



Official Contest Rules & Prize Information

How to Enter: Bring a completed and signed entry form, one per contestant, to either open audition.

Saturday, March 29, 2008
Brookside Gardens Auditorium
1800 Glenallen Avenue
Wheaton, MD 20902

Saturday, April 5, 2008
Agricultural History Farm Park Activity Center
18400 Muncaster Road
Derwood, MD 20855

At both locations, registration begins promptly at 9:30 am and auditions will run from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Please note space is limited. The first 25 to register at each open audition are guaranteed to audition. Contestants will be auditioned in the order registered. One audition per contestant only.

How the Open Auditions Will Work: Contestants will be screen-tested in front of our TV cameras reading a preselected script from the teleprompter and responding freely to one question: “Why do you like parks?” Screen-tests will take no longer than 15 minutes for each contestant.

All entry forms and screen-tests from the contest become the sole property of the Montgomery County Department of Parks and none will be acknowledged or returned.

Judging: Montgomery County Department of Parks officials and its invited guest judges will select at most 5 finalists based on audition screen-tests and entry form information. The criteria for finalists include: the ability to read fluidly and enthusiastically from the teleprompter during the screen-test, a lively and entertaining personality, creativity, written clarity and availability to complete the assignment (see “Conditions of Participation”).

The Department of Parks will post streaming video from the screen-tests of the top 5 finalists online at www.ParkStarSearch.com by April 28, 2008 for an open public voting period. The online open public voting period to select the one contest winner will begin at 12:01 AM EST on May 1, 2008 and will end at 11:59 PM EST on May 15, 2008.

One winner will be selected based on the greatest number of online votes received. In the event of a tie, the Department of Parks will select the winner among the highest number of online vote-getters. The Department of Parks reserves the right to elect not to select a winner if in the department’s sole discretion an insufficient number of eligible and/or qualified entries are received. Decisions of the Department of Parks are final and binding. The winner will be notified by telephone and mail.

Eligibility: The contest is open to all teens age 14 to 17 at the time of entry. Contestants do not have to be Montgomery County residents.

Prizes: One winner will be selected to work on *The Parks Show* from June through August 2008, under the direction of the current *The Parks Show* host, producer and County Cable Montgomery staff. The winner can earn up to 100 Student Service Learning (SSL) hours for their work on the show this summer.

Conditions of Participation: The winner will be asked to perform pre- and post-production duties for *The Parks Show* in June, including, but not limited to, research, scheduling and complementary online content development and show promotion and will represent the Montgomery County Department of Parks as host of *The Parks Show* in July and August, including taping interviews, stand ups and voiceovers and observing an editing session. The winner will be expected to work a total of 12 days, 8 hours per day. The winner will work 4 days per month from June through August. The work schedule is flexible. However, typical taping days for *The Parks Show* are the middle two weeks of each month. The winner can expect to fulfill this commitment any four days during the period June 16 – 27, July 14 – 25 and August 11 – 22, 2008. Episodes of the teen host's shows will air daily on County Cable Montgomery (Comcast and RCN Channel 6 and Verizon FiOS Channel 30) throughout the months of August and September 2008.

The winner is responsible for transportation to all Montgomery County park filming locations and Park Headquarters for pre- and post-production work throughout the assignment and must follow the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) conditions of volunteer employment.

The winner also grants full and irrevocable consent to release any photographs and/or video footage that may include his/her image to the Montgomery County Department of Parks, M-NCPPC for commercial and art purposes in any medium: advertising, communication, publication, or publicity, alone or in conjunction with the photographs or video footage of other persons, objects or text material, and either with or without a name accompanying quotation, at no cost to M-NCPPC and with no expectation of remuneration now or at any time in the future.

For more on the ParkStar Search competition, contact:

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