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GUIDEBOOK



WHAT IS FUN ARTS?

Fun Arts is an exciting discipleship opportunity for kids across the state of Iowa to discover their gifts and learn how to develop and use them in ways that glorify God!

The goal of Fun Arts is not to create talented and gifted kids who are simply exciting to watch on stage. Our prayer is that each child that participates in Fun Arts would discover their **PASSION, PURPOSE, and POTENTIAL** in the gifts God has given them. From drawing pictures, to singing praise, or delivering a short gospel message; we believe the students of Iowa can begin to develop their gifts in ways that will continue to serve them as they walk in the calling God has upon each of their lives! Fun Arts is meant to be a discipleship development tool. Students will not receive a score for their entries, but will receive constructive feedback to encourage them to continue to grow in their giftings.



MADE IN HIS IMAGE...

SHARING HIS MESSAGE

You are CREATIVE!

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) says, “We are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

God made you on purpose—a true MASTERPIECE, created in His image. He has given each of us special gifts and abilities so we can share His love and the good news of Jesus with the world.

Our world is broken and needs hope, joy, and truth—and God wants to use your creativity to help share His message.

That’s why our theme for Fun Arts 2026 is:

CREATIVE: Made in His Image, Sharing His Message.

Our prayer is that you will boldly use the gifts God has given you—through art, music, movement, words, and more—to show others the love of Jesus.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

EVENT INFORMATION

DATE: April 18th, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Registration begins @ 8:30 AM

LOCATION: Berean Church

5299 E University Ave. Pleasant Hill, IA 50327

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

WEBSITE: WWW.IMNAG.ORG/FUNARTS

COST: \$25/Participant *(Includes one entry + T-Shirt)*

\$5/Additional Entry *(Max of three entries)*

Fun arts is currently limited to grades 2-5

REGISTRATION LIMITATIONS

Due to the limitation of time slots for entries, each child is limited to three total entries for the day of Fun Arts. These entries can be all from the same division, or from different divisions, but must not exceed the limit of three entries per child. No more than one entry per single category. Each registration includes one entry, and all additional entries will be an extra \$5.

GENERAL RULES

Each Fun Arts entry will have its own set of rules and regulations to follow. Please review all general rules below, as well as reviewing the rules and criteria for each entry in the rule book.

CONTENT RULES:

Whether through visual, musical, or communication arts, the goal of FUN ARTS remains the same: helping students discover and develop their ministry gifts and finding their PASSION, PURPOSE, and POTENTIAL in using them. The following terms are meant to serve as a guide as you prepare your Fun Arts presentations. All presentations must be in harmony with the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God, and accompanied by a Christian Message. A Christian Message is defined as “anything that reflects the message of Jesus.” We want Christian students to glorify God with their ministry gifts in their presentation(s).

To honor the diverse thought across our Fellowship, presentations including secular music will not be allowed to present at Fun Arts Festival.

The following content is never allowed in any Fun Arts presentation and will result in disqualification. Remember, you are ministering to a culturally and geographically diverse audience of all ages.

1. Explicit songs, lyrics, text, scripts, or images
2. Cursing
3. Racial slurs and intentional/blatant racial insensitivity
4. Excessive weaponry and graphic violence

Scripts, songs, sermons, artwork, and writing entries should be developed or created by participants or groups for this year's Fun Arts.

GENERAL RULES

TIME LIMITS:

Each entry will have varying rules on time limits. Please review the rules and regulations for the specific category you are entering. Each entry will have a maximum of 10 minutes, which includes an evaluation time from our hand-selected evaluators. *NOTE: Any introductory remarks are counted in the time limit for your entry.*

EVALUATIONS:

Each Fun Arts entry will be evaluated by three evaluators, one of which will be an experienced children's pastor. The goal of the evaluators is not to give a score for your entry, but to give helpful feedback that will continue your journey in growing your gifts for ministry.

ENTRY LIMITS:

Each child is limited to a total of three entries during the Fun Arts festival. If a child is involved in a group entry, this does count as one of their three entries, and each group member must register and pay for their participation in that entry. A child may enter multiple entries in a single division, but each entry must be entered in a different category.

EVALUATORS CHOICE:

At the end of the Fun Arts festival, there will be some hand-selected pieces that will be selected to be shown during our closing ceremony. These pieces are not considered "Winners" of a category, but were simply found inspiring by our evaluators. As the "Evaluator's Choice" performance are shown, the goal is that other students would be inspired to enter into the Fun Arts festival in future years!

AGE LIMIT:

Fun Arts is design for students currently in 2nd-5th grades.

PRACTICE TIPS

When using our gifts in a way that glorifies God, it is important to be prepared. It would not be wise to step on stage without practicing and preparing before you arrive. Below are some tips to help you as you prepare for Fun Arts.

PICK

Take time to closely read through the different categories you can enter, and choose ones that you believe best fit your giftings and abilities.

PREPARE

Take time to begin preparing for your category. If your category involves music, be sure to carefully and prayerfully select the piece you want to use. If it is a visual art, begin putting together supplies needed. If it is a communication art, begin writing out thoughts and ideas that you want to share. Finally, make sure you have reviewed the rules for your category and know the guidelines you need to follow.

PRACTICE

Before the big day, be sure to have practiced multiple times. Maybe practice or present your piece to your friends and family prior to Fun Arts. If you are working with a church leader, maybe ask them to take a look at your entry and offer feedback before the big day.

PRAY

Before entering into Fun Arts, take time to really pray and ask God to be glorified through your entry. Remember to keep your heart in the right place and remind yourself that this is about presenting a Christian message, not about showing off your talents. Let Him be your guide!

DIVISIONS

VISUAL ARTS

The Visual Arts division is using our creative gifts to design a piece of art that would visually engage those around us, while communicating a gospel message. This could be a written poem, lego sculpture, short film, photography, drawing, or painting! The possibilities are endless!

MUSICAL ARTS

The Musical Arts division taps into the musical abilities and talents that God has given. Whether leading a group into worship, singing a solo, or playing an instrument; all of these things can be used to magnify our God!

COMMUNICATION ARTS

The Communication Arts division uses the ability of the artist to stand in front of an audience to communicate a message. Through the work of object lessons, Bible theatre, or puppet skits; each child will have an opportunity to present a gospel message!

DREAM IT UP!



God has given each of us unique gifts and abilities. That includes you! Whether we are gifted with the ability to draw, speak, or sing, It is our job to take the gifts He has given us and develop them so we can use them for His plans and purposes!

Take time to think and pray about what God may have you do for Fun Arts this year! Write about it or draw a picture below. Be sure to ask God how you can use your gifts and abilities in a way that glorifies Him!

VISUAL ARTS

VISUAL ARTS CATEGORIES

Below are categories currently offered for the Visual Arts Division

- **2-D Visual Art**
- **3-D Visual Art**
- **T-Shirt Design**
- **Short Film**
- **Photography**
- **Written Piece**

All visual arts pieces must be accompanied by a "Visual Arts Description" page. Please review the sample on page 12.

2-D VISUAL ART

DESCRIPTION: A two-dimensional visual art piece is any artwork that would lay flat on a table or hang flat on a wall. This could be a drawing, painting, or use any other medium that would lay flat. All art pieces will be displayed during the Fun Arts festival, and reviewed with the artist by our evaluators.

RULES:

- Each entry must be the original work of the student entering the art piece
- The art piece must be accompanied by the following:
 - Name of student
 - Name of art piece
 - Medium Used
 - Christian Message

VISUAL ARTS

3-D VISUAL ART

DESCRIPTION: A three-dimensional visual art piece is any artwork that has three dimensions of width, height, and depth. This could be a lego sculpture, pottery, sewn/knitted items, or use any other medium that would create a three-dimensional piece. All art pieces will be displayed during the Fun Arts festival, and reviewed with the artist by our evaluators.

RULES:

- Each entry must be the original work of the student entering the art piece
- The art piece must be accompanied by the following:
 - Name of student
 - Name of art piece
 - Medium Used
 - Christian Message

T-SHIRT DESIGN

DESCRIPTION: A t-shirt design would be any shirt designed by a student consisting of a clear Christian Message. These designs can be drawn, printed, ironed-on, etc. All art pieces will be displayed during the Fun Arts festival, and reviewed with the artist by our evaluators.

RULES:

- Each entry must be the original work of the student entering the art piece
- T-Shirt Design is required to be on a physical t-shirt
- The art piece must be accompanied by the following:
 - Name of student
 - Name of art piece
 - Medium Used
 - Christian Message Summary

VISUAL ARTS

SHORT FILM

DESCRIPTION: Students entering a short film with a Christian Message. This can be a short video, vlog, animated voice-overs, etc. All art pieces will be displayed during the Fun Arts festival, and reviewed with the artist by our evaluators.

RULES:

- Each entry must be the original work of the student entering the piece
- Short films are limited to a maximum of 5-minutes
- Must be submitted at least one-week prior to Fun Arts for review
- The short film must be accompanied by the following:
 - Name of student
 - Name of film
 - Christian Message Summary

PHOTOGRAPHY

DESCRIPTION: The Photography category is for any original photo captured by the student entering the piece. All art pieces will be displayed during the Fun Arts festival, and reviewed with the artist by our evaluators.

RULES:

- Each entry must be the original work of the student entering the piece
- Each entry must be printed and mounted to foam/mat board
- The photograph must be accompanied by the following:
 - Name of student
 - Name of photo
 - Name of Camera/Mobile Device Used
 - Christian Message

VISUAL ARTS

WRITTEN PIECE

DESCRIPTION: A written piece would be a short story, poem, testimony, etc. written out to be printed and displayed. All art pieces will be displayed during the Fun Arts festival, and reviewed with the artist by our evaluators.

RULES:

- Each entry must be the original work of the student entering the written piece
- The written piece must be accompanied by the following:
 - Name of student
 - Name of written piece
 - Christian Message

OTHER VISUAL ARTS

Have an art piece that you want to enter, but you are unsure of the category? That's okay! Contact us and we can help you figure out which category is a best fit, or enter it as a standalone category!

VISUAL ARTS DESCRIPTION PAGE

Each Visual Arts Entry must be accompanied by a "Visual Arts Description" page. Please review the sample page below.
Visit WWW.IMNAG.ORG/FUNARTS to download and print the description page.



VISUAL ARTS DESCRIPTION

STUDENT NAME:

Sally Sue

ENTRY CATEGORY:

Photography

NAME OF ART PIECE:

Princess the Pup

MEDIUM USED TO CREATE PIECE:

Iphone 16 Pro Camera

DESCRIPTION/CHRISTIAN MESSAGE:

This is a picture of beautiful puppy Princess. When I look at my dog, I am reminded of how amazing our God is! He put so much thought into the design of everything he created. I captured this picture of my puppy as a reminder of how beautiful God's creation is.

MUSICAL ARTS

MUSICAL ARTS CATEGORIES

Below are categories currently offered for the Musical Arts Division

- **Vocal Solos/Ensembles**
- **Christian Rap**
- **Praise Song**
- **Worship Leading**
- **Instrumental Solo/Group**

VOCAL SOLOS/ENSEMBLES

DESCRIPTION: A vocal solo/ensemble is for those who feel gifted with vocal abilities. They may sing along to an instrumental track, an audio group, or be accompanied by an instrumentalist.

RULES:

- Each participant must introduce themselves prior to their performance
- Any songs being used must introduce the name of the song, as well as accredit the original artist prior to their performance
- Any music needed for the performance must be provided by the participant. A standard aux hook-up will be available to play music from a phone/tablet
- Each Solo/Ensemble is limited to 5 minutes
- All music selections must be Christian in theme and content

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CHRISTIAN RAP

DESCRIPTION: Christian Rap has grown in popularity over the last decade and is a great opportunity to share a Christian message with those around us. This category can use original rap content, or music from one of your favorite Christian rap artists.

RULES:

- Each participant must introduce themselves prior to their performance
- Any songs being used must credit the name of the song, as well as the original artist prior to their performance
- Any music needed for the performance must be provided by the participant. A standard aux hook-up will be available to play music from a phone/tablet
- Each Rap entry is limited to 5 minutes
- All music selections must be Christian in theme and content

PRAISE SONG

DESCRIPTION: If you have a song that you like to lead praise actions for, this category is for you! It is important to remember that leading praise is about having a heart focused on worshipping God, not just a performance.

RULES:

- Each participant must introduce themselves prior to their performance. Any song being used must be accredited to the original artist; any motions used for praise that are not original must be accredited to the original creators during introductions
- Each Praise Song selection is limited to 6 minutes
- Any music needed for the performance must be provided by the participant. A standard aux hook-up will be available.
- All music selections must be Christian in theme and content

MUSICAL ARTS

WORSHIP LEADING

DESCRIPTION: Worship leading is an opportunity to lead others into the presence of God. This category would require all live music and vocals (no-prerecording). This could be a solo or a group entry.

RULES:

- Each participant must introduce themselves prior to their performance
- Any songs being used must accredit the name of the song, as well as the original artist prior to their performance
- Instruments being used must be provided by the participant (A keyboard and piano will be made available)
- Each Worship Leading entry is limited to 6 minutes, with 2 minutes before and after for set-up/sound check
- All music selections must be Christian in theme and content

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO/GROUP

DESCRIPTION: Worship leading is an opportunity to lead others into the presence of God. This category would require all live music and vocals (no-prerecording). This could be a solo or a group entry.

RULES:

- Each participant must introduce themselves prior to their performance
- Any songs being used must accredit the name of the song, as well as the original artist prior to their performance
- Instruments being used must be provided by the participant (A keyboard and piano will be made available)
- Each Instrumental entry is limited to 6 minutes, with 2 minutes before and after for set-up/sound check
- All music selections must be Christian or classical in theme and content

MUSICAL ARTS

OTHER MUSICAL ARTS

Have a musical piece that you want to enter, but you are unsure of the category? That's okay! Contact us and we can help you figure out which category is a best fit, or enter it as a standalone category!

COMMUNICATION ARTS

COMMUNICATION ARTS CATEGORIES

Below are categories currently offered for the Communication Arts Division

- Bible Theatre
- Puppetry
- Object Lesson
- Short Sermon
- Skits/Human Videos

BIBLE THEATRE

DESCRIPTION: Bible Theatre is the art of acting out or telling a Bible story using characters, props, etc. This category can be entered as a solo individual or a group.

RULES:

- Each Bible Theatre skit must introduce themselves and tell the audience what Bible story they are acting out, and where it is found in scripture, prior to their performance.
- Costumes/props welcome (no real weapons allowed)
- Each Bible Theatre entry is limited to 5 Minutes, with 1 minute to set-up/tear-down props.
- All skits must be appropriate in language and content
- Skits should be memorized and presented without use of notes/scripts

COMMUNICATION ARTS

PUPPETRY

DESCRIPTION: Puppetry is the art of using puppets to share a story or message. Participants may use a puppet to share a favorite Bible story, memory verse, or a simple story with a Christian message. This can be done as a solo or a group entry.

RULES:

- Each puppet skit must introduce themselves prior to their performance.
- Multiple puppets are allowed; must be provided by the student(s) entering in the category
- Puppets can interact with another participant to share their story
- All puppet skits must be appropriate in language and content, and should be memorized.
- All puppetry entries are limited to 5 minutes

OBJECT LESSON

DESCRIPTION: An Object Lesson is the art of taking an object and using it to share a Christian message. Jesus did this when He said we are the “Light” of the world, and that we wouldn’t hide a light under a bowl. In the same fashion, you can find any object around you, and use it to share a Christian message. This can be a cool gospel illusion, or even sharing a story as you paint a picture. The possibilities are endless!

RULES:

- Each participant must introduce themselves prior to their performance. Notes may be used during presentation.
- This category may be shared as a group or solo entry
- It is important to bring a visual for an object lesson (A picture or the object itself)
- Each object lesson is limited to 5 minutes

COMMUNICATION ARTS

SHORT SERMON

DESCRIPTION: A short sermon is a short Christian message that you share with an audience. Every short sermon should contain a Bible story/or scripture to help teach a message. You could share a message about the importance of honesty or generosity! It could even be a testimony of why Jesus is important to you!

RULES:

- Each short sermon must introduce themselves prior to their entry. Notes may be used during presentation.
- The short sermon category is a solo entry only
- Each short sermon must contain scripture that is used as part of the teaching
- Each short sermon is limited to 5 minutes

SKITS/HUMAN VIDEOS

DESCRIPTION: Skits/Human Videos are a way of sharing a story with a Christian message. A skit would be a memorized scripted story that is acted out to share a message. A human video would be acting out a story to a song that contains a clear Christian Message.

RULES:

- Each participant must introduce themselves prior to their performance. (Human videos must accredit any songs being used)
- This category may be shared as a group or solo entry
- All Skits/Human Videos are limited to 6 minutes
- Any songs used must be a clean Christian song
- All skits and human videos should be memorized and performed without use of notes/scripts.

COMMUNICATION ARTS

OTHER COMMUNICATION ARTS

Have an communication piece that you want to enter, but you are unsure of the category? That's okay! Contact us and we can help you figure out which category is a best fit, or enter it as a standalone category!

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