

Grand Session 2025 Competitions

All Competition forms will be sent with Registrations with the same deadline of May 1, 2025.

General Rules for Ritual Competition

All contestants must be active Job's Daughters in good standing and under the age of twenty (20) as of June 15, 2025, or if older, serving in a Daughter position.

All contestants must be registered for the Annual Session, day passes excluded.

Contestants for all competitions will be judged in the age category that the Daughter falls in as of June 11, 2025. Please list the age for each contestant as of June 11, 2025 on the Competition Entry Forms.

LATE ENTRIES will be accepted only for those Daughters that have become members after the May 1, 2025 registration deadline. Entries for Daughters who have become members after May 1, 2025 must be sent to the Session Chairperson within seven (7) days of the Daughter's Welcome Ceremony.

Read the competition information carefully. Several competitions have additional instructions that **MUST** be followed to enter the competition. **Please follow all directions and meet all deadlines so that your Daughters are not penalized.**

Many competitions have two categories. A lack of contestants may cancel a competition or cause a combining of the categories. The Session Committee reserves the right to make these changes. Each Bethel should be represented in all competitions if the contests are going to be continued.

Daughters may only enter **two individual** Ritual Competitions and **one team** competition. Capes & Crowns and Messenger Team are the two team competitions.

Robe judging will be held during the Ritual recitation portion of the competition.

**DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR COMPETITION REGISTRATION IS
May 1, 2025!**

The Session Chairs will make every effort to schedule competitions so there are no conflicts. It is the contestant's responsibility to inform the Session Chair of any conflicts in advance of arriving at Session. A competition schedule will be sent to each Bethel Guardian before Grand Session. If there are conflicts, you must notify the Session Chairs.

RITUAL COMPETITONS

General Instructions

1. Judging will be from the current edition (2024) of the Ritual and the current edition of the Supreme Book of Ceremonies. The current edition of the Ritual is found on the JDI Supreme website at: [Resources | Job's Daughters International](#).
2. All work must be memorized and given in proper order.
3. All contestants will enter the competition room, introduce herself stating name, Bethel number and location and wait for the judge to indicate they may begin. **THE JUDGES WILL COUNT OFF POINTS IF YOU DO NOT DO THIS!**
4. Judges will give sentence immediately preceding the contestants part, if not given by another contestant in the room.
5. Floor work will be judged where appropriate.
6. There will be no spectators allowed in the competition room.
7. Official regalia (white robe, long white slip, white hose, white shoes, white cord and headband) will be worn for all Ritual competitions.
8. Official regalia including Capes and Crowns will be worn for the Capes and Crowns competition.

Please Note: Every year we have competitions that we cannot do because there are not enough entrants or enough teams. If you have a Member who would like to be on a team, but not enough members to complete the team please contact Session Chairs.

Official Regalia

SOP-Bethel-11 Section 1

- White Grecian robe with wing sleeves and yoke
- Long white full or half-slip with slip length 4-6" from the floor
- White nylons (full or knee high)
- White flat shoes
- Headbands

Cords

- White for Officers
- Tacked along the bottom yoke seam to within 2-3 inches of each side of center front (measured on the curve of the yoke)
- Crossed in the front center with three twists
- Around the waist once and tied in a square knot 1" below the natural waistline
- Robes should be 3" from the floor with a 4" hem

SOP-Bethel-11 Section 2

- Jewelry shall be limited to regulation membership and/or officer's jewels, awards, a watch and one additional piece of jewelry in keeping with the regalia.

NOTE Points will be deducted for dirty or wrinkled robes and grooming. No polish on nails with the exception of nude or French style (white only). When in doubt, no polish. Don't let your Daughters lose points because they have polish on their nails.

Jobie to Bee Competition

Division:

Ages: 8 to 9 years old

1. J2B will recite the Friendship Poem below.
2. Contestant will sit in the 5th Messenger's chair.
3. Contestant will stand in front of the 5th Messengers' chair and when indicated by judges will recite the poem.
4. Contestant will be seated when she is finished.
5. JD2B shall dress in compliance with the Dress Code for Grand Session.

Friendship Poem

A friend is someone we turn to when our spirits need a lift.
A friend is someone we treasure for true friendship is a gift.
A friend is someone filling our lives, with beauty, joy and grace.
A friend makes the world we live in a better, happier place.

Written Ritual

Divisions:

Ages: 10-14

Ages: 15-20

The competition will consist of a written test of true/false, multiple choice and fill in the blank. All information found on the written test will be found in the current edition (2024) of the Ritual.

Contestants may enter the competition room at any time but all tests must be concluded no later than the time period allowed. Please check Session book for exact time.

Place an "X" by each person's name who plan to take the test on the Ritual Competition Entry Form.

Bethel Room Set-up

DIVISION: All ages

1. Competition is open only to those Member who have been initiated between May 31, 2024 thru May 31, 2025.
2. Basic Bethel room items, such as an Altar and HQ's chair and podium will be in place.
3. Each Member will have 10 minutes to set up a mock Bethel room to include all items of paraphernalia necessary for a Bethel meeting.
4. Daughters must stay outside the competition room until the judging is done.
5. Judges will grade the set up and then ask the Member to help remove all items in preparation for the next contestant.

Proficiency Lessons Exam

DIVISIONS:

Ages: 10-14

Ages: 15-20

1. Contestants must have taken and passed the Proficiency Lessons Examination.
2. Contestants entering must do all Ritual work required as if taking the Proficiency Lessons Examination.
3. Floor work is not required.

Circle Five Messenger's Membership Ceremony Lecture

DIVISIONS:

10-14

15-20

1. Contestants may enter only one Messengers' Membership Ceremony Lecture.
2. The contestant will enter the room and stand at the appropriate Messenger's chair. After she introduces herself and instructed, she will give the appropriate Station and Duty. The daughter will then recite the Membership Ceremony lecture, including instructions to the Guide and Marshal.
3. No Daughter may compete in any Circle Five Messenger Lecture that she placed first at the previous Grand Session.

Story of Job Messenger's Lecture

DIVISIONS:

10-14

15-20

1. Competition is open to all Daughters registered and attending Grand Session.
2. Contestants are to present all five Messenger's Membership Ceremony Lectures in succession – like a story.
3. Instructions to the Guide and Marshal are not included.
4. The contestant is seated in the First Messengers chair, does the floor work from there.
5. When completed, the contestant will be seated in the Fifth Messenger chair.

Chaplain's Competition

DIVISIONS:

10-14

15-20

1. Contestants entering must present the following:
 - (a) Chaplain's Station and Duty,
 - (b) Pledge of Honor for Adults,
 - (c) Opening Prayer or Lord's Prayer,
 - (d) Mother's and Guardian's
 - (e) Obligation (including Ritual part and Proficiency Lesson #2),
 - (f) Membership Ceremony Closing Prayer,
 - (g) Closing Prayer
2. Contestants will be judged on opening the Bible, attending at the Altar, and then closing the Bible.

Guide's Membership Ceremony

DIVISIONS:

10-14

15-20

1. This competition is open to those Daughters who have served or are currently serving in the position of Guide, Junior Princess, Senior Princess or Honored Queen.
2. The Daughter will give the Guide's station and duty and then she will give all speaking parts for the office of Guide for the Membership Ceremony.
3. All directional lines will be given.

Team Competitions

Messenger Team Membership Ceremony

DIVISIONS: All ages

1. Any number of five-member teams from each Bethel may compete.
2. A contestant may not compete on more than one team.
3. Bethels are encouraged to combine Daughters to form teams when necessary.
4. Daughters enter room and are seated. One Daughter will stand and introduce all members of the team.
5. Messengers' Membership Lectures will be given in succession.
6. All directional lines to the Guide and Marshal will be given.

Capes and Crowns Team Membership Ceremony

DIVISION: All ages

1. This competition is open to Honored Queens, Senior Princesses, Junior Princess, Past Princesses and Past Honored Queens.
2. This is a three-member team competition – Honored Queen, Senior Princess and Junior Princess.
3. A contestant may not compete on more than one team.
4. Bethels are encouraged to combine Daughters to form teams when necessary.
5. Official Regalia for Honored Queens and Princesses must be worn.
6. All speaking parts for the Membership Ceremony will be given, including Proficiency Lessons.
7. All directional lines to the Guide and Marshal will be given.

NON - RITUAL COMPETITIONS

Arts & Crafts Competitions

DIVISIONS:

Jobie-to-Bee

10-14

15-19

2. Painting – Oil, acrylic, watercolor
3. Drawing – Pen and ink, pencil, crayon, pastel, chalk, charcoal
4. Computer generated art
5. Recycled Items
6. Origami
7. Lego Sculpture
8. Ceramics
9. Woodworking
10. Crewel, needlepoint, counted cross stitch, embroider
11. Knitting, crochet, macrame, weaving
12. Quilting, sewing
13. Beadwork, jewelry
14. Miscellaneous
15. Centerpiece – Individual -Show us your best Jobie design
16. Centerpieces – Group – Show us your best Jobie design

RULES:

1. The items entered must have been made by the Contestant in the 2024-2025 year.
2. Complete the Non-Ritual Competition Entry Form by May 1, 2025.
3. Fill out a 3”x 5” card describing your entry and do not put your name on the card.
4. Entries will be judged in the three above listed groups.
5. All entries must be signed in and out. The Grand Guardian Council, The Grand Session Committee, and the judges will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items. All precautions will be taken to guard against this possibility. Each person entering an item shall be responsible for all packing material and will keep it in their possession – it will not be left in the Arts & Crafts Room.
6. Entries must be checked in on Wednesday with their 3x5 card. Please see the schedule for the exact time and location.
7. Entries must be checked out on Saturday morning. Please see the schedule for the exact time and location.

Scrapbook Competition

DIVISIONS:

Ages: Jobie 2 Bee

Ages: 10-14

Ages: 15-19

1. Jobie 2 Bee – Personal Scrapbook made by a Jobie 2 BB depicting her involvement with Job's Daughters.
2. Individual - personal scrapbook made by a Job's Daughter depicting her activities.
3. Bethel – scrapbook made by a group of Bethel members depicting the Bethel activities.

RULES:

1. The item being entered must have been made during the 2024-2025 GGC year.
2. Only two Bethel scrapbooks may be entered from each Bethel.
3. Each entry must be turned in with a completed Scrapbook Information form.
4. No adult is to do any of the work in making the scrapbook, with the exception of taking the photos used.
5. All entries must be signed in/out.
6. The Grand Guardian Council, the Grand Session Committee and the judges will not be responsible for lost or damaged items.
7. All entries must be picked up on Saturday morning. Check the schedule for the time and location.
8. Complete the Arts and Crafts Information Form by May 1, 2025.

Choir

DIVISION:

All ages

GENERAL RULES:

1. A contestant may compete in only one competition.
2. Each choir will perform two songs. "Let There Be Peace on Earth" as selected by the Grand Guardian and an alternate selection chosen by the members of the choir.
3. All alternate entries must be suitable to be presented as a Librarian's Report during a Bethel meeting.
4. A group consists of 2 or more members.
5. Taped accompaniment may be used, but it may not include a choral group for background music. You must provide your own tape/CD player.
6. Each Choir must present the judges one (1) copy of their alternate presentation.
7. Bethel officer regalia (no capes or crowns) will be worn for this competition.

Those competing in the Choir Competition will be asked to sing at Formal Opening.

Choir members will need to be at Formal Opening Practice.

Photography

DIVISIONS:

Jobie 2 Bee

Ages: 10-14

Ages: 15-19

1. General Interest or Promotion – Color
2. General Interest or Promotion – Black & White

RULES:

1. Each contestant may submit a photograph in each category.
2. The contestant must have taken each photo entry during the 2023-2024 GGC year.
3. Each photo entry can be no larger than 8”x 10” and no smaller than 3”x 3”.
4. No consideration for size is given during the judging.
5. Do not frame or mount the photo entries.
6. Fill out a 3x5 card describing your entry – do not put your name on the card.
7. Awards will be presented in each category.

TO ENTER:

Submit your photography competition form online and mail the photograph(s) entry with the 3x5 index card(s) by **May 15, 2025** to:

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