

January 7, 2010

Dear Junior and Senior Students,

It is with great excitement that we announce the Fifth annual *Miss Redbud Trails Pageant* and invite you to participate.

As an initiative to promote tourism in Southern and Eastern Kentucky, several Scenic Byways have been designated all across Kentucky. Spring blooms and beautiful scenic drives have inspired several upcoming spring festivals celebrating the natural beauty of our area. Beginning in late March, when the Redbud trees begin to open their beautiful, lavender-pink blooms along our Kentucky roadways, Kentuckians all across the state will be celebrating the coming of the season. It is hoped that they (as well as visitors from outside our area) will take part in one of the many scheduled festivals. Barbourville, located on the Wilderness Road National Scenic Byway, will host the Miss Redbud Trails Pageant. In February, a Queen will be chosen to reign over the Redbud Festival celebrations that will be held throughout April in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. A separate sheet is attached to this letter listing counties which are included.

The competition will take place February 20, 2010 on the Union College Campus at Conway Boatman Chapel. *Each* contestant will receive prizes including a \$500.00 scholarship from Union College, "Kentucky's First College in the Mountains." The chosen Queen will receive a \$10,000.00 scholarship to Union College as an academic incentive if she should plan to make Union College her higher education choice. Our reigning Queen, Miss Madison McCowan, appeared frequently at TOUR SEKY events, and on occasion with Congressman Hal Rogers promoting Tourism and the PRIDE Campaign in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. The Queen will also be featured in tourism brochures, calendars and will be showcased in area parades and festivals. New this year, she will appear on the REDBUDFESTKY.COM website, TOUR SEKY's monthly newsletter, and on the Redbud Festival billboards. This year's Queen will indeed be busy as she will assume many duties and will receive much exposure and recognition.

Additional Details:

The Queen will be chosen regarding her ability to effectively communicate formally in interview and informally in a social setting with an impartial, experienced panel of judges. The third aspect of selection will consist of beauty, poise and presentation in evening gown at the Pageant itself. Percentages for scores are as follows:

- **Private interview: 35%**
- **Social interaction skills: 25%**
- **Beauty, poise and presentation in evening gown: 35%**
- **Onstage introduction: 5%**

The private interview with Judges will consist of a ten-minute conversation during which they will discuss interesting things included on your fact sheet and application. They may ask for your personal viewpoints on social issues or current events, as well. Attire for this should be a *suit* or *church-type* clothing. No cocktail dresses, jeans or formals...*please!*

Later that afternoon, you will attend a luncheon reception at Union College where your social interaction skills will be noted. At this event, you should wear a very dressy, knee-length dress, appropriate for a tea.

At the evening program, your poise and presentation in evening gown will be assessed on stage. We encourage you to wear a full-skirted ball gown in either white or pastel colors, in keeping with our “Debutante” theme. On stage that evening, you will introduce yourself with a short statement telling us a bit about your home town or community and what it might offer to a tourist or traveler.

You are also asked to submit an unframed 8x10 and a wallet photograph (preferably color) of yourself for display and program purposes. The City of Barbourville will be displaying these photographs on the Court Square for the local residents and Redbud Festival visitors to admire. They will be returned to you.

***Please be prompt in submitting your application and materials to us.*** We must receive ***everything*** before February 13th, for pageant organizational purposes. We will be printing a pageant program and must have your photograph by that date for it to appear in the program. If you should have any further questions, please email me at [cole@redbudfestky.com](mailto:cole@redbudfestky.com) or contact me at **606-545-9674**. After you have submitted your entry materials, a detailed schedule, directions and suggestions will be sent to you. Please try to include an email address so that we can communicate more easily. Good luck and I am looking forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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## Participating Redbud Trails Counties

### Country Music Highway

Boyd  
Floyd  
Greenup  
Johnson  
Lawrence  
Martin  
Pike

### Cumberlands

Clinton  
McCreary  
Pulaski  
Russell  
Wayne

### First Frontier

Bell  
Harlan  
Knox

### Heartland Waterways

Adair  
Cumberland  
Green  
Metcalf  
Monroe  
Taylor

### Heritage Landmarks

Boyle  
Casey  
Garrard  
Jessamine

### Mountain Lake

Bath  
Menifee  
Morgan  
Rowan

### Mountain Parkway Trails

Estill  
Lee  
Magoffin  
Powell  
Wolfe

### Southern I-75

Jackson  
Laurel  
Madison  
Rockcastle  
Whitley

### Kentucky's Elk Country

Breathitt  
Clay  
Knott  
Leslie  
Letcher  
Perry

**Miss Redbud Trails 2010  
Pageant Application**

Contestant Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic  
Honors: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Leadership  
Roles: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic/Career Ambitions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Other interesting facts about yourself: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**\*Please include a recent wallet-sized and an 8 X 10 photograph of yourself (preferably color).**

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