

Mariachi Festival Youth Mariachi Competition
RULES AND REGULATION

AGE CATEGORIES: Youth ages 12-18 years old.

GROUP SIZE: A minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 participants per group.

ENTRY FEE: \$40 per group payable to the City of Riverside. Checks, money orders and credit cards are accepted. All fees must accompany entry forms. Refunds will not be granted.

COMPETITION DATE AND TIME: Friday, September 19, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Winners will be announced at 8:30 p.m.

COMPETITION SITE: Fairmount Park, 2601 Fairmount Blvd., Riverside, CA 92501.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, August 15, 2014

HOW TO ENTER: Organizations must submit the following to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department:

- a. Youth Mariachi Competition Official Group Entry Form and Roster
- b. Entry fees (all fees are non-refundable)
- c. Youth Mariachi Competition Disclaimer and Release Form (completed and signed for each participant)
- d. Pre-sale ticket request and payment

MAIL ENTRY FORMS: Mail completed entry packet (fees, biographies, pre-sale ticket and release forms) to City of Riverside PRCSD, Attn: Erika Ramirez, 6927 Magnolia Avenue, 2nd Floor, Riverside, CA 92506. Packets must be postmarked by August 14, 2014. Be sure to keep a copy for your records. Make sure that all entry information is accurate and filled out completely. Entry forms may be duplicated as needed.

WAIVER AND RELEASE FORMS: Release form must be signed for each contestant. **Participants will not be allowed to perform without a signed form on file.** Make copies of the form as needed to accommodate your group.

PARTICIPANTS: All participants must be enrolled with the participating organization. All participants must have a waiver on file with the City of Riverside. Backstage access is restricted to performers, instructors and directors. A performing group must always have an adult supervisor at all times. Groups will need to be dressed and ready to perform; dressing rooms

will not be available.

TROPHIES/AWARDS: The three highest scores will be awarded trophies, with the first place overall winner being presented with a plaque and a \$500 check by mail after completing the necessary paperwork. Awards will be announced at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2014.

JUDGING: The competition will be held on September 19, 2014. Groups are rated on the following criteria, with a maximum score of 20 points possible:

- a. Costumes and Accessories – 10 points
- b. Performance 10 points

GENRES OF MUSIC: Groups must perform 3 of the following categories during their performance.

1. Son
2. Ranchera
3. Guapango/Romantica
4. Polca

SCORING: All scores are confidential. Groups will not be given their scores on the day of the event.

YOUTH MARIACHI COMPETITION MEETING: There will be a meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014 at Fairmount Park's Lakeside Room (2601 Fairmount Blvd., Riverside, CA 92501, near the Bandshell) at 5:00 p.m. Topics to be discussed include staging area, event schedule, performer check-in, parent check-in, etc. Group representatives may also pick up pre-sale tickets. Please RSVP no later than September 3, 2014 to Erika Ramirez at EARamirez@riversideca.gov or call 951-826-5746.

MUSIC: Please remember that this is a Community event and no foul or explicit language is to be used in your performance. Songs will be sent in along with Rosters and Registration.

PRE-SALE TICKETS: Groups may purchase discounted pre-sale tickets for the event with check or money order only made payable to the City of Riverside. No cash. Regular pre-sale tickets are \$12.50 per person. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets are \$20 per person on the day of the event. As a special discounted offer to participating Youth Mariachi groups, all pre-sale Mariachi Festival tickets purchased via FORM - D located in this packet qualify as Buy One, Get One Free. (Registration form must be submitted with entry packet and fees paid in full.) This is a one-time opportunity to order pre-sale tickets using this special offer. Tickets cannot be

purchased for the discounted rate after the entry packet has been submitted. Tickets may be picked up at the Youth Mariachi meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014 at Fairmount Park.

2014 Mariachi Festival Youth Mariachi Competition Entry Form Checklist

Please include the following items to complete your Youth Mariachi Competition packet:

- 1. Entry form checklist - Form A
- 2. Youth Mariachi Competition official group entry form and roster - *Form B
- 3. Entry fee (No Refunds)
- 4. Pre-sale request for tickets, quantity and fee enclosed. This is the only opportunity for pre-sale tickets - *Form E

Please read the following statements and initial:

_____ I have received and read the rules and guidelines for the Youth Mariachi Competition and agree to adhere to all rules and guidelines.

_____ I understand no refunds will be granted.

_____ I understand my request for pre-sale tickets are available at a discounted rate of \$12.50 per person and acknowledge the request and fee must be submitted with the entry form packet. Event day tickets are \$20 each. Children 12 and under are free.

_____ I understand competition scores will not be given the day of the event, but will be mailed no later than Friday, September 26, 2014. All judging scores are final and videos will not be reviewed.

_____ I understand registration forms and waivers of performers must be submitted no later than August 15, 2014.

_____ I understand the competition may go faster or slower than scheduled and agree to be prepared to perform half an hour prior to our scheduled performance time.

Group Name: _____

Instructor Name: _____

2014 Mariachi Festival
Youth Mariachi Competition Biography

Biography of Group

Please provide information about the group to include in the program and introduction:

1. The name of your group and when it was founded.
2. Who was the founder?
3. What is the purpose of your group?
4. What is the history of your music group/type?
5. Who are the members of your group and their ages?
6. Where has your group performed?
7. What recognition awards has your group earned?
8. What are the best qualities of your group?

2014 Mariachi Festival Youth Mariachi Competition FAQs

When is the event?

The Mariachi Competition will be held on Friday, September 19, 2014. The competition will be held from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. with award ceremony immediately after.

Where is the event?

Fairmount Park, 2601 Fairmount Blvd, Riverside, CA 92501

Who is the City of Riverside contact person for this event?

EARamirez@riversideca.gov or call 951-826-5746.

What time is the event?

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

When is the registration deadline?

August 15, 2014. Packets must be postmarked by August 14, 2014. Please remember the competition is on a first-come, first-served basis.

How much does it cost to enter?

\$40 per entry.

Do we need tickets to compete in the group?

Youth Mariachi participants, the director of the group and all youth ages 12 and under are eligible for free entry to the event. Parents and other guests of the group are eligible for special discounts (see below).

How much do the tickets cost?

Pre-sale tickets are \$12.50. Competing Youth Mariachi groups qualify for the BOGO offer.

Pre-sale ticket requests must be submitted with the entry form packet.

Children 12 years and under are FREE. Tickets will be sold the day of the event for \$20.

How many groups will compete at the 2014 Mariachi Festival Youth Mariachi Competition?

Maximum of twelve groups

Who is sponsoring this event?

The City of Riverside is hosting the event in conjunction with various sponsors.

Can the groups bring the wardrobe rack into the venue?

No, groups must be dressed and ready to go.

Is there a fee for parking?

There is NO fee for parking. However, unauthorized parking will be cited. Parking is available throughout the park and along Market Street and Ridge Drive. Disabled Parking (with a valid DMV disabled placard or license plate) is available in the Reserved Parking Lot.

Can I bring my own food and picnic in the park?

Yes. You can bring food in an ice chest, although you may not bring alcohol.

Where can I sit and watch the show?

Lawn seating is available in the grassy lawn area in front of the stage. Bring a blanket or chair for seating comfort.