

# NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS BTU ACTIVITIES CONTESTANT'S APPLICATION



Charlotte Convention Center • Charlotte, NC  
June 16-18, 2010 (Wednesday-Friday), 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Register online at [www.nationalbaptistcongress.org](http://www.nationalbaptistcongress.org).

Must be registered in a Youth Congress course in order to participate. Activities are free for those enrolled in a course.  
(Please type or print clearly)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (No P.O. Boxes) Apt. No.

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Area Code

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (No P.O. Boxes)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Area Code

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

### TO ORDER BTU BOOKLET:

**BTU BOOKLET** (add \$3.00 ea.)

**Mail check or money order in the amount of \$3.00 (includes shipping and handling) to the address below. Make checks payable to the National Baptist Congress.**

Mail your application to the address below or fax with credit card payment to Congress Dept. (615) 350-9018.

#### Check One BTU Activity:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BTU SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> BIBLE STORYTELLING   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> THE ADULT DEVOTIONAL TALK   | <input type="checkbox"/> BAPTIST INTERMEDIATE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR BIBLE MEMORY CONTEST | <input type="checkbox"/> SWORD DRILL          |

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### CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICIES

- **Cancellations:** Request for cancellations received before May 15, 2010 will be charged a fee of \$25.00. After May 15, 2010, all cancellations will be charged 50% of the applicable registration fee. We reserve the right to cancel a class or seminar if it does not meet the minimum enrollment requirements. Attendees will be notified if their class is cancelled. In such cases, attendees may select another class—at the same fee that was paid for the cancelled class—upon the return of the textbook for the cancelled class.
- **Class Change:** All class changes will be charged a processing fee of \$18.00.
- **Refunds:** Requests for refunds will be processed by mail, after Congress, with proof of class registration or cancellation. Refunds will not be issued on site. Requests for refunds for cancellations or no-shows will not be honored after Wednesday, June 16, 2010.
- **Badges:** Replacement name badges cost \$5.00 per name badge.

(Guidelines on reverse side)

# National Baptist Training Union Activities Guidelines

## NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS

The Baptist Training Union Activities are designed to prepare each member of the Church to do the work of the Church as described in Matthew 28:19-20. These activities will help members become proficient in the work of the Church. All pastors and Baptist Training Union directors are urged to use these activities in their Training Unions.

### Guidelines

1. Enroll in a National Baptist Congress class.
2. Purchase the *Baptist Training Union Activities* manual.
3. Complete the Baptist Training Union Activities Contestant's Application.
4. Be present and on time for scheduled contests and drills.
5. Meet with the National Baptist Training Union activities coordinator.

Drills and contests are open for anyone to participate. We request that pastors and training union directors begin preparing persons from their churches for drills and contests. Messengers may participate in the BTU activities listed below. After selection of activities, please complete the BTU Activities Contestant's Application and return to the National Baptist Congress. There will be an orientation for all BTU participants on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, from 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Charlotte Convention Center. Contests will be held Wednesday from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., and Thursday & Friday from 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

### 1. BTU SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT

The aim of the Speakers Tournament is to develop public speaking skills and effective witnessing for Christ. The following are eligible: all active members of the State or National Baptist Training Union; general or associational officers; nursery, beginner, primary, junior, or intermediate leaders or sponsors ages 17-24. Contestants must be 17 years of age before April 1, and must not be 25 years of

age before this date in order to participate in the tournament. No former state winner who has participated in a Congress-wide tournament may re-enter the Speakers' Tournament.

### 2. THE ADULT DEVOTIONAL TALK

The purpose of the Adult Devotional Talk is to inspire adult Baptist Training Union members to prepare and give devotional talks that are inspiring, uplifting, and challenging. It is also designed to encourage adults to put in permanent form creative ideas and thoughts that seek to develop their devotional lives.

### 3. BIBLE STORYTELLING CONTEST

The Bible Storytelling Contest encourages and trains children (nursery, beginner, primary, and 9-year-old juniors) in the verbal skills and art of telling Bible stories in their own words. Stories may be retold from any Bible story, book, or directly from the Bible.

### 4. JUNIOR BIBLE MEMORY CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is to encourage all juniors to memorize Scripture. They are at a point in life when memorization comes readily and should be trained to memorize God's Word. Boys and girls ages, 9 to 12, who are members of a state or national congress, are eligible to participate in this contest. There will be a separate contest for each age group.

### 5. BAPTIST INTERMEDIATE SWORD DRILL

The purpose of the Baptist Intermediate Sword Drill (ages 13-17) is to encourage intermediate boys and girls to develop skills in handling the Word of God. The intermediate leaders should not think of the Sword Drill as a contest, but as a drill for the development of Bible knowledge skills. Every intermediate should be trained to more effectively use the Bible.

## RELEASE & DISCLAIMER

*The undersigned*, on behalf of him/herself and his/her minor children, hereby releases, acquits, and forever discharges the NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS, its officers, directors, successors, and assigns from any and all claims of any kind or character, and from all liability now accrued or hereafter to accrue, and from all damages, claims, choices, debts, demands, actions, rights of action, causes of action, losses, or injuries to person or to property, resulting or to result or sustained or received by him/her or his/her minor children during his/her attendance and presence in connection with the NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS, due to his/her participation in classes, seminars, lectures, meetings, events, parades, religious events, and similar activities, and for said children not being met on time by *the undersigned* or by his/her other parent, guardian, or chaperone upon the conclusion of said events. *The undersigned* understands that, without this Release and Disclaimer, said children will not be eligible for said events.

*The undersigned* agrees that no promise, inducement, or agreement not herein expressed has been made and that the terms of this Release and Disclaimer are contractual and not a mere recital. *The undersigned* represents, declares, and agrees that he/she understands fully the terms of this document and that he/she relies wholly on his/her judgment in signing.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THIS DOCUMENT.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_