



Iowa Juneteenth Observance

A Program of the Connect Foundation

“21 Years Serving the Iowa Community”

2011 Baby Contest Application

Theme - Iowa Families: Guardians of Freedom, Liberty, and Citizenship

We are excited to present the 2011 Iowa Juneteenth Baby Contest under the theme of “Iowa Families: Guardians of Freedom, Liberty, and Citizenship.” As in all Juneteenth events, the Baby Contest honors and recognizes African American heritage where family is held in high esteem; where children are encouraged; celebrated, and prepared; and where family traditions are revered.

The 2011 Iowa Juneteenth Baby Contest will take place on Neighbors Day, June 18, at 1:00 PM in the Forest Avenue Library, located at 1326 Forest Avenue in Des Moines. Please check in at the large conference room of the library no later than noon to meet the judges, receive instructions, and take group photos.

Process for Participation:

1. Entry Fees: None
2. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation!
3. There will be gift certificates and prizes for the top winners in the following entrant categories:
 - a. Infants (6 months to 12 months old)
 - b. Toddlers (13 months to 24 months old)
4. Dress to win (entrants must wear clothing that represents the contest theme of freedom, liberty, and citizenship)! Note: Limit your use of accessories and props to no more than five.

Examples of what to wear would be: Shirt with an American flag or the words ‘Iowa Juneteenth Observance on it; a shirt with ‘Future College Graduate’ or ‘Future Teacher’ on it; Shirt or hat with ‘146 Years Old’ on it (refers to how many years Juneteenth has been celebrated nationally), etc.

Criteria for Judging:

1. Overall presentation
 - a. Outfit represents the 2011 Iowa Juneteenth Observance theme (Freedom)
 - b. The ability to get your child to smile for the judges.
 - c. Best dressed.
 - d. Props and accessories to compliment the presentation. (i.e., stuffed animals, and toys, etc.)

Prizes for each category (Infants and Toddlers):

First Place: Gift Card valued at \$50

Second Place: Gift Card valued at \$25

Baby Contest Chair:

Tameka Johnson 515-447-9827 or tamekajohnson.1@netzero.com



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*****See Ways to Register at the bottom of this page*****

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Name of Child: _____

Category of Participation (check one): Infant _____ Toddler _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender (check one) Male _____ or Female _____

Contact Information:

Home Address (complete with zip code): _____

Telephone Number (include area code): _____

Doctor: _____

Hospital: _____

Consent and Permissions:

Your signature on this document is your consent and permission for your child to participate in the 2011 Iowa Juneteenth Observance Baby Contest; and for the organizers and officers of the Iowa Juneteenth Observance Committee to use any and all pictures taken of your child during the event for the promotion and advertisement of the event in the media (print, electronic, etc.), the internet, and all medium appropriate to advertising and promoting all Iowa Juneteenth Observance activities.

Signature of parent or legal guardian (emailed applications can be signed at the event)

Date

Ways to Register!!

Mail the completed application, postmarked by June 6, 2011, to: Connect Foundation, IJO Baby Contest, PO Box 65204, West Des Moines 50265, or

“email” application no later than June 6, 2011, to: tamekajohnson.1@netzero.com, or

Complete an application ‘in person’ at Evelyn Davis Park on June 18 and turn it in by 12 noon at the Forest Avenue Library, 1326 Forest Avenue, Des Moines, IA