

Sweet Home Sportsman's Holiday

2022 Senior Court Application

Due April 15, 2022

Our History

Sportsman's Holiday began in 1959 in conjunction with the Oregon Centennial. At various times through the years the celebration offered a logging show, log truck competition, rodeo, grand parade, talent show, frog jumping, gold panning, 10K run, car shows, square dancing, gun shows, treasure hunt put on by White's Electronics, junior parade and junior court, bed races, greased pig contest, fishing contest, sporting contest, boat parade, speed boat races, fireworks display, tube-a-thon, the princess court with a queen's coronation and more.

In 1959, Trudy Adams was crowned Queen and she, along with her court, and the Centennial Band went on a ten-community tour. The group traveled through Holley, Crawfordsville, Brownsville, Halsey, Shedd, Tangent, Albany, Jefferson, Scio and Lebanon to advertise Sweet Home's first Sportsman's Holiday.

Becoming A Princess

The Court is composed of 3-5 members. The selection process consists of:

- Completion of the following application and submission via email to sportsmansholidayscourt@gmail.com no later than 9:00PM April 15, 2022 (or postmarked by April 13, 2022, to Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce 1575 Main St. Sweet Home, OR 97386)
- Informational meeting for prospective Candidates and their parent(s)/guardian(s), to be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, addressing participation requirements and expectations.
- Individual interview with a panel of judges to select the final 5 Court to be held Wednesday, **April 26, 2022** (interview times will be emailed out after the submission deadline)
- Announcement of the 2022 Sweet Home Sportsman's Holiday Senior Court

If you have any conflicts with any dates listed, please contact us before submitting your application.

Court members will be provided all necessary articles of clothing for official court appearances and events, including, but not limited to: evening gown, day dress, shoes, festival t-shirt/sweatshirt, tiara, sash, jewelry. Also provided will be professional photos, both individual and group, as well as any necessary food or lodging during appearances.

In acknowledgment of your efforts to represent Sweet Home and Sportsman's Holiday, scholarships will be awarded based on eligibility and judging during Coronation. All court members will be eligible to receive *a minimum of \$500 in scholarships*. The Queen will also receive an additional \$500 in scholarships. Miss Congeniality will receive an additional \$250. Total scholarship amounts change yearly based on community contributions and funding availability. All Princesses are expected to participate in fundraising and soliciting sponsorships for the Court.

Applications are available for download at: sweethomechamber.com

If you have questions, please contact Michelle Knight at 541-401-7425 or Shelly Larson at 541-409-0649.

Court Selection Process

Applicant Qualifications:

- Attend school at Sweet Home High School, East Linn Christian Academy, any Sweet Home area private or charter school, or Homeschooled with a Sweet Home area residence.
- Must have a cumulative 3.00 GPA or higher
- Must be a junior in high school or have a junior ranking if homeschooled.
- Must be at least 16 years old by January 1, 2022.
- Complete initial application and submit it before the stated deadline.

Selection Process:

1. All eligible candidates who submit a completed application prior to the deadline will be considered.
2. Prospective candidates along with their parent(s) or guardian(s) should attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7pm in the Sweet Home High School Library, to cover all court requirements, family expectations, and answer any questions applicants may have regarding the experience of being a Sportsman Holiday Princess.
3. The top 10 candidates based on their application will be emailed to schedule a brief interview on Tuesday, April 26th, with a review panel of at least three judges. Each judge will ask pre-determined questions of the candidate, with the possibility of follow-up questions regarding her application.
4. The top candidates will be selected based on the highest cumulative scores across all judging criteria. Each candidate will be notified regarding her standing by phone or email within 3 days of the panel interview.

Court Rules and Regulations

As a member of the Sportsman's Holiday Senior Court, you are one of Sweet Home's Ambassadors and a role model to its youth. You will be envied by some and talked about by others. You will be representing Sweet Home and your actions will be observed throughout the community. Therefore, the following rules and regulations will be enforced throughout the entire selection process and reign—ending at the following year's Queen's Coronation.

1. If conduct occurs which, in the opinion of the Court Committee, reflects adversely on Sportsman's Holiday or the City of Sweet Home, dismissal will be at the discretion of the Court Committee, with approval from the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. There will not be a public hearing.
2. Princesses will be expected to abide by all laws, not limited to those regulating drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products. In addition, unacceptable behavior that will not be tolerated by the Court Committee includes:
 - a. Missing parades or scheduled events not associated with a family emergency or without prior written Committee approval will result in elimination for consideration of Miss Congeniality or Queen's titles and scholarships and could result in dismissal. Requests for being excused from any event must be in

writing and forwarded to the Committee Chair for approval. The Court member will receive a written response from the Court Committee regarding the status of the request.

- b. During your reign, attendance in any social environment that compromises behavior, involves alcohol and/or illegal drugs will be grounds for immediate dismissal.
 - c. Should any information concerning unacceptable past or current behavior come to the attention of the board, this information could be used for dismissal of a Princess.
 - d. In the event the Committee is made aware of a Princess' concealment of information regarding unacceptable or illegal behaviors of a fellow Court member from the Court Committee or proper authorities, it will be considered grounds for her own dismissal.
3. You will attend all functions, fittings and rehearsals as arranged by the Committee throughout your reign. Attendance by all Court members is required. This may include some Sunday appearances as well as an overnight trip. Though parents are encouraged to attend any official functions they choose, they will not travel with the Court, or stay overnight with the Court and chaperones on trips.
 4. All members of the Court will ride with members of the Court Committee to and from parades and selected events. Travel will be coordinated with the Court Chaperone. A parent may provide transportation if deemed necessary and approved through the Court Chaperone, however, no princess shall be permitted to ride with anyone other than their own parent or a member of the Court Committee.
 5. There will be some school missed over a six-month period. This includes luncheons, afternoon visits, etc. Every effort will be made to keep this to a minimum. It will be the responsibility of each Princess to arrange to make up any missed assignments and maintain good academic standing.
 6. The use of cell phones during all Court appearances will be limited to emergencies only.
 7. The Sportsman's Holiday Court Committee reserves the right to withhold or garnish scholarship funds from a Court member who exhibits unacceptable behavior not resulting in removal from the Court, or who does not attend all official court events as requested by the Court Chaperone without prior Committee approval of the absence as listed above. This will include parades and events AFTER Sportsman's Holiday, including returning for the following year's Queen's Coronation.
 8. Scholarships will be paid, upon request of the Court member, directly to the school of their choice. A request form is available on the Chamber of Commerce website or at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Sportsman's Holiday Court Member Application

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell? Yes / No _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____ Phone #: _____

School Attending: _____

Employer Name/Business (if applicable): _____

Employer Address: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Please **retain a copy of this application** for your reference regarding expectations and the application process.

- **A resume**
- **2 letters of reference** from persons not related to you are strongly encouraged. Please be sure their name, phone number, and years that they have known you are included.
- A current **photo** of yourself. A wallet-size photo will be fine.
- **Short Essay** (less than 1 page each) responses to the following questions:
 - Why do you want to be on the Sportsman's Holiday Court?
 - What are your education and career goals after graduation?
 - What do you love most about Sweet Home?

Rule Recognition

In submitting this completed application, I attest that I have read, understood and consent to the Court Rules & Regulations. I agree to abide by the decisions of the Sportsman’s Holiday Court Committee during my reign if I am selected. With the exception of family emergencies, I further understand that this responsibility will take precedence over all other activities.

Candidate Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Release Authorization

We hereby authorize the Sportsman’s Holiday Court Committee to obtain information necessary for verification of information for the selection process of the Sportsman’s Holiday Senior Court. This information may consist of student’s school pictures, class schedules and verification of GPA and references included with application. This information will be kept as part of the Sportsman’s Holiday Court Committee records.

Candidate Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

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