

RULES FOR ALL PRE-CONVENTION EVENTS

1. ***All items must be postmarked no later than the Pre Convention Deadline.***
2. **Each submission must be mailed to the appropriate Event Director.** Church Number and Team Numbers need to be included on submissions, if available prior to mailing. See Cover Page (last page of this section).
3. A 3-point deduction is allowed for failure to provide complete submission information as instructed.
4. In a team event a participant may move up to a higher grade division, but an older participant may not move down to a lower grade division. Each team in each event will participate at the grade division of the highest grade member. All team events will consist of more than one person.
5. Each individual award winner and each member of a winning team will receive an engraved plate for his/her participant's plaque.
6. Judge's score sheets and Awards will be placed in congregational packets to be picked up by the Church Coordinator at the end of convention.
7. Participants must be registered in their respective events and send in the registration fee to Registration on or before the Registration Deadline, whether they will be attending the CTLTC Convention or not in attendance. Do NOT send checks to event directors.
8. Church Coordinators will have until two weeks after the convention to apply for awards, corrections or updates. Any awards needed after this deadline will have to be secured by the Church Coordinator from a local business.
9. Copyrighted material received as an entry will not be judged. It will not be accepted for any event and will be returned to the sender.
10. A list of Pre-Convention Event Directors and information will be available on the CTLTC website (<http://www.clttc.net/>).

Brenda Slatton, Pre-Convention Coordinator (current information listed @ <http://www.clttc.net/>)

CHILDREN'S BOOK RULES

PURPOSE: In today's world, there is a need for children's books that convey a Christian message as an alternative to the children's books of this age that are often atheistic and amoral in nature. This event encourages those who enjoy creative writing and drawing to use their skills in a Christian arena.

PROCESS: Each participant shall:

- Read and follow Rules for All Pre-Convention Events on Page 35 of manual.
- Write a children's story for age group no older than 5th grade that reflects the current year's CTLTC theme.
- Mail to the Event Director three (3) copies of the story on or before the Mail-in Deadline.
- Include a cover sheet following the format given below.
- Send a self-addressed, stamped postcard if you wish to receive confirmation of receipt

The Event Director shall:

- Send confirmation of receipt if requested.
- Organize stories for judging.
- Provide critique sheets for each entry.
- Report results to the Awards Committee.

RULES:

1. The story must be submitted in book form (bound with staples, thread, glue, etc.). Handwritten work is admissible if legible and neatly presented.
2. The story may be written in any form of fiction/non-fiction (e.g., mystery, action, humor, fable, etc.) for an age group of no older than 5th grade. (Christian Essay and Christian Fiction events should be used if the target audience is older than 5th grade). The story should reflect the current year's CTLTC theme. The theme may be reflected anywhere in the story, climax, or conclusion, so long as it is clearly and accurately taught or presented.
3. The story should use correct grammar (including spelling) and proper punctuation. It should also include elements appropriate for fiction/non-fiction, such as plot and character development.
4. Adult assistance should be mainly verbal. Adults may discuss the theme and its possible applications and make verbal suggestions on content and style. Adults may also note editorial corrections on the participant's written work.
5. Each participant may submit only one entry.
6. The book must be illustrated (drawing, cartoon, photographs, or computer-generated) with original (no use of copyrighted) art work.
7. One person may write the story and another may illustrate. Team is limited to two participants. Teams consisting of participants from more than one level will be judged based on the highest level.
8. There will be three grade divisions in this event:

Grades 3-6, 7-9, 10-12

SUBMISSION OF STORY:

Typed cover sheet should follow this format (see Cover Sheet on last page of this section):

<u>Format:</u>	<u>Example:</u>
Name	A. Christian
Grade	9th Grade
Congregation	Anywhere Church of Christ
Group Leader	B. Saved
Congregation Address	1234 Church Street
City, State, Zip	Any City, State 00000
Congregation Phone No.	512-555-1212
Title of Story	"YOUR TITLE HERE"

AWARDS:

Ratings and awards will be given to those who score 75 points or better.

Gold -- 95-100 points, Silver -- 85-94 points, Bronze -- 75-84 points

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- ___ (25 pts.) **Theme:** Is the CTLTC theme clearly and accurately taught or presented in the story?
 - ___ (25 pts.) **Usage of Language/Punctuation:** Does the participant use correct grammar (including spelling) and proper punctuation? Does the story include elements appropriate for fiction, such as plot and character development?
 - ___ (25 pts.) **Readability:** Is the story readable? Does the plot flow easily, or is the story confusing? Does the story catch and hold the readers attention?
 - ___ (25 pts.) **Illustration:** How do the illustrations enhance the story line?
- (3 pt Deduction) **Format/Submission:** A 3 point deduction will be made should the participant not have followed instructions for formatting and submitting the entry.
- ___ (100 pts.) **TOTAL**