

## **SONGFEST COMPETITION RULES NORTH CAROLINA JUNIOR BETA CLUB CONVENTION**

1. Clubs who are interested will take the melody of a well-known song, jingle, or commercial and re-write the words for Junior Beta. (**No Medleys**).
2. **THE SONGFEST ENTRY MUST FOLLOW THE CONVENTION THEME:**  
Making History with Beta. **The theme interpretation MUST be evident throughout the song's lyrics .**
3. Lyrics to the original song and lyrics of the new song must be typewritten and submitted with the entry form. Please include school name, sponsor's name, and sponsor's email on typed lyrics.
4. **The original version of the chosen song MUST not refer to alcohol, drugs, sex, race or make use of inappropriate language. Points will be deducted if the song does not meet these requirements.**
5. The club submitting the song will then sing the song and record it on a CD (accompaniment with musical instrument(s) is optional). The CD copy should not have the original lyrics, but should have rewritten words as stated in Guideline #1. Do **not** use the club's name in the lyrics. This should be the only item on this tape.
6. **NO props. Stationary movement will be allowed. This means that the student's feet MUST remain in place during the performance. Examples of stationary movement are, but not limited to, clapping, finger snapping, swaying, and simple gestures that enhance the lyrics.**
7. **Only matching shirts, pants, shorts, school uniforms or skirts will be allowed.  
**NO Costumes****
8. The rewritten WORDS, Original Lyrics and the CD of the club singing must be sent by **CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED** to:  

Mrs. Heather Guyton Thompson  
Clarkton School of Discovery  
10000 North College Street  
Clarkton, NC 28433
9. The **top three** convention songs will be selected from those submitted and the Sponsor will be notified.
10. Length of the song may not exceed three minutes. On stage presentation may not exceed six minutes including set up. Violation of this rule will result in the deduction of points.

- 11.** The **top three** finalists will present their songs on stage. Fifty percent (50%) of your Beta students registered at convention must participate in the competition. **NO LIP SYNCING WILL BE ALLOWED. NO BACKGROUND VOCALS ARE TO BE ON THE SOUNDTRACK.** **The disc for vocal entries must contain music only. (This means no words or computerized/synthesized voices on disc.)**

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

- Use of Theme                    25 pts.

Theme interpretation must be evident throughout the song's lyrics.

- Originality (Words, Phrases)    50 pts.

- Club's overall performance    25 pts.

Clubs must sing in tune/on pitch. Clubs may use stationary movements such as clapping finger snapping or swaying. Student's feet must remain planted during the performance.

### **Deduction of 25 points for each of the following rule infractions**

- No lyrics (original and new) submitted
- Exceeding time limit
- Students not dressed matching attire
- Students' feet NOT planted during the entire performance
- Original song is inappropriate
- Lip syncing or background vocals

**POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN: December 19, 2013**