



Mr. John Deere Contest

Lowcountry Strawberry Festival



Saturday, April 1, 2023 - 1PM

Purpose of Contest:

Above all else, Boone Hall Plantation and Boone Hall Farms wants The Mr. John Deere Contest to be a fun and enjoyable experience for the little boys, their families, and visitors to the Lowcountry Strawberry Festival.

It is designed to do just that. Each contestant will receive a participation recognition prize package awarded on stage regardless of the outcome of the competition.

Contest Rules:

- 1. Entry is for the first 25 boys entered, 3-6 years of age.** However, Boone Hall Plantation reserves the right to make exceptions to the above age stated for participation. Entry fee is \$25.00 most of which will be used to buy the prize packages and awards for the competition. All contestants must have turned in an entry form and entry fee by Monday **March 20, 2023.**
2. The contestants are requested to wear some sort of farmer outfit for the competition. However, we don't want this to be a hardship or a reason for not participating. This part of the contest is designed to add to the fun and color of The Lowcountry Strawberry Festival and the Mr. John Deere Contest. As an alternative, contestants will be allowed to wear whatever they choose, if the outfit is appropriate and in good taste.
3. The judges will determine the winner of the contest and the judges' decision will be final.
4. All contestants are requested to be dressed and present at the entrance to the festival by 12pm on the day of the competition. A representative from the competition will be on hand at the entrance with a list of the contestants. The accompanying parent/guardian and contestant will then be directed to the staging area for the competition and given further instruction. **Please plan to arrive early as traffic may be backed up for this popular event.**
5. Admission for the contestant and one accompanying parent or guardian to The Lowcountry Strawberry Festival is included in the entry fee. Any other family members or friends must pay admission before entrance to the festival or the competition. **No exceptions.** Admission is \$15 for ages 3 and up, children 2 and under admitted FREE with adults.
6. Once the competition is underway, each contestant's name will be called; the contestant will walk across the stage, stand briefly in front of judges, and walk off stage. We will have people stationed stage side to help the boys on and off the stage. It is preferred that they walk unassisted across the stage. However, if a child gets confused or has difficulty crossing the stage, he can be assisted to do so. We prefer parents/guardians stay in the audience seating area, but if a boy gets upset and needs help from Mommy or Daddy then that parent or guardian will be allowed to help their child at their discretion. Again, we want this to be fun for everybody.
7. The Winner of the Mr. John Deere Contest will:
 - *Receive a handsome crown and that will be his as he will be Mr. John Deere 2023.
 - *Receive an Exciting Prize Package
8. We are grateful that Abby Watson will oversee the contest this year. Entry fees should be made payable to Boone Hall Farms. Please mail payment and filled out entry form to:

Boone Hall Plantation
Attn: Little Mr. John Deere 2023
1235 Long Point Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 29464

Once we receive your entry form and payment, Abby will send you an email confirmation to verify your child's entry into the contest and give you additional details and instructions. If you have any questions, please call Abby at 843-856-5364 9am-5pm weekdays only or email her at: abbyw@boonehallplantation.com.

Thank you!



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Entry Form

Child's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Age of Participating Child: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

1) Does participating child have any serious medical condition or injury that may be affected by this contest?

Please circle: YES NO

If yes, please explain in detail below:

2) Does the child have any allergies?

Please circle: YES NO

If yes, please explain in detail below:

Parent or guardian of the participating child is informed that their child will be required to walk across an elevated stage unaccompanied by parent or guardian to participate in the competition. Parent or guardian of participating child will acknowledge there are risks associated with this part of the event which could include bodily injury if the child were to slip or fall entering the stage, walking across the stage, or exiting the stage area. Parent or guardian is voluntarily entering their child into The Mr. John Deere Contest at the 2023 Lowcountry Strawberry Festival and in doing so, assumes all of these risks. Parent or guardian of the child contestant, upon signing this form, hereby agrees to waive and release Boone Hall Plantation and all its officers, directors, employees, co-sponsors, vendors as well as any of their affiliates and successors from any liabilities of any kind arising from this event. Parent or guardian also gives permission to Boone Hall Plantation and Boone Hall Farms to use photos and video of their participating child for promotional or marketing purposes as needed. Parent or guardian has read all the above rules and agrees to follow them. Parent or guardian also hereby swears that to the best of their knowledge their participating child is physically and mentally fit to compete in this contest.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date