



**louisianakids, inc.**  
An Educational & Entertainment Organization

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TO: ALL LOUISIANA KIDS, INC. MEMBERS AND PARENTS

FROM: LOUISIANA KIDS, INC. EXECUTIVE BOARD

SUBJECT: "2012" LOUISIANA KIDS, INC. FIRST REGIONAL COMPETITION

Hope this greeting finds everyone in good health and spirits. On behalf of the entire Louisiana Kids, Inc. organization, we would like to congratulate all of our directors and show producers for organizing our first Regional Competition for the 2012 season.

A friendly reminder that every contestant participating in our competition event must purchase a 2012 Memory Book, which is issued at state finals. You must include the \$20.00 memory book fee with your first regional competition act entry, regardless of if you are solo or group. One book will be mandatory per entertainer. Each member will receive a free quarter page ad (\$100.00 value). The deadline date for your free quarter page ad is Saturday, May 5, 2012. Each contestant has the opportunity to sell ads for the memory book. 50% of ad fees collected can be applied to your state competition fees. Ad fees are as follows: Full page \$200/Half page \$150/Quarter page \$100/Business Card \$20.

Our first regional event will take place **Saturday, March 3, 2012**, at the **SUGAR CANE FESTIVAL AND FAIR BUILDING**, 700 block of Park View Drive, New Iberia, Louisiana 70560. **The entry deadline date is Saturday, February 4, 2012. Any entries received after this date will be charged a \$15.00 per act late fee. No acts will be accepted after Saturday, February 11, 2012.** In order to participate in Louisiana Kids, Inc. State Finals, you must have qualified in the March 5, 2012 Regional Competition or in the April 14, 2012 Regional Competition.

As in the past, act fees **SHOULD BE** turned in with act sheets by the Louisiana Kids, Inc. member and not through the Participating Studio. Every registered Participating Studio will automatically receive their percentage of act fees submitted, with a minimum of ten (10) acts or more per studio, to be eligible for studio percentage. Please remember to list the name of your studio on line #2 of the Act Entry Form.

**NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ORIGINAL DEADLINE DATE OF SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012, DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF NON-SUFFICIENT FUND CHECKS WE HAVE RECEIVED IN THE PAST.** There will be a \$25.00 NSF fee charged on any NSF checks received. This policy will be strictly enforced. **(SORRY – We no longer accept credit card payments).**

Please find enclosed the Solo and Group Entry Forms for Regional Competition. **PLEASE NOTE AND SIGN BOTTOM OF SOLO AND GROUP ACT FORMS** stating that you are aware of the Act and Category your child will be competing in. Once this form is turned in, **there will be NO CHANGING of Act of Category.** Each member must have a paid 2012 Membership with Louisiana Kids, Inc. To enter Competition, please attach payment to act sheet and submit altogether as one package. **“DO NOT SEPARATE PAYMENT FROM ACT SHEET”.**

**ALL OF OUR COMPETITIONS ARE STRICTLY OPTIONAL.** We offer these services for children who may want to expand their experiences in the performing arts by having their acts judged before qualified individuals with entertainment background experience.

All Louisiana Kids, Inc. competitions start on a Regional level advancing to “STATE FINALS” with National Finals being our ultimate goal of destination.

Again, we will offer our Alumni to compete. This will take place in conjunction with our scheduled events. You will have to qualify at Regionals to participate at the State level, then State to Nationals. If any other members would like to perform with Alumni members, they will be judged in the Alumni Category. **THE ALUMNI COMPETITION WILL BE AWARDED SEPARATE FROM OUR NORMAL EVENT AWARDS AS IN THE PAST YEARS. ALUMNI ACTS WILL BE ABLE TO ADVANCE TO NATIONAL FINALS!!!**

New for 2012 five (5) new Sub Talent Categories have been added. We now have twenty-seven (27) Sub Talent Categories to compete in. Please note the official Louisiana Kids, Inc. Guidebook published on the Competition page of our website at [www.louisianakids.us](http://www.louisianakids.us). Participants may enter more than one act per category at all levels of competition, but may only win once in the same category.

Do not forget time limits of **3 MINUTES AND 15 SECONDS** allowed for all acts, with a set up and tear down time of **1 MINUTE**. Production numbers of 10 or more contestants must be a minimum of **3 MINUTES AND 16 SECONDS** and a maximum of **5 MINUTES** with **2 MINUTES MAXIMUM** set up and tear down time. Only one song per CD clearly marked with your Names and Song Title, along with a backup. To receive cash awards, contestants must be present at Awards Ceremony.

National Finals will take place starting **July 16, 2012. NEW THIS YEAR**, we will no longer combine categories at National Finals. All sub-talent categories will be awarded separately: Age, Solo, Group, Vocal, Dance, and General Variety, same as State Finals. The same will carry forward to Nationals.

If you have any questions about completing entry forms, please call the state office at 504-341-2196 or 504-296-8815, or by email at [louisianakids@aol.com](mailto:louisianakids@aol.com) or [www.louisianakids.us](http://www.louisianakids.us).

For complete listing of Rules and Regulations for our 2012 Guidebook, please refer to [www.louisianakids.us](http://www.louisianakids.us).

GOD BLESS,  
LOUISIANA KIDS, INC. EXECUTIVE BOARD  
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