**Sing Swing 2018**

***“Celebrate the Harvest”***

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November 16-17, 2018

Blenheim, ON

*Hosted by Essex-Kent Junior Farmers & JFAO*

**REGISTRATION**

**Note:** All affiliated clubs **MUST** register and/or pay for at least one club member, regardless of participation. If a club is not attending at all, the fee is $35.00. New clubs are exempt from this policy.

**Individual Registration:**

The Sing Swing registration fee is $20.00 per person This will allow you to enter as many events as you like within the entry limitations. Payments MUST be postmarked by October 26th, 2018.

**Individual Late/Non-attending Registration:**

Will be accepted from October 26th until November 9th. The late registration fee is $35.00 per person. Late registration may be done either by phone at 519-917-1798 or emailing [essexkentjf@gmail.com](mailto:essexkentjf@gmail.com) Payment will be collected at the start of the day on November 17th. Any late registrants that do not show up at the event will be billed.

**Team Registration:**

A club may register as a team of 10 people or more for the cost of $200.00 however, please note the entry limitations on some of the events. Payments MUST be postmarked by October 26th, 2017.

**Late Team Registration:**

Will be accepted from October 26th until November 9th. The late team registration fee is $250.00 and can be done either by phone at 519-917-1798 or emailing [essexkentjf@gmail.com](mailto:essexkentjf@gmail.com) Payment will be collected at the start of the day on November 17th. Any late registrants that do not show up at the event will be billed.

**Participation Requirements:**

All Participants MUST be able to prove membership in order to participate. Anyone unable to prove membership will be charged an additional $5 to the applicable membership rate to join during Sing Swing. Clubs that owe any money or information to JFAO will not be allowed to participate until ALL invoices are paid. Contact [finance@jfao.on.ca](mailto:finance@jfao.on.ca) directly should you have any questions.

**Points Allocation:**

Members of each participating group may be from different clubs, however, each group MUST state which club their points will count towards, BEFORE the start of the competition.

**All clubs should review the JFAO Policies online for additional general rules. Wellington JF or JFAO are not responsible for anyone disqualified due to lack of awareness of the Policies. Also, fees will not be refunded.**

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**Sing Swing 2018 ACCOMMODATIONS**

*Super 8 Motel*

25 Michener Rd

Chatham, ON

N7L 4B8

Phone: (519) 354-3366

**\*There is a block of rooms set aside for booking under the name “Sing Swing”**

**\*\*This block is reserved until Wednesday, October 17**

**\*\*\* If in the event that the hotel is completely booked, please contact Brian Sterling @ 519-917-1798**

There will be two buses running to the banquet from the Super 8 Motel on the Saturday night and there will be two buses heading back to the hotel at the end of the night.

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**Provincial Board of Directors Meeting**

**Friday November 16th**

St. Mary’s Parish Hall

94 George Street

Blenheim, ON

* Coffee, tea and light breakfast served at 8AM
* Meeting to begin at 9AM
* Dress code is business casual (no jeans/hats)
* RSVP through email sent by JFAO
* Please notify [info@jfao.on.ca](mailto:info@jfao.on.ca) if you will require billeting for the Thursday night
* All JFAO members are welcome to observe/participate in discussion

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**BANQUET, SHOWCASE & SEMI-FORMAL DANCE**

**Theme: Celebrate the Harvest**

St. Mary’s Parish Hall- Blenheim, ON

(No blue jeans or hats please)

6:00 PM Social

7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Showcase (Winners)

9:00 PM Dance

Buses will be leaving the dance at 12:30 AM & 1:00 AM. The building MUST be vacated no later than 1:30AM.

**NOTE FOR ALL ENTRIES**

* All members are encouraged to participate to the fullest, therefore no restrictions to the number of competitions has been implemented. Please keep the schedule in mind when signing up for competitions. Only sign up for as many events as time permits.
* If a member of your club neglects to show up for a registered event at the scheduled time without just cause (competing in another event), your club will be penalized by receiving a 1 point deduction from the club’s accumulated total.

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**DANCING**

**Old Time Square Dance Competition**

* Each club is entitled to enter one set.
* Each entry will consist of four couples and one caller. Callers and dancers must all be current Junior Farmer members.
* Each set must consist of one male and one female.
* Each entry must dance two changes: one an optional of their own choice with their own caller, and one compulsory with the caller provided.
* A brief warm up with the compulsory caller will take place immediately before the competition begins. No other warm up period will be provided.
* A maximum of 8 minutes will be allowed for the optional change. A stopwatch will be used, and sets dancing overtime will lose two points per minute or part thereof. Judging of the optional change will commence when the caller starts calling, and will end when the caller stops calling.
* Two or three judges will be used with the decision to be on the basis of the judges’ placing, not the total points.
* Marks will be given primarily for sets dancing as a team in executing square dance patterns. No points will be given for entry or exits of sets, but these are considered under enthusiasm and overall entertainment value.
* No Modern Square Dance moves will be allowed in the Old Time Square Dance.

**Scoring will be based on the following:**

Enthusiasm/Entertainment Value (Appearance, Audience Appeal) 35 pts

Technical Merit (Rhythmic Accuracy/Uniformity, Knowledge, Ability) 30 pts

General Effectiveness (Neatness, Overall Dancing, Caller) 30 pts

Theme relatedness (Celebrate the Harvest) 5 pts

**Total 100 pts**

**Square Dance Callers Competition**

* This competition will be held simultaneously with the square dance competition.
* Scoring will be based on the following: Rhythmic Accuracy, Ability (basic knowledge and accuracy), Originality, and General Effectiveness.

**Jive, Waltz, & Two Stepping**

* Each club is entitled to enter one couple in each competition.
* Entrants are encouraged to dress in traditional costumes.
* Music will be supplied and each dance competition will require contestants to dance the duration of a minimum of two songs.
* Scoring is outlined below.
* A maximum of two couples from each club may enter

**Line Dancing**

* Each club is entitled to one entry (minimum two dancers) in this competition.
* Dancers are responsible for providing their own music (CD player will be available).
* The dance is expected to run the duration of one song (no longer than 5 minutes).
* The line dance must be an original dance created by the group. A deduction of 10 points will be given for any non-original dances. Scoring is outlined below.

**Alternative Dance**

* Each club is entitled to one entry in this competition.
* The entry can consist of either a solo dancer or group performing a dance routine of their choice.
* Style of dance is the choice of the dancer(s).
* The performer(s) must provide the music for the competition (CD player will be available).
* The dance must not run over 5 minutes long.

**Cultural Dance**

* Each club is entitled to one entry in this competition.
* The entry can consist of either a solo dancer or group
* The entry can consist of either a solo dancer or group performing a dance routine of their choice.
* Style of dance is determined by the dancer.
* The performer(s) must provide the music for the competition (CD player will be available).
* The dance must not run over 5 minutes long.

**Scoring for All Above Dance Competitions**

Appearance (Dress/Enthusiasm) 20 pts

Originality 20 pts

Ability/Rhythmic Accuracy 30 pts

General Effectiveness 30 pts

**Total 100 pts**

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**VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL**

**Vocal Group**

* Each club is entitled to one entry in this competition.
* An entry shall consist of three or more members.
* Each entry will be required to prepare two pieces of their choice.
* Instrumental/musical accompaniment will be permitted, but must be provided by the club (may be a non-member). If using recorded music, lyrics must not be audible.
* Sheet music/written lyrics will be allowed on stage and a copy must be presented to the judge at the beginning of the competition.

**Vocal Duet**

* Each club is entitled to one entry in this competition.
* An entry shall consist of any two members.
* Each entry will be required to prepare two pieces of their choice.
* Sheet music will be permitted on stage and must be presented to the judge prior to the beginning of the competition.
* Instrumental/musical accompaniment will be permitted, but must be provided by the club (may be a non-member). If using recorded music, lyrics must not be audible.

**Vocal Solo**

* Each club is entitled to one female and one male entry in this competition.
* Sheet music will be permitted on stage and must be presented to the judge prior to the beginning of the competition.
* Instrumental/musical accompaniment will be permitted, but must be provided by the club (may be a non-member). If using a recorded music, lyrics must not be audible.

**Instrumental Solo**

* Each club is entitled to two entries in this competition.
* Contestants may use an instrument of their choice for this competition.
* Sheet music must be presented to the judges prior to performing, and is also allowed on stage.
* Each entry shall prepare two selections (max 5 minutes each) of his/her choice. Contestants will perform one piece for the competition and a second upon request of the judge.
* Each contestant must provide their own instrument (except piano).

**ENTRIES WILL BE PENALIZED 5 POINTS FOR NOT PROVIDING SHEET MUSIC FOR THE JUDGES. SOME WINNERS OF THE ABOVE COMPETITIONS WILL BE EXPECTED TO PERFORM AT SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET SHOWCASE.**

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Gong Show Competition**

* Each club is entitled to one entry in this competition.
* Presentations shall include skits and musical activities not specified in any other areas of Sing Swing.
* 15 minutes will be allowed for set-up, performance, and takedown.
* This competition will run like a traditional Gong show, and contestants will be gonged off the stage at the judge’s discretion.

**ALL ENTRIES IN THE GONG SHOW MUST BE APPROPRIATE FOR ALL AGES. INAPPROPRIATE ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

**Lip-Sync Battle**

* Each club is entitled to one entry in this competition
* There will be a semi-final with the top four individuals and a final with the top two competitors
  + The two finalists should have a song that is prepared before the competition and bring a copy the day of.
  + The finalist song can be by any artist and must be appropriate
* Participants will be randomly given two of the following 7 songs;
  + “International Harvester”- Craig Morgan
  + “John Deere Green”- Joe Diffie
  + “The Ketchup Song”- Stompin’ Tom Connors
  + “Rain is a Good Thing”- Luke Bryan
  + “Working Man’s P.h.D”.- Aaron Tippin
  + “Better Things To Do”- Terri Clark
  + “Watermelon Crawl”- Tracy Byrd

**Songs will be announced right before final competitions. Some competitors of the Lip-Sync Battle may be expected to perform at the Saturday Night Banquet**

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**TALK, BUILD, PLAY & WHO KNOWS WHAT**

**Impromptu Public Speaking Competition**

* Each club is entitled to one entry in this competition.
* Entrants will draw a topic or an item in a random fashion.
* Entrants will be given 30 seconds to prepare
* The entrant will have 1 minute to talk about the chosen topic or item.
* Speeches will be judged on creativity, clarity of thought, delivery, and effectiveness.
* Each entrant is able to re-draw ONE time.

**Spelling Bee**

* Each club will be allowed 1 entry into the Spelling Bee competition.
* Entrants will be allowed to ask for a definition and/or for the word to be used in a sentence.
* Entrants will have no longer than one minute to complete the spelling of each word.

**Euchre Competition**

* Each club is entitled to 2 teams, each team consisting of 2 players from the same club.
* Each player will deal twice.
* Standard Euchre tournament rules will be provided the day of the event.

**Mystery Event**

* Come prepared for anything...

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**CULTURAL EVENTS**

Any entries in these competitions MUST be submitted by 10:00 am on Saturday, November 17th. Judging will take place at 11:00 am, and the results with individual winners will be displayed at 1:00 pm for everyone to see. When you arrive at the Hall with your Cultural Event submissions, please take them directly to the tables set up in the Main Hall. All entries should include your name and club on a separate card that can be displayed with your entry once judging is completed.

**Baking**

* Each club is entitled to two entries in each of the following competitions.
* Each submission must include the recipe.
* Each entry will be judged on taste, appearance, theme relatedness and recipe simplicity.
  + Best Homemade Cookies ~ 1 Dozen
  + Best Homemade Squares ~ 6 Squares
  + Best Homemade Pie
  + Best Corn Bread
  + Best Dessert – Any Kind
  + Best Homemade Salsa ~ 6-9 oz. Jar

**Best Sewn Article of Clothing**

* Each club is entitled to 2 entries.
* Each entry will be judged on appearance, stitching and originality.

**Photography**

Each club is entitled to TWO entries in each of the following categories:

* Agriculture
* Candid Animal Moments
* Junior Farmers in the Community
* Photographer’s Choice
* Depiction of “Celebrate the Harvest”
* Black & White

A title or caption MUST be submitted with the photo. ALL photos MUST be mounted and/or framed. A brief description must be given with the picture. Pictures will be judged as follows:

Overall Appearance/Presentation 30 pts

Originality 20 pts

Photographic Ability/Clarity 40 pts

Applicability to category 10 pts

**Total 100 pts**

**Visual Arts**

* Each club is entitled to 2 entries in this competition.
* Any medium (i.e.: sketch, paint, etc.)
* Each creation will be judged on originality, detail, and artistic ability.
  + 1- Drawings ~ Any style
  + 2- Paintings ~ Any style
  + 3- Homemade Card ~ Some kind of greeting card (must be age appropriate)
  + 4- Computer Art ~ Any style printed from a computer. Any size allowed.

**Members submitting an entry will be required to sign a form acknowledging that the entry is done by them and not taken from the internet.**

**\*\*scoring will be the same as listed in the package under photography\*\***

**Quilting**

**1- Any Project**

* Any piecing style or any quilting style
* ex: placemat, table runner, bed quilt etc.

**2- Quilt featuring an aspect of farming or Junior Farmers**

* any size, piecing and quilting style

**Maximum ONE entries per county allowed for all 3 categories.**

**\*\*judging will be done using the same scoring that the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies would use at your local fair\*\***

**Best Needlework**

* Maximum two entries per County allowed.
* This category is for an article that is either knitted, cross stitched or crocheted.
* Entry may be any size

**\*\*judging will be done using the same scoring that the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies would use at your local fair\*\***

**Woodworking**

* Maximum dimensions 1’ x 1’ x 1’

**\*\*Anything larger will be disqualified. Will be judged on neatness and complexity of joints.\*\***

**Metalworking**

* Maximum dimensions are 1’ x 1’ x 1’

**\*\*Anything larger will be disqualified. Will be judged on neatness and complexity of joints.\*\***

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**ADDITIONAL EVENT**

**Harvest Art**

* Art creation of choice depicting this year’s theme
* Maximum dimensions are 1’ x 1’ x 1’
* **\*\*Anything larger will be disqualified. Will be judged on neatness, complexity and creativity.\*\***

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**Sing Swing 2018 Registration Form**

Club: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PD Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please check off below the events in which your club will be participating in. If you have

more than one entry in a specific competition, please indicate the number on the line.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Square Dance

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Square Dance Caller

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jive

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Waltz

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Two Step

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Line Dance

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Dance

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cultural Dance

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Vocal Group

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Vocal Duet

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Male Solo

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Female Solo

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Instrumental Solo

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gong Show

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lip-Sync Battle

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Impromptu Public Speaking

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Homemade Pie

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Best Corn Bread

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Best Homemade Salsa

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Best Dessert (Any Kind)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Best Sewn Article of Clothing

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Photography

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Visual Arts

\_\_\_1 \_\_\_2 Quilting (circle all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Best Needlework

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Harvest Art

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Metalworking

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Woodworking

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Spelling Bee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mystery Event

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Homemade Cookies

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Homemade Squares

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Euchre

**Banquet, Showcase & Dance Tickets:**

Our club would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tickets for Saturday November 17th at a cost of $30 each for dinner, showcase and dance.

We have enclosed a cheque for the amount of $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Banquet tickets will be available for pick up Saturday morning during registration.

All cheques **MUST** be made payable to **“Essex Kent Junior Farmers”** and postmarked by October 26th. ***Please mail to:***  *Brian Sterling*

*7052 Belle Rose Line*

*Chatham, ON*

*N7M 5J8*

Club Participants

Club: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ member(s) participating at a cost of $20 each or

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ team(s) at a cost of $200 per team.

Enclosed is our total registration fee of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Participants names:

1. 21.

2. 22.

3. 23.

4. 24.

5. 25.

6. 26.

7. 27.

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16. 36.

17. 37.

18. 38.

19. 39.

20. 40.

**Reminder:** JFAO Membership will be checked for all participants so please bring you membership card!

***Mail to:***

*Brian Sterling*

7052 Belle Rose Line

Chatham, ON

N7M 5J8

**Who is doing what?**

Club: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Events:**

Homemade Pie -

Homemade Cookies -

Homemade Squares -

Best Corn Bread -

Best Dessert (any kind) -

Homemade Salsa -

Best Sewn Article of Clothing -

Best Needlework -

Quilting -

Visual Arts:

* Drawings -
* Paintings -
* Computer Art -
* Homemade card -

Photography:

* Agriculture -
* Candid Animal -
* JF in Community -
* Photographer’s choice -
* “Celebrate the Harvest” -
* Black & White -

Metalworking -

Woodworking -

Harvest Art -