We have so many new things at Kids Fest this year! I can hardly wait to see them in action.

This year there will be a mission project each day that you can participate in. They will be easy to accomplish. This is a great opportunity to show the love of Jesus.

We have added a 2-square/4-square tournament and a Pinewood Derby race. Those will be a ton of fun!

Since we have all these wonderful new things and schedule changes, it is really important for everyone to be at the Opening Ceremony on Friday. It would be great if all the leaders could emphasize this --- often ©.

## THE FEE SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED THIS YEAR!

## **QUIZ FEE IS \$10.00 PER QUIZZER.**

TALENT FEE IS A FLAT FEE OF \$20.00. This amount covers ALL of the participant's talent entries along with the 2-square-4/square, Pinewood derby, and mission projects, and of course a t-shirt.

LUNCH ON SATURDAY. There is a place for you to designate if you would like to purchase a voucher for lunch on Saturday on the SPREADSHEET. It is \$5.00 and that will include: hot dog or hamburger, chips, drink and dessert. When you register you will get a wrist band that you can use anytime during the day for lunch. If you sign up for this voucher you are responsible for payment – even if that participant does not come or chooses not to use it.

This option is available for parents, siblings and other adults. Please add them to your spreadsheet.

Any child participating at the zone level receiving a gold, silver or bronze medal will be eligible to compete at District.

Directors and Pastors, please help your kids pick their categories and help them be ready for zone and district. Participants can change their material all the way through until they register for Festival, as long as they stay in the same category. We want them to do well at whatever they choose. Most of all, we want them to have fun while learning different ways to worship and show others Jesus.

Art participants need an originality statement with their project. Also, please use the Team Participation List for your different groups. This makes it possible to have schedules with fewer conflicts. Each church should also fill out the t-shirt order form. The Church recap will make sure that each church knows how much money they will owe at registration. You can return the forms to me by email, fax or snail mail. Of course, I prefer email because it is easier for me to manipulate, but I know that's not always possible. It is much easier for me to have the information on the excel spreadsheet. It helps me with schedules and logistics. If you have trouble with it, let me know and I'll see if I can fix it for you.

All performances (instrumentals, drama, vocals, speech, live puppets and sign language) must have copies of material to turn into judges at performance.

There is not a specific scripture for poetry or a specific song for power point. Both should be of a religious nature or UIL approved.

The last day zone competitions can be held is February 20, 2017 and information should be turned in to me by February 23, 2017.

Thank you for all the work you put into hosting a zone event and everything else that goes with being a zone director. I do appreciate all your work and prayers.

Let me know if you have questions. You can email, call or text me.

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