

Kids In Ministry

2021 Official Rules and Guidelines

South Texas District

Humble First AG

1915 FM 1960

Humble, TX 77338

October 2, 2021

Registration Deadline

September 17, 2021

Kids In Ministry Schedule:

8:30 AM	Staff Meeting
9:00 AM	Orientation
9:30 AM	Ministry Evaluation <small>(see presentation schedule)</small>
11:30 PM	Award Presentation & Performances

Schedule Subject to Change According to Number of Entries

Sponsored By:

South Texas Church Ministries and Discipleship Department

www.stxagchurchministries.org

stxkids@gmail.com

Eligibility:

1. "Kids In Ministry" is open to all children ages 6-14.

Registration, Fees, and Deadlines:

1. Every child that participates in Kids in Ministry must fill out an individual registration form. This form should indicate every event that they are participating in, including group events.
2. A group registration form must be completed for each group. If a child is involved in a group performance, their names should appear on the group registration form as well as the individual form.
3. Any choir entry should be circled on the individual form and their name should appear on the group registration form. If there is not enough space on the form, staple the list to the back of the group form.
4. We anticipate a full schedule, so please be clear on what events each child is participating in.
5. Return all forms to the **STXAG- CM Dept., 12106 E. Sam Houston Pkwy N. Houston, TX 77044.**
6. Include \$20.00 per person for the first category entry and \$5.00 per person per each additional category entry.
7. Registrations must be postmarked by September 17, 2021.
8. Registration fee entitles participants to present ministry and receive evaluation and award for ministry.
9. If you have any questions about registration, please call our office at **713.455.1221** or email at **stxkids@gmail.com**.

Evaluation:

1. Each child is evaluated on a three-level scale: good, excellent, superior.
2. Children are not evaluated against each other but against a standard.
3. An 'evaluators scoring sheet' will be utilized. This scoring sheet will help the evaluators affirm the ministry of the child while challenging the child to continue and improve. Children will receive their score sheets.
4. Deductions will be taken if a rule or time violation occurs.
5. There will not be a single showcase winner in any category.
6. There will be a total of 5 presentations chosen by the evaluators. Presentations will be chosen from the music, drama, and outreach divisions.

General Rules:

1. It is the responsibility of each parent and/or adult sponsor to be familiar with the rules. A parent and adult sponsor's signature on the registration form indicates that he/she has read and will abide by the rules as stated.
2. All content must be Christian in the theme and taste.
3. No individual or group may register for more than one entry in the same category of a division. Example: One child cannot sing two solos.
5. The number of Non-Presentation Ministries is unlimited. Example: One child can have 2 art entries.
6. In group entries, one substitution may be made in case of an emergency. Omissions of persons may be allowed. Any additions are not allowed. Registration fees are non-refundable after September 17, 2021.
7. **If your church has multiple groups in the same category, please mark on the Group Sheet a specific name for each group. For example, if your church is bringing 2 puppetry groups, please name them something like Puppetry Group #1 and Puppetry Group #2.**
8. Kids in Ministry participants should always be mindful of their representation of Christ in regard to their behavior. Any participant showing disrespect to people or property will be dismissed from the festival.
9. All children are required to introduce themselves for every performance.

Need for Evaluators/ Officials:

1. We need qualified evaluators for Kids in Ministry from each church. Must be 17 yrs. +.
2. Other volunteers are also needed, such as: Tally Room Officials, Lunch Staff and Security.
3. Volunteers are subject to director approval and must send in a staff registration form.

“Presentation Ministries”

Can Choose Unlimited Categories, 4 Entries per Individual

Music Division:

Choir (7+ singers)

Vocal Solo

Vocal Ensemble (2-6 singers)

Vocal Song Writing

Christian Band (2-10 participants including instruments & vocalists)

Instrumental Solo (Keyboard, guitar, drums, etc.)

Instrumental Ensemble (2-10 participants)

Instrumental Arrangement

Rules for Music Division:

1. Christian music must be used for all music division categories.
2. CD/MP3 or live accompaniment is permissible. Background vocals are permitted for vocal soloists.
3. For instrumental presentations, the instrument(s) played by the participant(s) cannot be used on the accompaniment tape.
4. Instrumental ensemble category will allow any musical instrument combination.
5. A 5-minute time limit will be imposed for each presentation. More than one song can be used if it stays within the 5-minutes.
6. Memorization is optional.
7. **If a keyboard/piano/or other instrument is needed it must be indicated on child’s application.**
8. We do not provide instruments other than piano. Please bring your own.

Drama Division:

Drama Solo

Human Video Solo

Sticks Solo

Worship Dance Solo

Drama Group (2-10 participants)

Human Video Group (2-10 participants)

Sticks Group (2-10 participants)

Worship Dance Group (2-10 participants)

Rules:

1. The entire presentation must be memorized, including any scripture quotations.
2. Use of sets (excluding backdrops) and props are permitted.
3. Costumes are permitted.
4. The use of instrumental CDs or MP3 without any vocals is permitted for drama entries. Human Video entries are permitted to use CDs or MP3 with vocals.
5. Human video presentations should include “lip sync” as well as human video techniques.
6. A 7-minute time limit will be imposed for each presentation, with a 3-minute maximum for set-up.
7. Worship Dance is a presentation of an interpretation of a pre-recorded song where the dancer(s) desire to express their personal devotion of Jesus Christ through dance as a form of creative evangelism or expressive witness. Dancers may use Ballet, Lyrical, or Urban.

Outreach Division:

Puppetry Solo

Clowning Solo

Sign Language Solo

Object Lesson/Short Sermon/Balloon Sculpting

Puppetry Group

Clowning Group

Sign Language Group

Bible Memorization

Rules:

1. All content must be Christian theme.
2. Puppetry and clowning may use recorded music or dialogue, or live puppet skit.
3. Props may be used, including but not limited to, black light (not provided) and strobes (not provided).
4. Puppet stage (adjustable with 2 levels) will be provided. (Size 52” High X 6’ Wide)
5. Sign Language may use recorded music or live dialogue.
6. Balloon Sculpting must be accompanied by a Christian application.
7. A 5-minute time limit will be imposed on each presentation. If set-up time is required prior to performance; a 3-minute preparation limit will be imposed for a total of 8-minutes.
8. **Psalm 23** will be the only scripture passage that will be allowed for Bible Memorization.

“Non-Presentation Ministries” Unlimited Entries Allowed

Creative Writing Division:

Short Story	Poetry
Missions Display Board	Ministry Display Board
Community Ministry Essay	

Rules:

1. Short story is considered a fictional piece with a minimum of 200 words.
2. Poetry may be rhymed or free verse with a maximum of 50 lines.
3. Community Ministry Essay/Mission Board/Ministry Board must include at least 2 pictures and a short essay on the ministry that was done in your community.
4. Short Story, Poetry and Essays must be typed and double-spaced with at least one-inch margins on all sides.
5. Entries must be on 8.5”X11” white paper.
6. Adult may type for the child if he/she is too young.
7. A separate title page should include the title, author’s name, church name and church location.
8. **A copy of the individual registration form must be attached to the back of the entry.**
9. Writing must follow a Christian theme.
10. Must be delivered to the Art Room by 9:30 am on the day of the Kids in Ministry.
11. Missions Display Board is about a particular missionary or missions outreach.
12. Ministry Display Board is about a particular ministry that a child is involved in which cannot be displayed inside a church.

Visual Art Division:

2-D Art	Crafts
3-D Art	Baking with Essay
Technical Art	Science

Rules:

1. 2-D Art include all two- dimensional art; oil, water colors, acrylic, sketches, collages/montages, posters, photography, and free hand
2. Artwork and photography must be mounted.
3. 3-D Art includes all three-dimensional art; sculpture, pinewood derby cars, woodwork, sewing, stained glass, Legos/knex, and T-Shirt Design.
4. Technical Art includes PowerPoint Presentations (5-min. time limit), Movie Making (5-min. time limit), and Graphic Design.
5. ALL Art must follow a Christian theme.
6. ALL Art must be delivered to the Art Room by 9:30 am on the day of the Kids in Ministry.
7. Baking with Essay must include baked goods with recipe and a short-typed essay on how this is used for ministry. The essay should be 100-200 words. Baking is evaluated by look and taste.
8. **A copy of the individual registration form must be attached to the back of the entry.**