



EVENT SYLLABUS

The following is a guide on how the festival will be conducted.

<p><u>September 2 - 19, 2008</u></p>	<p>Registration begins.</p> <p>The festival organizers will have sent a Rules & Regulations Packet to each of the participating schools. Each packet will contain: Rules and Regulations, Entry Form, Workshop Sign-up sheet, Student/Parent Forms, a Rubric on judging criteria, a Project Submission sheet, Copyright Acknowledgement Form, Talent Media Release Forms, and Press Release Contact Form.</p> <p>Students will have this time to sign up for a team and workshops and to obtain signatures on the student/parent release form. By September 19, 2008, registration fee must be submitted to Lisa Berry at 524 Faraday Street. Initial Entry Forms, Student/Parent Forms and Workshop Registration must be submitted by 3:00 pm on September 19, 2008 via email to f3@alcoaschools.net.</p>
<p><u>Workshops- October, 2008 or January, 2009</u></p>	<p>Workshops will cover Camera & Lighting, Editing, Writing & Producing, and Sound. The workshops will be taught by professionals in the industry. Since one teacher can sponsor several teams, each team must be accompanied by another adult. All team members are encouraged to attend, but it is highly recommended that the team have representatives attend if the entire team cannot.</p>
<p><u>September 19 – March 5, 2009</u></p>	<p>Students will have this time to write, storyboard, produce, shoot, edit and turn in their projects. Middle school students can enter a 2-5 minute documentary or public service announcement. High school teams can enter a 2-5 minute documentary, public service announcement or feature. Commercials and Music Videos will not be considered.</p> <p>All teams must consist of a minimum of 5 students and no more than 8 students. All teams must contain individually: writer/producer, director, director of photography/lighting, sound, and editor. Three additional students may work as technical support or main talent, for a total of 8 team members maximum.</p> <p>All projects must meet the following Criteria for Acceptance: All Entries must be suitable for viewers of all ages. All Entries must be in English or with English subtitles. All Entries must be 2-5 minutes in length including titles and credits. Content of materials should speak positively to children of diverse backgrounds and provide strong role models for both boys and girls. The material submitted should be made for, rather than about, children.</p> <p>Projects will be automatically disqualified and not screened if they contain any of the following: content that contains any nudity; content that promotes excessive or gratuitous violence or profanity; or content that advocates and/or supports racial, cultural, religious, or gender bias.</p> <p>All projects will be due on or before March 5, 2009. The projects must be submitted in AVI with at least 720 x 480 dv resolution. All final projects must include a completed copy of the Project Submission Sheet, a copy of the screenplay/script, a copy of the storyboard, Copyright Acknowledgement Form, Talent Media Release Forms for all on camera talent and a Press Release Contact Form to be accepted.</p>
<p><u>March 5 - April 2, 2009</u></p>	<p>Submissions will be judged during this time frame. The judges will be a panel of industry experts and educators, none with any connection to any school, to avoid any appearance of favoritism. The Judges will grade on a point system as detailed in the Rubric.</p>
<p><u>April 2, 2009</u></p>	<p>The Festival will be held at the Performing Arts Center at the Hardin Valley Campus of Pellissippi State Technical Community College. At the Festival, every participant's project will have a chance to be screened, provided they did not violate any of the rules and scored more than 50 points. After the screenings, the Award Show will be held. Awards will be handed out in each of the categories and the overall winner of the festival will be announced. The overall winner or "Best of the Fest" will be sent to the Nashville Film Festival to be shown.</p>

