

Kinmount Fair Ambassador Competition
Friday September 1, 2017 at 2:00 pm
Heritage Complex
Chair: Susan Pearson

Committee Members: Michelle Weiler, Emily Pearson, Cara Campbell

**Prize Money: 1st - \$500.00, 2nd - \$250.00, 3rd - \$100.00
\$50.00 to each additional participant**

The Kinmount Agricultural Society is holding an Ambassador of the Fair Competition. The Ambassador Competition is an excellent opportunity for young people from the Kinmount area to learn about and promote agriculture as he/she represents the Kinmount Agricultural Society. The program provides participants with leadership opportunities and the chance to practice/improve their communication and interview skills.

The reigning Ambassador will have the opportunity to:

- Represent their community
- Actively participate in local events as well as the CNE Ambassador Competition
- Interact with members of their Agricultural Society and community
 - Make new friends
- Practice leadership for future education and work experiences
 - Celebrate agriculture

The competition is being conducted according to the guidelines set out by the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies and the C.N.E.

The Kinmount Fair Ambassador Committee reserves the right to make suggestions regarding appropriate attire and conduct during the fair.

Community organizations, businesses and/or individuals are encouraged to recommend participants for this year's Ambassador Competition by contacting the Ambassador Committee.

Please contact the Ambassador Committee if you would like the reigning Ambassador to speak at a meeting or function for your club or organization.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO:

Susan Pearson
1509 Galway Rd.
Kinmount, Ontario
K0M 2A0

705 488-2547

ENTRY FORM

2017 KINMOUNT FAIR AMBASSADOR PAGEANT

FRIDAY September 1, 2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Birthday: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Official Sponsor (If you do not have a sponsor, one can be arranged): _____

Below, please state any information you would like us to know about your interests, etc. and why you would like to be the 2015 Ambassador of the Kinmount Fair.

Rules and Guidelines are as follows:

1. Competitors, male or female, single, non-parental, must be between the ages of 17 and 24 years as of August 1, 2017.
2. Must live in the Fenelon Falls Secondary School area or Haliburton Secondary School area and be a resident of his/her Fair district for six months.
3. Competitors must be able to attend to all Ambassador duties (see list of duties below for details) during the Kinmount Fair and for the 12-month period following. Prior to the competition commencing, contestants should disclose any known scheduling conflicts (ie. work, school, travel plans.)
4. Competitors should appear in appropriate attire.
5. The competition will include a private interview with judges, a short prepared speech (3 to 5 minutes) on a topic of their choice related to Agriculture, the Environment or Agricultural Fairs and a Question & Answer session on stage.
6. The competition will be judged on the basis of:
 - Poise and composure
 - Character
 - Public speaking ability
 - General knowledge of the community and the fair
 - General knowledge of agriculture and current affairs
7. In the event the Ambassador crowned cannot complete their duties, the 1st runner up will assist.
8. The Ambassador is expected to attend various mutually agreed upon events on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the fair (ie: parade, ribbon and trophy presentations). The Ambassador should general circulate the fair to interact with volunteers and the public.
9. The Ambassador is expected to attend to their fair duties in appropriate dress. Footwear should be suitable to standing and walking for long periods. While on duty, the Ambassador should wear tiara/medallion and sash.
10. The competition will be limited to 5 contestants and the judges' decision is final.

In order for the winner to receive the \$500.00 they will be expected to:

1. Attend the remainder of the Kinmount Fall Fair and assist at various events, including but not limited to:
 - Warrior's Day Parade (Saturday)
 - Opening Ceremonies (Saturday)
 - Ribbon and trophy presentations (Friday – Sunday)
 - Exhibit hall
 - Circulate the fairgrounds (Friday – Sunday)

2. Represent Kinmount Agricultural Society at various function throughout the year, including but not limited to:
 - Local Fall Fair Parades (LEX, Bobcaygeon)
 - Christmas in the Village (December)
 - Kinmount Agricultural Society Annual General meeting (January)
 - Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Convention (February)
 - Winterfest (February)
 - Canada Day (July)
 - Heritage Days, Highland Games, Moonlight Mania (July)
 - CNE Ambassador of the fairs Competition (August)
 - 2018 Kinmount Ambassador of the Fair Competition
 - Attend at least one monthly meeting of the Kinmount Agricultural Society

In the event that the winner cannot represent the Kinmount Fair at all of the above events, the first runner-up will be asked to attend and the \$500.00 will be distributed between the two candidates as decided by the Kinmount Agricultural Society.

By signing this agreement, I confirm that I have received a copy of the above rules and regulations and that I understand the responsibilities that I must complete in order for me to receive the \$500.00 upon the end of my term as the Kinmount Fair Ambassador, should I be crowned with this title at the Kinmount Fair.

Ambassador Contestant: _____ Date: _____

DUTIES OF THE 1st RUNNER_UP

1. Runner up should attend all three days of the fair.
2. Runner up will be present for the Warriors' Day Parade and during the opening ceremonies.
3. Runner up will assist the Ambassador with ribbon and trophy presentations.
4. Runner up will circulate the fair grounds meeting and greeting the public.
5. Runner up will assist in the exhibit hall on Saturday and Sunday during the fair.
6. Runner up will assume the duties of the Ambassador should she/he be unable to fulfill them at any time during the fair or in the coming year.

All other competitors (2nd, 3rd and additional participants may participate in any/all of the above duties)

If you have any questions, please contact:

Susan Pearson
705 488-2547
Kinmount Fair Ambassador Committee

Notes for You

“Pre-judging” – personal interview by 3 judges

- You will be asked 7 questions prepared by the ambassador competition committee
- You will be asked 1 question prepared by the judge
- You will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Pose and composure
 - Character
 - Public Speaking ability
 - General knowledge of the community and fair
 - General knowledge of agriculture and current affairs

“Your Public Presentation” – 3 minute (minimum) to 5 minute (maximum)

- Identify yourself by name and age only. (not address)
- Tell the audience and the judges any pertinent information about yourself that you choose to share.
- Your presentation should promote the fair in all aspects.
- Stress why you like the fair – make your audience want to share the experience

A fair poster listing the events and a copy of our prize list has been included for your use in preparing your speech.

Each participant will be sponsored by a local business. You will be provided with a sash bearing your sponsor’s name. You will also receive a gift from your sponsor and a bursary from the Kinmount Fair Board of Directors upon completion of your term.

**PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SPONSOR AND ANY OTHERS YOU
RECEIVE GIFTS FROM IN WRITING**

“Clothing Suggestions”

This is a fair – you should feel comfortable. It is also a FAMILY fair – you should dress appropriately.

- Clothing suitable for competition (Friday), opening ceremonies (Saturday) and during public appearances on all three days of the fair.
- Comfortable shoes for walking the grounds.
- Sponsor's sash to be worn during the competition.
- Ambassador sash and/or medallion to be worn Friday (after the competition), Saturday, and Sunday.
- Runner up sash to be worn Friday (after the competition), Saturday, and Sunday.

"2017 Kinmount Ambassador of the Fair Contest"
Timetable for Contestants

****You are asked to conduct yourself in an appropriate manner at all times.***

****Remember you are our official meeters and greeters – be friendly, respectful, and courteous.***

****Wear your sash and/or medallion at all times, unless otherwise stated.***

Friday, September 1 - 1:00 p.m. meet at the Heritage Complex on the grounds. Please be prompt! You will meet the other contestants, receive your sash and have a chance to ask any last minute questions.

The personal interview with the judges will take place at 1:15 p.m.

2:00 p.m. SHARP the contest will start. Each contestant will be officially introduced on stage. After the introduction of judges, the president's welcome, and the current fair ambassador's farewell speech, you will give your speech. After all contestants have spoken you will be presented with gifts and pictures will be taken. At the close of the program, the 2017 Ambassador and the runner up will be announced. The Ambassador will be presented with a medallion/tiara and the runner up will receive a sash. The runner up will assist the Ambassador during the fair and assume his/her duties should the Ambassador be unable to fulfill them during the coming year.

The Ambassador and runner up will officiate at events as scheduled (times to be discussed) and may be accompanied by one of the committee members. Attendance at the dance is not an obligation. If you choose to attend the dance, do not wear your sash and/or medallion/tiara.

Saturday September 2 – 11:00 a.m. SHARP! You will meet Doug or one of the committee members at the railway station, downtown Kinmount to participate in the Warriors' Day Parade. **Please make sure you get into town early as the traffic will be heavy Saturday morning. Do not be late for the parade.** You will ride in the parade to the fair grounds and will be presented on stage during the opening ceremonies. Pictures will be taken following the opening. You will attend a brief reception in the secretary's office to meet dignitaries and tour the grounds.

The Ambassador and runner up will once again officiate at events as scheduled (times to be discussed).

Sunday September 3 – Times to be arranged. You will meet to give out ribbons and awards at the various events taking place. We will arrange a time suitable to all.

**Some changes to the above guidelines may be necessary. This will be discussed with each of you should the need arise.*

**We can be flexible when arranging daily time activities.*

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Interview Questions

Here are some questions you may be asked during your interview.

Interviews are approximately 10 minutes in length. Each contestant was given the “What to Know for the Kinmount Fair” sheet prior to the competition, therefore, each contestant should know the information they were given. Here are some additional questions for the Ambassadors pertaining to their extracurricular involvement and Fair experiences.

1. Please share with us some background information.
 - Where do you live?
 - What level of education have you completed?
 - What are your plans for the future?
 - What hobbies or special interests do you have?
 - What volunteer activities do you participate in?
2. Why do you want to be the Kinmount Fair Ambassador? (or) What would make you a good Kinmount Fair Ambassador?
3. The Kinmount Fair attracts 1000's of people each year. What do you think makes the Kinmount Fair special and unique? (or) If someone was coming to the Kinmount Fair for the first time, what are two things that you would show them?
4. Tell us about your volunteer experience. What is one thing you have learned through volunteering?
5. What is one major thing that has happened in the news that interests you and why?
6. Name one thing, and explain what you could do to promote the Kinmount Fair and get more youth involved?

7. What is something you are proud about?

Additional Questions

- What are your plans for the future?
- What are your feelings about your future job possibilities?
- What job do you think best suits your personality?
- What is the best part of the fair and why?
- Agriculture is very important. In your view, what is the most important part of agriculture?
- Name three other fairs and the months they take place in?
- What do you think a fair director does?
- If you could be anyone else for one week, who would you be and why?
- If there was a certain book you could read, tell us what it would be and why?
- Is there someone in your life who has influenced you in your major decisions? Tell us about it.
- If you could have one wish, what would it be and why?
- If I told you today that you could have a month off and not lose any time at school or work, where would you go and why?
- There are many fall fairs held each year across the country. Historically speaking, what is the origin of these annual events? How and why did they begin?
- Everyone has favourite memories of the Kinmount Fair. What are some of the things you enjoy about the Kinmount Fair? What is your favourite memory?
- What changes or attractions would you like to see considered for another year at the fair?
- If you were given \$10,000, what would you do with it?

What to Know – Kinmount Fair Ambassador

Peterborough County Warden: _____

MP (Peterborough – Kawartha, ON): _____

MP (Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock, ON): _____

MPP (Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock, ON): _____

Minister of Agriculture (Federal): _____

Minister of Agriculture (Provincial): _____

Prime Minister: _____

Premier: _____

Kinmount Fair President: _____

Kinmount Fair 1st Vice: _____

Kinmount Fair Past President: _____

Ambassador: _____

Junior Ambassador: _____

OAAS – Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies

What district does the Kinmount Fair belong to? _____

District _____ Homecraft Representative: _____

District _____ Agricultural Representative: _____

How old is the Kinmount Fair? _____

Website: _____

What's new at the fair? _____

Current events: _____

Kinmount Agricultural Society

**General Code of Conduct for
Participants, Parents/Guardians, Sponsors**

The Parents/Guardians and Sponsors shall support the participants, the Kinmount Agricultural Society, Judges, and the Ambassador Committee members.

The Parents/Guardians and Sponsors will be positive role models.

The Parents/Guardians and Sponsors will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interest of the participants.

The Parents/Guardians and Sponsors, the Kinmount Agricultural Society, Judges, and the Ambassador Committee members will do their best to provide a positive experience for all participants.

The Parents/Guardians and Sponsors will make certain that their participant shows respect for all fellow participants, the Kinmount Agricultural Society, Judges and the Ambassador Committee members.

The Parents/Guardians will inform the Ambassador Committee of any disability, ailment, allergies that may affect the safety of the participant.

The Parents/Guardians, Sponsors and Contestants will comply with all decisions made the Kinmount Agricultural Society, Judges and the Ambassador Committee members, and will observe all rules, policy and procedures as previously established.

The Parents/Guardians, Sponsors, Participants, the Kinmount Agricultural Society, and the Ambassador Committee members will not question the judges' decision.

Most importantly, everyone will have fun and walk away with a positive experience.