

LAURA CONTEST GUIDELINES
LAURA INGALLS WILDER DAYS IN PEPIN
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Pepin, Wisconsin.



SCHEDULE: Laura Contest is held on the Main Stage in the Park. See website for date and time.

CONTESTANT CATEGORIES: Contestants will be assigned to one of 3 age categories based on their age at the beginning of the new school year: • 8-9 years old • 10-11 years old • 12-14 years old.

ENTRY FEE: \$10 per contestant.

PREREQUISITE READING: Prior to the Laura Contest, contestants should read both of the following books to prepare for questions asked during the contest

- Little House in the Big Woods
- Little House on the Prairie

REGISTRATION

1. There is online registration for this contest and secure payment link (to pay entry fee) for the Laura Contest on LauraDays.org
2. In-person registrations will also be accepted the day of the contest at the Information Table in the park, and a \$10.00 Entry Fee will be collected for each contestant (cash only, please)

DAY OF CONTEST

1. Each contest will report to the Laura Contest picnic shelter on the day of the contest and will receive a stick-on name badge that includes their age category
2. Contestants will then answer 12 multiple-choice questions at the Registration table. The answers to these questions will be a component of the judging criteria (see below). Questions are based on the books *Little House in the Big Woods* & *Little House on the Prairie*.
3. Contestants must be present to the Main stage 15 minutes prior to the start of the contest.
4. Contestants will be seated on the stage and called to the microphone to verbally answer 2 questions based on the 2 books (*Little House in the Big Woods* & *Little House on the Prairie*)
5. Each contestant on stage will receive a gift bag
6. Between age categories, judges will tabulate points earned by each contestant in the previous category.
7. MOST IMPORTANT - HAVE A TON OF FUN celebrating Laura!

JUDGING CRITERIA: A 3-judge panel will assess UP TO 32 TOTAL POINTS based on the following criteria. Contestants' age categories will be judged separately.

- Apparel - prairie dresses and bonnets. Apparel need not be fancy, (No hoop skirts, frills or lace required), but no tennis shoes. **Appropriate apparel worth up to 10 points**
- Correct responses to 12 multiple-choice questions answered at the Registration table
.....**Each correct answer will be worth 1 point**
- Appropriate answers to 2 questions from the 2 books (while on stage)
.....**2 questions combined worth up to 10 points**

Contestants with the 3 top point totals in each category will be awarded 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place sashes and gift certificates to the Laura Museum valued at \$20, \$15, & \$10, respectively.