

2020 Florida Strawberry Festival Baby Parade

Presented by the GFWC Plant City Junior Woman's Club, Inc.

Sponsored by South Florida Baptist Hospital

Held in the GT Grandstands

Saturday, March 7th, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION:

Each contestant entry must be made in-person on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the *Arthur Boring Civic Center*, located at 2406 W. Reynolds Street, Plant City, FL 33563 on Festival Grounds. The registration fee for each contestant is \$25.00 cash only, and is a non-refundable charitable donation to the Annual Shoe Project for the GFWC Plant City Junior Woman's Club. Fifty (50) entries will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis in each of the age groups. The Age Restriction is from 1 to 4 years of age as of Friday, January 31st, 2020.

If there are any openings left after Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020, a second & final registration will be held on Wednesday, January 29th, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m located at the *Arthur Boring Civic Center*. [The Final deadline to apply in person is Wednesday, January 29th, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.](#)

Competition is open to: East Hillsborough County residents only. East of Highway 301; Plant City, Thonotosassa, Mango, Wimauma, Brandon, Seffner, Dover, Balm, Valrico, Keyville, Lithia, & Durant. Proof child age and Residency is required at registration (Driver's License Only).

CATEGORY INFORMATION:

The Baby Parade King, Queen, and Court are made up of the 4 year old winners in each category. At the time of registration you will choose only one category that you want your child to be judged on. Due to time limitations, you may only choose (1) one category for each contestant.

Categories Include (Choose only (1) one category):

- Most Beautiful Girl
- Most Handsome Boy
- Most Personality
- Best Costume
- Best Float

JUDGING INFORMATION:

This information is to explain the judging process. This year we will be judging during the actual parade portion of the contest. A point system is used. The scoring is 0 through 5, with 5 being the highest value. Your child will be judged only in the category you have chosen for them.

The categories are as follows:

- Most Beautiful Girl- child will be judged on physical beauty alone
- Most Handsome Boy- child will be judged on physical beauty alone

- Most Personality- judges are free to talk to contestants to determine the degree of personality, many children exude various degrees of personality through smiling, talking freely, being pleasant, etc...
- Best Costume- determined by originality, appearance and detail of costume
- Best Float- determined by creativity, theme and costume selection, along with special attention to detail, cannot be larger than 4' wide by 5' long and no taller than 7' from the ground.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

There is no longer a mandatory information night. An email will be sent to the consenting parent and/or legal guardian of the contestant that includes final contest information and category arrival times.

On competition day, **Saturday, March 7th, 2020**, at Gate 17 during the official check-in each Contestant & Chaperone will be provided with their festival entry ticket and contestant number. Only 1 adult will be allowed to Chaperone the contestant during the contest unless in the Best Float category. Only contestants competing in the Best Float category are permitted two (2) Chaperones to assist with pulling the float and thus each Chaperone will be provided a festival entry ticket. Contestants must wear their contestant number on their LEFT arm for the judges to easily see. Floats will also need to display their number on the left side of their float. The chaperone is to bring the contestant to Gate 17 for entry into the Festival, this is off of Oak Street, across from Tomlin Middle School gymnasium. Any contestant not officially checked in at their assigned Age & Category time at Gate 17 will be **DISQUALIFIED** from the Baby Parade Contest. The disqualified contestant will be allowed to participate, however they will not be judged.

QUESTIONS

Please Contact plantcitybabyparade@gmail.com.

The 2020 Florida Strawberry Festival theme is "Our Perfect Vision!", feel free to use it in your costume or float decoration.

The Baby Parade Contest will take place Rain or Shine!

The GFWC Plant City Junior Woman's Club and its club members thanks you for participating in the 2020 Baby Parade Contest... a Plant City Tradition.