

# **SEW AND SHOW COMPETITION**

## **CASUAL**

**Bethel Attire  
Casual Wear  
Sportswear  
Swimwear  
Pajamas**

## **FORMAL**

**Dresses  
Party Dresses  
Formal Wear  
Costumes**

## **BETHEL ROBE**

## **TAILORED**

**Suits  
Jackets and Coats**

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# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEW AND SHOW COMMITTEE**

- 1. There shall be a Sew and Show Competition at the Grand Bethel Session.**
- 2. Detailed rules, entry forms, scoring sheets, and Procedure Books for the contests are on file in and available from the Grand Secretary's office.**
- 3. Amenities such as meals, parking permits, and honoraria shall be extended to all judges as appropriate.**
- 4. Proposed costs for said amenities shall be submitted to the Grand Bethel Board of Directors by September 15 for approval and inclusion in the budget of the Grand Bethel.**
- 5. The due date for submitting the number of trophies/and or medallions, ribbons, and certificates required shall be no later than May 15.**
- 6. A member of the competition committee shall be in attendance at all times and at all sessions of the competition to assure compliance with all rules. If rules are not followed, the committee member[s] shall be empowered to deduct points as stipulated in the competition rules.**

## **7. ASSOCIATION LEVEL**

- a. The Sew and Show Committee Chairman shall request each Association to name a chairman and keep her advised of the rules.**
- b. All entries at the Association level shall be reviewed by the Association chairman, given constructive criticism, and be allowed to proceed to Grand Bethel competition.**
- c. Contestants, with the help of the chairman on the Association level, shall write their own narration for the fashion show.**
- d. Official judging sheets shall be used for reviewing and critiquing the garment construction while advising the daughter to assist in improving her skill level.**
- e. The Association chairman shall sign the entry forms verifying that the Daughter presented at the Association level and complied with all rules.**
- f. The entry forms must be forwarded to the state Sew and Show Chairman postmarked no later than May 1.**

## **AWARDS**

1. Certificates shall be given to all participants.
2. Medallions shall be awarded for first, second, and third place assuming that there are at least three [3] entries. One [1] ribbon may be awarded for Honorable Mention.
3. In the case of a tie, duplicate awards shall be given to all entries.

## **RULES FOR SEW AND SHOW COMPETITION**

1. Daughters shall be active members in good standing. **AN ACTIVE MEMBER IS DEFINED IN SUPREME, SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS 9 [SI-9].**
2. The Daughter must be preregistered for Grand Bethel.
3. Only one [1] garment or ensemble may be entered by a Daughter.
4. The garment must have been made **after** the previous Grand Bethel Session. The garment must be in progress and presented at the Association level.
5. The Daughter must select and construct the garment herself. She may be advised and taught; however, the advisor, parent, or teacher may not select, cut, sew, or press the garment.
6. The term **SEW** for the purpose of this contest means Machine or Hand sewn. Garments constructed without being sewn fall under the Special Items category. Items listed under this category will **NOT** be judged. These items may be modeled at Grand Bethel with the approval of the Sew and Show Chairman for that year.
7. The Daughter must be able to present at the Association level and be present for Grand Bethel judging.
8. A Daughter may enter a garment that she made for another Daughter to model. The selection and construction process must be previously stated, all done by the competing Daughter. The Daughter who constructed the garment must be present at the Association level and at the Grand Bethel judging.
9. The entry form, and all required contents to be mailed to the Grand Bethel Sew and Show Chairman, must be brought to the Association Chairman, completed and signed by her parent[s] or legal guardian[s] and her Bethel Guardian, ready to be mailed. These completed entry envelopes must be mailed by the Association Sew and Show Chairman postmarked no later than May 1. If the Association competition date does not allow the Chairman to make the deadline, an entry form sheet only should be mailed to the Grand Bethel Sew and Show Chairman by the Bethel Guardian or Daughter with note of the Association competition date.

**10. An unsealed 9" x 12" envelope shall be mailed to the Grand Bethel Sew and Show Chairman as stated in Item #9.**

**A. The following shall be written on the outside of the envelope:**

- 1. Name of Daughter**
- 2. Bethel Number and City**
- 3. Daughter's Skill Level and Competition Category**
- 4. Name of Guardian Council Association**

**B. The envelope shall contain the following items:**

- 1. A brief typed or well-printed narration for the fashion show of the garment or ensemble. It should fit on a 3x5 index card.**
- 2. A swatch of the material[s] used.**
- 3. The picture envelope from the pattern or a color copy of the pattern envelope.**
- 4. Instruction sheet[s] [or copies] provided with the pattern. If these are not available, so state and explain why. DO NOT SEND PATTERN PIECES.**

**11. There will be four [4] levels of competition:**

- A. First Garment Sewn**
- B. Beginner (1-3 garments sewn)**
- C. Advanced Beginner (4-6 garments sewn)**
- D. Intermediate (7 or more garments sewn)**

**12. Categories for competition are as follows:**

- a. CASUAL - Bethel Attire, Casual Wear/Sportswear, Swimwear, Pajamas**
  - i. Short or long, Basic Casual dresses**
  - ii. Skirts [street length or long]**
  - iii. Pants**
  - iv. Blouses**
  - v. Tops**
  - vi. Non-tailored Pant suits**
  - vii. Athletic Wear**
  - viii. Swimwear**
  - ix. Pajama's**

- b. **FORMAL - Dressy or Party Wear, Formal Wear, Costumes**
  - i. Dressy, party-type dresses; party-type pant suit; or party-type jump suit
  - ii. Short or Long, Formal Dresses
  - iii. Renaissance, Period Fashions, etc.
- c. **BETHEL ROBE**
- d. **TAILORED - [Tailoring techniques MUST be used]**
  - i. Suit – skirt or pants and jacket
  - ii. Jackets or Coats – must have full or partial lining
- e. **SPECIALTY - [not judged]**
  - i. Garments not sewn. Example: “Duct Tape” challenge Prom Dress

**13. Daughters must receive at least fifty [50] points to qualify for an award.**

**14. All entrants at the Association level may bring their garments to Grand Bethel and model them in the Fashion Show even if they do not want to compete at the Grand Bethel level. The Association Chairman should notify the Grand Bethel Sew and Show Chairman if there are any Daughters who choose this option.**

ENTRY FORM – SEW AND SHOW CONTEST

SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE TO ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN  
CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN TO DETERMINE THE ENTRY DEADLINE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE[ \_\_\_\_ ] \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Street) (City) (Zip)

BETHEL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BETHEL CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATION \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ First Garment \_\_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_\_ Advanced Beginner \_\_\_\_ Intermediate

TYPE OF GARMENT AND DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

FABRIC USED: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR(S): \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK CATEGORY FOR ENTRY:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. Bethel Attire, Casual Wear, Sportswear, Swimwear, Pajamas  
(cotton, denim, corduroy, flannel, etc.)  
Dresses – short or long, basic and casual; Non-tailored suits; Skirts; Blouses;  
Swimwear; Sportswear; Pajamas
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. Dressy or Party Wear, Formal Wear, Costumes  
(sheer, satin, voile, taffeta, brocade, etc.)  
Long or short – dressy dresses; Renaissance wear, Period Costumes
- \_\_\_\_\_ C. Bethel Robe  
(cotton or satin)
- \_\_\_\_\_ D. Tailored Garments  
(wool, wool blends, linen, poly blends, etc.)  
Tailored Suits – jacket and skirt or pants; Fully or Partially lined Coats and Jackets
- \_\_\_\_\_ E. Specialty Items – for Fashion Show only – not judged

\*\*\*\* I have followed all of the Rules for the Sew and Show Contest\*\*\*\*

Contestant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Bethel Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Two (2) COPIES TO STATE CHAIRMAN POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 1

Association Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_