

## 2014 WILLIAMS LAKE STAMPEDE QUEEN COMPETITION

Welcome to the 2014 Williams Lake Stampede Queen Competition! Thank you for your interest in our program. We look forward to meeting you. This competition is designed to be a learning experience, with fun along the way. You will have opportunities to meet new people, learn about the City of Williams Lake and the Williams Lake Stampede and participate in a variety of special events and functions.

**INFORMATION SESSION is Wednesday, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> at the Youth For Christ Building, 289 Third Avenue North, (the old "Flavors" - across from Sears). APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THIS NIGHT.**

**Please fill out the included forms. After the information session, mail the forms, along with the other application requirements, to the committee by Friday, January 24, 2014. KEEP A COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS AND SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL.** Applications will not be accepted if received or postmarked after this date.

The mailing address is:

Williams Lake Stampede Queens Committee  
Box 4076  
Williams Lake, BC  
V2G 2V7

**Contestant Orientation Meeting is Wednesday, February 5, 2014 - 7:00 pm at Youth For Christ Building, 289 Third Avenue North (The old "Flavors" - across from Sears).**

Please bring:

- a. Your parent or guardian (if you are under the age of 19) and;
- b. If you have a sponsor, they are welcome to attend the orientation meeting

**Should you require further information, please contact:**

Jamie Tanis, Stampede Director, Queens Committee – (250) 392-4761, [wl.stampede.queen@gmail.com](mailto:wl.stampede.queen@gmail.com)

**OR:** Queens Alumni Davana Mahon –(250) 296-4149 or (250)267-5522 (2011 Queen)

[raindrop.56@hotmail.com](mailto:raindrop.56@hotmail.com)

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## **2014 WILLIAMS LAKE STAMPEDE QUEEN CONTESTANT INFORMATION**

### ***WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN THE WILLIAMS LAKE STAMPEDE QUEEN COMPETITION?***

The Williams Lake Stampede Queen competition offers training in many important areas. Whether or not you become a Williams Lake Stampede Queen or Princess, the benefits of participating in the program are many. Some of the benefits include: learning lifelong skills, developing new friendships, participating in community events, learning more about the City of Williams Lake and the Williams Lake Stampede, building self-confidence and self-esteem, gaining valuable experience for resumes, university applications, and having another job reference (or two) and more. . After completing your reign, you are eligible to pursue other titles such as Miss Rodeo Canada, BC Ambassador, Miss Canada International and many more.

### ***AM I ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?***

The Williams Lake Stampede Queen competition is designed for young women who are interested in developing skills and confidence necessary to be successful in today's society and who would like to learn more about themselves and their community. To be eligible, you must:

- a. Have resided in Williams Lake or within a close proximity (Queens Director discretion) for 6 months as of December 31, 2013. If you have concerns that you may live too far, please send an email outlining your concerns to Jamie - [wl.stampede.queen@gmail.com](mailto:wl.stampede.queen@gmail.com)
- b. Be a Canadian Citizen between the ages of 16 and 23 years of age by December 31, 2013.
- c. You will be asked to appear at numerous functions, events, the Williams Lake Indoor Rodeo and the Williams Lake Stampede. You will be in the spotlight and others will constantly be watching you. You may be judged by Directors, rodeo fans, anonymous judges, aspiring royalty, reigning Royalty and even your peers. Being on your best behavior is a must, even if you are not dressed in your contestant attire.

**PLEASE NOTE: APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE BUT DO NOT MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS MAY REQUEST THE QUEENS DIRECTOR TO WAIVE ONE OR MORE REQUIREMENTS. ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH APPLICANTS WILL BE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE QUEENS DIRECTOR.**

### ***HOW DO I BECOME A CONTESTANT?***

- a. Complete the application and contact information, sign the rules and regulations, code of conduct and submit the sponsorship information;
- b. Write a one page 'essay' on why you want to be the next Williams Lake Stampede Queen – this essay may be published (Tribune, Williams Lake Stampede Facebook page, Williams Lake News and Events as they happen, etc);
- c. Provide a resume which includes: current/past schools attended; interests, hobbies and activities; special trips or events in which you have been involved; future plans (education and/or career goals), volunteer experience, organizations participated in and employment history. Please provide three references (not family);
- d. Have your parent/guardian sign their consent (if under the age of 19);
- e. Attach a copy of your school transcript to your application form; and
- f. Provide a copy of your birth certificate.

## **WHAT IS REQUIRED OF CONTESTANTS?**

As a candidate, you will be expected to:

- Attend Friday and Saturday of the Williams Lake Stampede and all events scheduled those days;
- Attend all designated functions, including developmental/training hours (5-7 hours per week) during the competition (missing a training session(s) may result in a percentage(s) being deducted from your marks in that category);
- Notify the designated chaperone immediately if you are unable to attend a function, or arrive on time;
- Dress in full western attire (hat, shirt, jeans, boots, banner, name tag and tiara/crown) and Sponsorship Banner at all times at organized functions. (The committee member responsible for the specific portfolio has the discretion to indicate alternative attire at training sessions.);
- Use a planner/calendar to make note of all pertinent information regarding the program including dates, times, contact person and locations for scheduled events;
- Reply to calendar invites in a timely manner;
- Not smoke, drink alcohol or use illegal drugs at any function;
- Do not allow your grades/education to drop significantly;
- Provide interim school transcript. Participation in the program may be restricted due to grades;
- Adhere to the Contestants Code of Conduct during the competition;
- Not act in any way that, in the opinion of the committee, will interfere with your participation in the program or bring discredit upon the committee, your sponsor, the current royalty, the other candidates and yourself;
- Be fully aware of all qualifications and requirements and immediately notify the committee should you become aware that you do not meet any of the requirements;
- Be prepared to reimburse the committee for any costs incurred on your behalf, should you withdraw from the program; and
- Attend designated Williams Lake Stampede work bees held on Monday evenings from approximately mid-April until Stampede weekend.

## **HOW MUCH TIME WILL I NEED TO COMMIT TO THE PROGRAM?**

Approximately 5 months of the program (Feb, Mar, April, May and June), candidates will be expected to attend developmental opportunities and/or public appearances (5-7 hours approximately per week). In addition, contestants may be expected to organize and participate in fundraising activities. **Because school is important, every effort is made to avoid scheduling activities throughout final exams.** In June, particularly the week leading up to Stampede, candidates will be very busy. If you have a job, please notify your employer that you are participating in this program and may require some time off.

**Coronation is June 21<sup>st</sup> . More info to follow re: decorating, and details of the evening.**

### ***HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM?***

There are no entry fees for candidates. Your sponsor covers the costs of the program entry. Your sponsors are responsible for a \$700.00 donation. Of that, \$150.00 will go towards your banner, name tag and tiara/crown, \$100.00 towards a framed stampede poster, and you will have a \$450.00 allowance for western clothing (jeans, shirts, belt, buckle, hat and boots). Required: black belt, black jeans, black boots, black hat and a white shirt. Receipts are required for reimbursement.

Additional riding lessons may be required to ensure you are personally able to complete the required maneuvers of Horsemanship. The costs of any lessons outside of the weekly horsemanship skills will be the responsibility of the participant.

### ***HOW DO I FIND A SPONSOR?***

Once you submit your application, the committee will have some ideas about who you can contact in the community to sponsor you, and that may have sponsored contestants in the past. However, if you are aware of a business or organization that will sponsor you, please feel free to approach them as soon as possible. **Sponsorship confirmation is required by February 5th.**

### ***HOW IS THE STAMPEDE QUEEN CHOSEN?***

Candidates will be judged in the following areas:

- a. Horsemanship – 25% of final mark (Written exam is worth 10% and the Riding Exam is worth 15%). (Missing a training session(s) may result in a percentage(s) being deducted from your final mark);

Candidates will be given instruction on horsemanship, care of their horse, grooming etc. You will be tested on riding ability, as well as your knowledge of horses.

- b. Written exam (Local and Rodeo Knowledge) and personal interview – 25% of final mark (Written Exam is worth 10% and the Personal Interview is worth 15%)

Candidates will write a short answer quiz on Williams Lake and the surrounding area. Topics may include local history, geography, economics, tourism, government, rodeo knowledge, current events etc.

Personal interview will be with a panel of judges from different facets of the community.

- c. Speech craft/public speaking – 25% of final mark (Anonymous judging is worth 10% and Speech is worth 15%). (Missing a training session(s) may result in a percentage(s) being deducted from your final mark);

Candidates will be instructed in public speaking. Candidates will be required to give a speech, as well as answer impromptu questions (15%). You will also be judged on your speaking at various events which you attend (10%)

- d. Personality and appearance – 25% of final mark (may include modeling which would be worth 5% and Secret Judging is worth 20%. 25% Secret Judging throughout the competition if no modeling)

As part of personality and appearance, throughout the program, candidates will be marked on their attendance, punctuality and preparedness.

***WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF THE 2014 STAMPEDE ROYALTY?***

- Sign a contract outlining their role and responsibility as new royalty.
- Sign a code of conduct.
- Attend functions in Williams Lake, and area.
- Travel to other communities as representatives of The City of Williams Lake and the Williams Lake Stampede.
- Maintain standards of exemplary conduct for as long as they hold their titles.

## 2014 WILLIAMS LAKE STAMPEDE ASSOCIATION RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR QUEEN COMPETITION

### Qualifications:

1. All candidates must reside in Williams Lake or within a close proximity and be willing to commute to Williams Lake on a frequent basis (this can be discussed with the Queen's Director should you reside further from the community);
2. Females, between the ages of 16 and 23 years of age as of December 31, 2013;
3. You must be a Canadian citizen;
4. You must have a desire, as well as be available, to promote the Williams Lake Stampede and the City of Williams Lake;
5. You must show respect and abide by all the rules of the competition;
6. Candidates will not drink alcohol, use tobacco products, or partake in any illegal drugs during the competition or reign while in public view;
7. Candidates must supply their own sponsor. The committee will have some ideas about possible businesses or organizations that you are able to approach. ;
8. No cell phone use in public view ( unless approved by your chaperone);
9. Western dress will be worn to all functions, unless told otherwise;
10. When attending a function, the chaperone shall have sole discretion and authority over the activities of the candidates;
11. The candidates shall not accept or receive requests/invitations to attend functions. All such requests/invitations will be directed to the Queen's Director (wl.stampede.queen@gmail.com);
12. Candidates can only attend functions which are approved by the Williams Lake Stampede Queen committee and/or Director;
13. If, in the opinion of the committee, a candidate behaves improperly, she may be asked to withdraw from the competition. The candidate will reimburse her sponsor for funds given to her, and the banner, name tag, and tiara/crown will be returned to the committee;
14. No individual is eligible to re-run in the competition if they have withdrawn or been asked to leave a previous competition without an approved withdrawal;
15. The Williams Lake Stampede Queen committee, the Williams Lake Stampede Association, and the City of Williams Lake will crown one Queen, and one Princess. More than one Princess may be crowned, at the discretion of the committee;
16. The reign of the Williams Lake Stampede Queen and Princess(es) are for approximately one year.
17. If a candidate is chosen as royalty, and in the opinion of the committee, behaves improperly during her reign, the committee shall have the right to remove her title, and ask for the tiara/crown, name tag, banner and any gifts to be returned immediately;
18. In the event the Williams Lake Stampede Queen is unable to complete her reign, the Princess will assume the duties, but not the title of the Queen;
19. Upon completion of the Royalty's reign, and at Retired Royalty's request, the Williams Lake Stampede Queen Committee will decide no later than May 31, 2014, whether or not the recently retired Williams Lake Stampede Queen/Princess can represent Williams Lake in the Miss Rodeo Canada competition; and

20. Candidates may be exposed to uncomfortable situations as well as 'rude' individuals.  
Candidates must be able to remain impartial and polite. Chaperones will be there to assist.

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Candidate Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

(if applicant is under the age of 19)

**WILLIAMS LAKE STAMPEDE QUEEN CONTESTANT INFORMATION**

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently working? (circle one) YES NO

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Job Description and hours of work: \_\_\_\_\_

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## WILLIAMS LAKE STAMPEDE QUEEN CONTESTANT SPONSOR INFORMATION

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Information to be printed on banner: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name (Organization/Business): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Make check (\$700.00) payable to Williams Lake Stampede Queen's Committee

Mail to:

Williams Lake Stampede Association Queens Committee  
Box 4076  
Williams Lake, BC  
V2G 2V7

Attn: Jamie Tanis

## 2014 WILLIAMS LAKE STAMPEDE CONTESTANT CODE OF CONDUCT

Goals which I, \_\_\_\_\_ endorse and promote in order to participate in the 2014 Williams Lake Stampede Competition. I will:

- Listen to others who are talking;
- Respect Chaperones, sponsors, myself and each other. Showing respect is a basic law of life;
- Behave in an appropriate manner. No matter how tired, stressed or busy I am – I will not snap at others. In public, I will keep my cool and smile, no matter what;
- Wear appropriate clothing as indicated on the calendar/schedule. Ensure my hair is tidy and make-up is appropriate at all times when in Crown and banner;
- Be on time;
- Not bully or intimidate other people;
- Remember “nice” words are always appropriate. Remember to say please and thank you.
- Deliver/send a note to anyone who has helped me;
- Remember my manners. Not chew gum when I am in Crown/banner/etc., stand up when meeting others;
- Not use my cell phone in public, except in an emergency;
- Won’t wait to be asked to help! I will offer to do something useful instead of just sitting and smiling. I will help willingly, without complaining and with a smile;
- Introduce myself. I will not assume that just because I have my crown and banner on everyone knows who I am;
- Know and practice those things that lead to my well-being and avoid those that lead to my destruction;
- Seek the courage and strength to be a better person; and
- ABOVE ALL, HAVE FUN!

**Integrity** - I recognize the support of The Williams Lake Stampede Directors, Queens Committee Members and The City of Williams Lake Mayor and Council as a symbol of public faith, and accept that faith as a public trust, which demands integrity in all that I do.

**Cooperation** - I recognize the value of cooperation, and stand committed to work with other organizations and the public to achieve results that provide a common benefit to all.

**Leadership & Respect** – I recognize the importance of respect in my dealings with all people, and shall demonstrate an unfailing commitment to the fair treatment of all individuals without regard to gender, religion, sexual orientation, culture, age, and/ or race.

**Communication & Accountability** - I recognize the necessity of high performance standards, and will strive to maintain a degree of excellence in the performance of my duties that ensures public confidence. I will strive to communicate effectively in all I do.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_