



## TOMMYHAWK CONTEST

The Board of Directors of the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair are pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the **TOMMYHAWK CONTEST** to be held as part of the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair in Chowchilla. A maximum of eight (8) participants will be randomly selected from all applications received by the application deadline date. The **TOMMYHAWK CONTEST** is for males only.

**Applications must be submitted to the Chowchilla-Madera County Fairgrounds Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday April 14, 2017. The Pageant will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chowchilla-Madera County Fairgrounds.**

The winner of the Tommyhawk Contest will be selected by an impartial panel of judges who do not reside in Madera County. Contestants will be evaluated on the categories listed below. Contestants may choose to seek organizations or business sponsors to help offset any pageant related expenses. The pageant show changes each year and contestants may be required to participate in an opening dance number or other event activities. The Director(s) reserves the right to make changes as necessary.

The contestants will be evaluated in the following categories:

- Poise
- Personality
- Behavior

Pageant winners will receive the following:

Tommyhawk	\$ 50.00
Costume Expense Contribution	\$ 35.00

The Tommyhawk Contest winner will be obligated to lead the opening of the Chowchilla Spring Festival parade on Saturday, May 20th. The winner will be required to construct (sew) and wear a Native American Indian style outfit when he marches in the parade as well as at Fair events and other community events through the year. Parents are responsible for creating the outfit including any additional costs above the \$35.00 contribution from the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair.

The winner of the Tommyhawk Contest will be required to be present daily at the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair, and other community events that may be scheduled throughout the year in Madera County. It is the responsibility of the winners and parent(s) to schedule their attendance to the events and activities.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed Tommyhawk County Pageant application must be submitted to the Chowchilla-Madera County Fairgrounds office by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday April 14, 2017**
- Contestants must be between the ages of 6 and 9 years as determined by their age on May 18, 2017. **A copy of the applicant's birth certificate or official school record with a birth date must accompany payment that will be collected at the mandatory contestant/parent meeting April 24, 2017.**
- Contestants must have resided in Madera County for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the pageant (proof of residence may be required).
- No contestant shall have won a prior Tommyhawk Contest, nor have been a professional model, nor have appeared professionally on TV, radio or in print of any form for professional compensation. Having won another amateur contest for awards does not exclude a participant.
- All applicants will be entered into a blind draw pool with selections to be drawn at the Chowchilla fair office Monday April 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. A representative will draw all the applicants who will be placed on a list in order of their draw. Applicants need not be present but may attend this meeting if they choose. All applicants will be notified of their status within 72 hours of the drawing by e-mail or telephone. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE FAIRGROUND OFFICE TO FIND OUT YOUR STATUS.**
- Those applicants selected to participate in the pageant will have to pay a **\$25.00 Pageant Fee** on the night of the Mandatory Contestant/Parent Meeting on April 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Checks must be made payable to Chowchilla-Madera County Fair.
- Specific dress attire will be discussed in detail during the rehearsal sessions and further changes may be added. In general, no shorts, tee-shirts or tank tops for Pageant Night, no sandals or flip-flops are allowed, and no jewelry of any kind will be allowed.
- It is important that the Tommyhawk Contest contestants attend all rehearsals and be on time. Pageant meetings and rehearsal dates and times may be subject to change.
- The 2017 pageant schedule will be given at the meeting on April 24, 2017.

Questions? Please call or text Mindy Schnoor at (559) 223-0714 or the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair Office at (559) 665-3728.



**TOMMYHAWK CONTEST APPLICATION**  
Due by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 14, 2017**  
Chowchilla-Madera County Fairgrounds Office

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Name associated with this number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (2): \_\_\_\_\_ Name associated with this number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (3): \_\_\_\_\_ Name associated with this number: \_\_\_\_\_

Which phones can receive text messages (circle all that apply): Telephone 1 Telephone 2 Telephone 3

E-mail (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Name associated with this e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (2): \_\_\_\_\_ Name associated with this e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a resident of Madera County?: \_\_\_\_\_

School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5

As the parent/legal guardian, I declare my child has not won a previous Tommyhawk Contest or appeared professionally on radio, TV, or print, or professionally modeled, for any form of pay or compensation.

I hereby consent for my child to enter the Tommyhawk Contest.

I hereby declare that I have read, or have had read to me, the statements of requirements and qualifications for judgment of the Tommyhawk Contest. I understand that if I should be named Tommyhawk I will to the best of my ability honor the obligations of the appointment.

The contestant agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**PRESS RELEASE AND PUBLICITY WAIVER**

*This completed form must be submitted at the Mandatory Contestant/Parent Meeting on April 24, 2017*

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize and permit myself or my child if participant is less than 18 years of age, to be photographed and/or recorded by audio means for use in publicity information that may be released for radio, television, newspaper, magazines and promotional materials in connection with the Tommyhawk Contest and the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair and Fairgrounds.

Print Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_