MISS ARKANSAS' *Outstanding Teen*

Promoting scholastic achievement, creative accomplishment, healthy living and community involvement for America's teens

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TO: **2008 Miss Arkansas Outstanding Teen Contestants/Teen ED's**

FROM: **Thomas Collins, Executive Director/President MAOT**

On behalf of the Arkansas Outstanding Teen Organization I want to welcome you to the 2008 state finals of Arkansas' Outstanding Teen. You have been given the great responsibility of representing a local title and competing in the Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen Pageant, which is only one step away from the stage in Orlando, and competing for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen.

I would like to share up-coming dates and information with you as we approach this summer's pageant. This year's pageant will be held July 3 – 5, 2008. Preliminary competitions will be begin at 7:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday night with Saturday Night Finals. This year's Teen Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2008 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Conway. This meeting is mandatory for each title holder; if you are unable to attend please send someone with your information and required materials. ALL entry materials and program book ads are due May 4.

Sunday's Schedule:

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Registrations and check-in with all required state forms
10:00 a.m. - Welcome
10:15 a.m. - Lottery for competition placement and state pageant information

We will have several stations set-up to check in all required state forms, photos, and talent CD. Listed are the items that you will be required to turn in:

- **2008 Release and Indemnity Agreement**
- **Application and Contract for Participation in the 2008 State Pageant**
- **Contestant Resume and Platform Issue Statement**
- **Talent Information**
- **Talent Introduction**
- **Accompaniment CD Release**
- **Photographer Release**
- **Birth Certificate**
- **School Transcript - Have your school prepare a transcript that includes the complete year for 2006-2007, and a partial year from 2007 to the most recent grading period. These documents will be used in academic judging. Have the school seal the transcript in an envelope, and have a school official sign across the seal.**
- **Contestant Information Form**
- **Program Book Ad "Contestant Salute Page(s)" ($400.00 each)**
- **Talent CD (2 minutes or less)**
- **Photos**
  1 - 8x10 Color Photogenic
  1 - 8x10 Color Autograph Book
  1- 2x3 Color 300 resolution jpeg file on CD (for website, media, and program book)

I am also excited to inform you that the Conway Toad Suck Daze committee has invited ALL Outstanding Teen Queens to participate in a very special "Teen Queen Race" during the World Famous Toad Races on Saturday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m., in downtown Conway! Attached is the invitation/letter from Rhonda Overbey, chairman of the Toad Suck Daze committee.

Morgan Holt, Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen, Caitlyn Cook, Conway's Outstanding Teen and Makenzie Hull, Spirit of Arkansas Outstanding Teen will be handing out Toad Suck Daze festival T-shirts to all contestants to wear to the race at the Hilton Garden Inn lobby between from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Please email your T-shirt size to me at trcollins1@yahoo.com. The "Toad Races" will be so much fun!

The Hilton Garden Inn is offering a special room rate of $99.00. If you are interested in booking a room for Saturday night please call 501.329.1444 or visit online at www.hiltongardeninn.com for reservations.

We will have our Diamond State Princess Program again this year. While this is not a requirement, we encourage your participation. The cost for the program is $400 and includes a Diamond State Princess Crown, T-shirt, Tea Party (one tea party ticket for the DSP), PJ Party, Three sets of Season Tickets (one for DSP and two for the parents) and participation in a production number and evening wear with local title holder/mentor. DSP Entry Forms and all information may be downloaded at www.missteenarkansas.org.

All contestant forms and ticket information will be posted on Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen Website www.missteenarkansas.org. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at trcollins1@yahoo.com or (H) 870.863.0148 or (C) 870.866.0148.

I am so excited to accept the position of Executive Director for Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen Pageant and I am looking forward to meeting all of you!

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Collins