- Please be courteous to the entertainer on stage before and after your performance.
- Parking is not included. Parking around gate 8A is not owned by the Florida Strawberry Festival® and can cost anywhere from \$3.00 to \$10.00.
- **For non-entertainers**, Gate 8A does not sell tickets. You will need to pre-purchase tickets either online at www.flstrawberryfestival.com, or purchase them at a regular ticket gate or at a Participating Sweetbay Supermarket.
- Parents with pre-purchased tickets may enter with their child at gate 8A.

Please mail applications to:

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ENTERTAINMENT SHOW TENT
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PLANT CITY, FL 33564

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Group Name: _____ Show Director: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
_____ Email: _____

Festival Dates are March 1-11 2012. Show times start at 10:30 a.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.

****Please write down the dates and time frames you are available.****

Show Dates and Times Available: 1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

Not Mandatory: Please send a CD/DVD showcasing your talent

Number of Entertainers over 13: _____ Number **under** 13: _____
Include yourself in this number

Type of Entertainment: (check as many as apply)

- Band Clogging Dancers Gospel Music Karate Demo
 School Soloist Singing Group/Choir other _____

Schools Only: Length of show with a maximum of 40 minutes: _____

Staging Needs: (draw basic idea of where you will place your props, instruments, etc...)

Back of Stage is East, Side is North, Ramp is South, Front is West.

Steps	Ramp
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