

# BILL RICE RANCH EVANGELISTIC MUSIC CONTEST

**YOUTH LEADER! BE SURE YOUR CONTESTANTS SEE THIS INFORMATION  
WELL IN ADVANCE OF COMING TO THE RANCH!**

We are thrilled to know that you are bringing a group of young people to the Bill Rice Ranch this summer. The following information about our music contests will be helpful to you. We hope you will have young people to enter these contests.

## CONTEST REGISTRATION

Registration for all music contests will be at **6:30 P.M. Sunday** in the John R. Rice Auditorium! **All contestants must register at this time** unless prior arrangements have been made. **Vocal solo contestants should come to the evening service ready to perform.**

## CONTEST SCHEDULE

Category	Contest	Finals
Vocal Solo	Sunday after evening service	Monday A.M.
Vocal Group (2-6 people)	Monday <b>6:15 P.M.</b>	Tuesday A.M.
Piano Solo	Tuesday <b>6:15 P.M.</b>	Wednesday A.M.
Instrumental (1-6 people) (Includes Piano Duet)	Wednesday <b>6:15 P.M.</b>	Thursday A.M.
Choir (7 or more)	Elimination Monday after evening service	During an evening service—to be announced

## CONTEST RULES

- Each church will be allowed only **two (2) entries in each contest**. If you have several soloists, instrumentalists or singing groups, we suggest you have an elimination contest before you come to the Ranch. You can then choose who will represent your church in the various contests. Only one (1) entry per church will be allowed in the choir contest. All contestants must perform the same selection for both the elimination contest and final contest.
- Please limit all music selections to **3 minutes or less**. The contestants total performance will be affected if the selection is too long.
- The Counselor of a group should be certain that the song selected by contestants meets Ranch standards. The Ranch takes a conservative position on music. Songs are judged according to suitability for use in an evangelistic service. "Gospel rock," "country-western," or "pop" style is not acceptable.  
**All vocal solo, vocal group, and choir pieces must be pre-approved.** (Any BRR arrangement is automatically accepted.) We wish to avoid misleading associations, particularly music associated with contemporary Christian artists and music by secular writers whose music is not conservative. **Prior to coming, please email your selection(s) including song name, composer, & arranger to [music@billriceranch.org](mailto:music@billriceranch.org) for approval.**
- All music contestants are required to participate in the camp choir.** Daily rehearsals are held immediately after lunch and twenty minutes before the evening service.

## CONTEST SUGGESTIONS

The Ranch would like to encourage young people to serve the Lord with the talents He has given them. Musicians should strive to progress in every area which affects their ability to honor God. Consequently, **the music contestant's total performance will be judged**. Although all the categories will not be included in every contest, judging will include the following:

How Announced	Blend	Rhythmic Stability
Choice of Number	Technique	Arrangement
Appearance (Sunday dress)	Audience Contact	Originality
Platform Presence	Enunciation	Total Effect
Tone Quality	Interpretation	

**Please bring your own accompanist.** The Ranch accompanist will be available to work with contestants if needed. The Ranch accompanist will be in the John R. Rice Auditorium at 5 P.M. on Sunday to practice with all vocal soloists who do not have their own accompanist. Contestants needing an accompanist should be certain to bring their music. **Recorded accompaniments for contestants will not be permitted.**

**Memorize your music!** Memorization is highly encouraged and can affect platform presence. Winners of each contest may be invited to perform in an evening service when schedule permits.

Participation in these contests is a wonderful opportunity for teenagers to use their talents and to gain helpful experience. Our desire is to inspire and encourage young people to use their talents for the Lord - both now and into the future. **Please encourage your teens to come to the Bill Rice Ranch prepared to enter the music contests.**

## CONTEST HELPS

1. Please know title, author, and arranger for registration card information. Music is not required for the judges at these contests.
2. Contestants will be judged by the criteria listed on the judging sheets for each contest (pictured below). Scores can be discussed on an individual basis at the end of the week.

3. All contestants should announce his or her name (or one member from ensemble or choir), church, city, state, and the title of the selection to be performed. Here is an example: "My name is John Smith and I am from Bible Baptist Church, in SomeTown, TN. Today I will be singing *Amazing Grace*."
4. Sunday dress is appropriate for the contest. Men should wear a dress shirt and tie (coat is preferred, but not required). Ladies should wear a nice dress or skirt and blouse. Please be cautious of slits and over-all appearance.
5. Contestants are awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons in each category. The winning choir receives the Princess Trophy.
6. **The Ranch produces a variety of vocal solo, vocal group, piano and choir music. For a free catalog, please call 1-800-253-RICE ext. 117, or visit our website at [www.billriceranch.org/store/music](http://www.billriceranch.org/store/music)**