

City of Vandalia Parks & Recreation  
**VANDALIA'S GOT TALENT 2016**  
RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following guidelines have been developed by the City of Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department Staff to ensure the fairness and success of the contest.

1. The purpose of the contest is to promote the talent of the City of Vandalia and Butler Township communities. The contest is open to Vandalia residents and Butler Township residents only.
2. Participation in the Vandalia's Got Talent Contest is free and open to all ages. The age of each participant on the date of the preliminary round on May 22, 2016 will determine their age category.
3. Contestants must be able to attend all rounds of the contest. Preliminary rounds will be Sunday, May 22, 2016. Semi-final rounds will be Friday, June 17, 2016. The final round will be Sunday, July 3, 2016.
4. The Vandalia's Got Talent Contest is open to amateurs only. For the purpose of this contest, an amateur will be defined as anyone who engages in a pursuit, study, science or sport as a pastime rather than as a profession. If you have been compensated in any way for any talent performance, you are not eligible as an amateur.
5. Each participant must sign the Audition/Participant Waiver Form acknowledging they have read and understand the rules for this event. Contestants under the age of 18 must also have a guardian's signature.
6. Individuals will compete in one of the following age groups:

**Ages 7 and under**

**Ages 8 to 12**

**Ages 13 to 17**

**Ages 18 and older**

\*A birth certificate verification may be requested\*

7. The staff of the City of Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to combine age groups if there is not a minimum of at least three (3) participants.
8. Each act will be limited to four minutes. A timer will check the running time of each performer. A penalty will be assessed for each second of the overtime and penalty points will be subtracted from each judge's overall score.
9. There will be a minimum of three judges for the Vandalia's Got Talent Contest.

10. All individuals who participate in the preliminary contests and those who compete in the Vandalia's Got Talent Contest on July 3, 2016 are expected to display good behavior and exhibit good sportsmanship-like conduct at all times. Failure to conduct oneself in an appropriate manner may result in disqualification from the contest. No inappropriate language will be allowed. The performance and music must be suitable for a family audience this is at the discretion of the VPRD Staff. Contestants must be dressed in clothing free from obscenities and appropriate for performance.
11. Contestants must provide all necessary equipment for their acts.
12. Participants will be photographed and videotaped. These images will be used by the City of Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department and Vandalia Drummer.
13. Individuals who are selected to participate in the final round at the Star-Spangled Celebration on July 3, 2016 will be asked to complete a small biography on an index card prior to dress rehearsal and contest. Please bring this index card to the dress rehearsal for check in.
14. The performance performed at the preliminary contest rounds must be the same as that performed or used the day of the Vandalia's Got Talent Contest.
15. A sound system will be provided for the Vandalia's Got Talent Contest final on July 3, 2015. Contestants using recorded music must turn in two copies of the CD at the dress rehearsal. The CD should contain **only** the music to be used in the contest. The music should only be four minutes in length. CD must be labeled with name, age group, and song.
16. If your talent is singing, the song track should have only music, no lyrics of any kind.
17. The City of Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to make any necessary changes to contest rules and has the final word in any disputes that should arise.

Please contact the following VPRD staff member with any questions on these guidelines.

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**CITY OF VANDALIA**  
**VANDALIA'S GOT TALENT CONTEST 2016**  
**AUDITION/PARTICIPANT WAIVER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian (if minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

If currently in school – school attending \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver and Release:** In consideration of the City of Vandalia granting me or my child permission to engage in the recreational activities with the Vandalia Parks & Recreation Department, the undersigned does hereby waive, release, save and hold harmless and indemnify the City of Vandalia, its employees, agents and independent contractors for any and all claims for damage or personal injury to me or loss of property which may be caused by any act or failure to act on the part of the City of Vandalia, its employees, agents and independent contractors. The undersigned further assumes the risks of all conditions in and about the Vandalia Parks & Recreation Department property both real and personal and waive any and all specific notice of the existence of such conditions, if any. Furthermore, the release bars claims by the undersigned's children, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators.

**I (we) have read and agree to all the rules and regulations:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Child's Printed Name**

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**Child's Signature**

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**Parent/Guardian's Printed Name**

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**Parent/Guardian's Signature**

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**Date**

4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
**VANDALIA'S GOT TALENT**  
CONTEST



**\*Preliminary Round:** Sunday, May 22 at Morton Middle School Auditorium  
2:00pm.

**\*Semi-Final Round:** Friday, June 17 at the Vandalia Farmer's Market 4:00pm.

**\*Final Round:** Sunday, July 3 at the City of Vandalia and Butler Township's Star-  
Spangled Celebration at the Vandalia Sports Complex at 6:00 p.m.

**\*Participants will be contacted by email with audition times for  
the preliminary round.**