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NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR BEAUTY PAGEANTS
BRING BEAUTY, POISE TO THE FAIR

Area beauties ranging in age from three to 24 will take the stage at The North Georgia State Fair 2006 Beauty Pageant on fair opening day Thursday, Sept. 21, to vie for the crown. The event will take place at the covered main stage arena of Jim R. Miller Park with all proceeds from the pageant going to the Miss Cobb County Scholarship Fund.

The judges will select a queen, first runner-up and second runner-up in each of the categories.

The Miss Cobb County pageant is an official preliminary to the Miss Georgia title in the Miss America system and has been recognized as one of the best in the country by the Miss America organization.

The youngest participants will go for the title of Tiny Miss North Georgia State Fair. These three to four year olds will compete at 6 p.m. The five to six years old will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Petite Miss North Georgia State Fair competition.

Little Miss North Georgia State Fair will be a seven to nine year old. This pageant will be held at 7 p.m. The 10 to 12 years olds competing for Pre-Teen Miss North Georgia State Fair will take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Junior Miss North Georgia State Fair competitors will be 13 to 15 years old and will be judged at 8:15 p.m. They will be followed by the 16 to 17 year olds in the Teen Miss North Georgia State Fair pageant at 8:45 p.m.

Finally, the 18 to 24 years olds hoping to be named Miss North Georgia State Fair will take the stage at 9:15 p.m.

The entry fee is \$65 through Sept. 20 and \$75 on the day of the pageant. There is a \$10 entry fee for the Miss Photogenic category. The deadline to enter is one hour before each age division. Winners in each division will receive: a crown, trophy, passes to the fair, flowers, title sash and a large stuffed animal from the fair midway. First and second runners-up in each division will receive a trophy, flowers and stuffed animal.

Contestants in all divisions must be single and never been married and reside in the state of Georgia. Judging will be based on beauty, poise and personality on a scale of 1 through 10.

An optional rehearsal will be held on the covered main stage Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. for ages three to nine, at 7:30 p.m. for ages 10 to 15 and at 8:30 p.m. for ages 16 to 24. Casual dress is recommended.

The Beautiful Baby Contest

From little princes and princesses, to sailors and cheerleaders, even the youngest of fair-goers are recognized at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26. Each year the fair gives mothers and fathers the opportunity to show off their new additions to the family with the Beautiful Baby Contest. The judging is informal and the contestants may dress any way they want. Parents sign your 0 to 36-month-old up by 5:30 p.m. on the night of the contest. The competition will begin at 6:30 p.m. starting with 0-6 months and working up to 36 months in six-month increments. There is no cost to enter a child into the competition, but regular fair admission is required.

Winners of each category will receive a plaque, and ribbons will be issued to 2nd and 3rd places. Be sure to bring your cameras you don't want to miss the opportunity to photograph the future Mr. or Mrs. America.

Regular tickets can be purchased at the gate at \$5 for adults, \$2 for students - ages 7 to 18 and free for children 6 and under. Ride tickets are \$10 for 10, \$20 for 24 and \$50 for 65. Parking is \$2. ATM machines are located on the midway.

To visit the North Georgia State Fair, take Interstate-75 North to Exit 260 (Windy Hill Road) and go west. Go approximately five miles until Windy Hill Road dead ends and turn left on Austell Road. Turn right on Callaway Road. Jim R. Miller Park is on the right.

For information, call (770) 423-1330 or after September 4, (770) 528-8989 and visit www.northgeorgiastatefair.com or call Gene Phillips at (770) 435-6378.

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