

The logo for Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen features a crown above the word "MISS" in a serif font. Below "MISS" is the word "ARKANSAS'" in a larger serif font. Underneath "ARKANSAS'" is the word "OUTSTANDING" in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. The word "TEEN" is the largest and most prominent part of the logo, written in a very large, bold, serif font.

TO: 2017 Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen Contestants/Teen ED's

**From: Thomas Collins
Executive Director**

On behalf of the Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen Scholarship Organization I want to welcome you to the 2017 state finals of Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen. You have been given the great responsibility of representing a local title and competing in the Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen Scholarship Pageant, which is only one step away from the stage in Orlando, and competing for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen July 25-29, 2017.

Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen is excited to be combining with the Miss Arkansas Scholarship Pageant Celebrating their 80th Anniversary at the Robinson Center, Little Rock, AR June 10-17, 2017. Many new and exciting changes will be taking place in our Capitol City this summer!

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 June 10-17, 2017 at The Robinson Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. We are excited about this year's event and have many activities being planned for a great week in Little Rock. Our organization is excited the City of Little Rock is hosting our event this year including the Miss Arkansas and MAROTeen Arrival Ceremonies which will be held at the State Capitol in the Rotunda Saturday June 10, 2017. Preliminary competitions will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday beginning at 7:00 p.m. Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen Finals will be held Friday June 16, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. **All MAROTeen Contestants will be in the Miss Arkansas Opening Number Saturday Night during Miss Arkansas Finals.**

Little Rock Marriott – 3 Statehouse Plaza – Little Rock, AR 72201 (Phone 501-906-4000) will be the Host Hotel for MAROTeen week. I have a block of rooms for the contestants/family (one double occupancy room only). Marriott has requested I email your name after all preliminaries. I will post in the FB Group when your family will need to call with payment information. Extended family or friends will need to make their own accommodations.

MAROTeen STATE FORMS & INFORMATION:

State Forms and Checklist have been updated with all information. Please visit www.missarkansasot.org Select **"FORMS"** for all information.

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 1, 2017 – Salute Page Photography

10:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Michelle Roberts-License to Shoot Photography – Little Rock Marriot

Please bring a cocktail dress, jewelry and shoes for this photo which will be used for your Salute/Ad page in the program book. You will also need to have your Hair & Makeup ready for the photo shoot. All Salute/Ad Pages and payment will be turned in on this date. Michelle Roberts will design your Salute Page... the remainder of your ads will be your responsibility.

April 9, 2017 – MAROTeen Online Lottery

12:45 p.m. – The MAROTeen Lottery will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen Online Lottery Selection will be formatted much like Miss America's Outstanding Teen online selection. Miss Arkansas Field Director's will contact your Executive Director with the location for the meeting. The TOP 3 contestants selling the most Ad Pages will be drawn first to choose their placement. After the Top 3 have chosen their placement the remainder will be drawn randomly for their selection. This year we will have three groups Red, White and Blue. State Paperwork will be turned in at this meeting.

May 20, 2017 – MAROTeen Spring Meeting

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – MAROTeen Spring Meeting will be held in the Marriott Auditorium.

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Paris Presents Beauty Party - We are very excited Paris Presents and Debbie Alsup's group will be featuring their products providing make-up and hair seminars. I will post more info on your MAROTeen GROUP FACEBOOK page.

This year's MAROTeen Spring Meeting and videotaping will be held in, Little Rock May 20-21, 2017. Little Rock Marriott will be our host hotel for the meeting and video filming. Little Rock Marriott is offering a special MAROTeen group rate of \$114.00 plus tax. Saturday's activities include our meeting and a Paris Presents Beauty Party for contestants. This meeting is mandatory for each title holder.

May 21, 2017 – MAROTeen Spring Meeting - Videography

The Video Filming Sunday morning is MANDATORY...Frank Byers-MAROTeen Producer lives in Nashville, TN and will not be able to film your video intros at a later date. He will need time to make edits for the live shows.

Frank will be updating you with information about video, music and choreography on your GROUP FACEBOOK Page. Please check FB on a regular basis.

CHILDRENS MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS - CMNH FUNDRAISING

You are *required* to register for CMNH fundraising. You are *not required* to raise a minimum amount, but you are required to register. You should have a photo and a goal amount in mind prior to registering. Go to the website www.maoteen4kids.org. Instructions for registration are on the home page. Please register using 2017 as part of your first name (Example: EmilyBrewer2017). This will be the only way we will be able to know in which year the donations were received. You will also need a user name and password. The contestant raising the most in donations will receive the Miracle Maker Scholarship Award and a Scholarship during MAROTeen this summer.

DIAMOND STATE PRINCE OR PRINCESS

We will have our **Diamond State Prince & Princess Program** again this year. DSP Entry Forms and all information may be downloaded at www.missarkansasot.org. Select the DSP PROGRAM TAB. The Deadline for entry is March 23, 2017. Please make sure your DSP is aware of the Deadline. Also, you may have more than one DSP!

MISS ARKANSAS & MISS ARKANSAS' OUTSTANDING TEEN TICKET INFORMATION

Ticket information is posted on our websites. ADVANCE TICKETS and PATRON TICKETS deadline is APRIL 1, 2017. If you have any questions pertaining to tickets please email missarkansastickets@gmail.com

COMPETITION WARDROBE

OPENING NUMBER - The MAROTeen Board of Directors is so thankful for the many sponsors supporting our organization. Renee Lawrence Stone “emerge” and Tony Bowls have teamed to sponsor your OPENING NUMBER COCKTAIL DRESS. Please make arrangements to visit emerge for your fitting.

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ACTIVE WEAR will be sponsored by Academy Sports + Outdoors. I hope to have the active wear to you at the Spring Meeting.

ARRIVAL WEAR - You will need to wear something fun and trendy for arrival (no cocktails). The Arrival Ceremonies will be held in the afternoon so consider something that shows your sense of style and personality. You will be judged by a panel of judges for the ARRIVAL AWARDS!

PARADE WARDROBE – The Miss Arkansas Parade will be held Saturday June 17, 2017. You will need a parasol for the parade. Be creative by designing your parasol to either represent your local title, platform, etc. Teen attire for the parade is a sundress or romper. Convertibles will be provided.

EVENING WEAR - When selecting your evening gown please remember TEEN APPROPRIATE!

I know this is a lot of information, please take the time to read over all dates and times for each event. We will be posting updated information on your Group Facebook Page, please check the group page daily. If you have any questions contact me at missarkansasot@yahoo.com.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Collins
MAROTeen Executive Director