

## Register Early! YOU CAN WIN!

**\$100 ENTRY FEE FOR MOST CREATIVE BRAID STYLE**

**IT'S A REAL CHANCE YOU CAN WIN!**

**1ST PLACE WINNER \$1000, TROPHY, PRIZES, & BRAGGING RIGHTS**

**2ND PLACE WINNER \$500, TROPHY & PRIZES**

**3RD PLACE WINNER \$250 & TROPHY**

- Prize amounts are determined by the number of participants

Calling all **BRAIDERS** who want to showcase their best, this is the competition for you. Come claim the title as the BEST in the Bay on the Natural Experience Expo stage. You can use only one entry form to enter more than one model or more than one competition. Entry fee will cover one model per competition. Registration is now open and will close when all spots are filled.

**Competition Rules:** By paying the entry fee, you are agreeing to all the General Rules and Regulations and the individual rules of this competition

### **Individual Registration:**

1. The competition is open to anyone.
2. One Entry Fee is due per model Entry, \$100 (entry fee)
3. All Entry fees Includes Your Prep Area, 1 Table, Chairs entry for stylist & model.
4. Competitors are responsible for their own working tools.
5. Judge's decision is final.
6. A total of **(2-3) minutes for presentation**. This time is inclusive of prop set-up, entrance/exit, and stage presentation. Points will be deducted from your total score for every minute contestants goes over allotted time. If any contestants are more than 3 minutes over time allotment, music will be turned off.
7. By participating in this Contest, all entrants and model's irrevocably and forever agree to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless The Natural Experience and their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents (collectively, the "Released Parties") from and against any claim, liability, injury, damage, death, loss, expense, or cause of action arising out of participation in the Contest or acceptance, receipt, travel related to, inability to use, or use of any prize. Entry and/or acceptance of prize(s) constitutes permission for the Sponsor and their agencies to use the participating entrants' and models' name, address (city and state) and/or likeness for advertising and trade purposes without further compensation or authorization, worldwide and in perpetuity, in any and all forms of media, now known and hereafter devised, including without limitation Internet, unless prohibited by law.
8. Contestants and models must remain until the judges' decisions are announced.
9. **NO PROFANITY IN MUSIC AND NO NUDITY OR BOOTYSHAKING. NO FOG MACHINE, NO GLITTER OR CONFETTI ON STAGE.**

Pre-registration is highly recommended; there will be **NO**, on-site registration for all the Hair Competition(s) Competitors must sign and submit the official entry application and receipt of the required fee. In doing so, the competitor agrees to abide by any and all decisions of the competition judges are final. Competitors may enter only one model per entry fee. If more than one model is desired, an additional entry fee must be paid for each additional model. It is the responsibility of each competitor to secure and furnish his or her own expenses. All models and competitors must sign the Natural Experience Model release form to compete in any of the

competitions.

## **Competition Schedule:**

Competitors and models will be given complimentary entrance to the Natural Experience on the day of the competition. Family members, guardians or friends are required to purchase tickets to enter the Natural Experience. The preparation room is solely for "preparing" your model. Valuable items should not be left there. Management will not be held responsible for items left unattended. All working tools and supplies must be provided by the competitor. Judging will be done on a visual basis.

### **Braiders and Natural Hair Stylist**

This is your great opportunity to showcase your most creative styles at the Natural Experience Showcase. The following information will adequately prepare you and your model(s) for competition. Carefully read all the information below and complete the registration form.

Competitors and models report to prep/pre-judging area. Check-in with model. This is your allotted time to style, apply models' make-up and get dressed in presentation attire. NOTE: On-stage presentation. (Model will be judged on total look). Model numbers will be given during the completion time. Check in time does not guarantee your model's number. (Checking in first does not guarantee that your model will have #1.) NOTE: Skits included with your presentation are welcome. Limit your presentation time to 3 minutes. Each competitor will be introduced and allowed time to describe their hairstyle to the audience as well as to the judges.

### **VERY IMPORTANT:**

The overall appearance of your model(s) is essential. The model(s) will be judged on his/her posture, makeup, attire and presentation as well as his/her hair. **THIS IS A TOTAL LOOK COMPETITION.** Your model(s) should be prepared to walk and display your hairstyle to the audience as well as to the judges. Your model's personality, enthusiasm and demeanor can make a difference in gaining or losing points. Plan your strategy together and above all, make sure that both you and your model(s) have a great time during your competition event. **Wigs are not allowed.** However, permanent color, semi-permanent color, light colors, chalks and sprays are allowed.

### **Rules that apply to all who enter competitions:**

**A completed style cannot be entered into the Braid competition.** 3/4 or less of the model's hair can be finished prior to competition, however, 1/4 of the model's hair must be completed during the competition. The allotted time to complete the style, dress and make-up during the competition is 120 minutes (2 hours). You will be given a 15-minute grace period which will not be granted as extra time. Competitor may enter as many models as desired provided entry fee has been paid for each model. Models can be male or female and must sign release form before entering pre-judging. The model cannot be the stylist, nor can the stylist be the model. During stage presentation model will be judged from head to toe. Hair, clothes, shoes, style, make-up, and presentation will be considered along with overall neatness, technique, creativity, and artistic design. Models' clothes should reflect the hairstyle created. Judging will be done on a visual basis only. The decision of the judges will be final. Only the model and stylist will be allowed in the competition area and prep room. Competitor must supply their own tools needed to style their model's hair (mirrors, capes, clippers, combs, shears, products, etc). Not following rules and tardiness will result in disqualification.

**IMPORTANT:** In order for these competitions to be successful, contestants need to sign up immediately. We encourage all hair stylist and hair salons to get involved. If a competition is cancelled, any and all refunds will be mailed individually 7-10 days following the Natural Experience. No exceptions. Show management reserves the right of final interpretation of the rules and regulations in all competitions. If there is not an adequate amount of competitors in each given competition, show management reserves the right to alter, cancel and/or not award cash prizes. Monies will be refunded to contestants if competition is cancelled.

I wish to officially enter the Natural Experience Competition. I will abide by all printed and verbal rules and regulations. I understand all contest committee decisions are final. Entries will be on a first come, first-serve basis. I also understand that each competition is based on the number of stylist participation and may be changed, altered, or cancelled entirely at the discretion of the competition chairman. In either case, my entry fee can/will be adjusted or refunded, and I will have no further redress.

**I have read and understand the procedures for entry into the Natural Experience competition.**

***New this year to the Natural Experience is the FASTEST BRAIDER COMPETITION this is a winner takes all category***

Participate in the Fastest Braid competition and demonstrate your dexterity and neatness as you craft intricate braided styles against the clock, proving your expertise and setting a new standard for speed and precision in the world of hairstyling.

## **FASTEST BRAID CHALLENGE**

### **15 MINUTES**

- **6 braid minimum, straight back braids.**
- **Competitors will be judged on symmetry of braids and how clean their lines are.**
- **All braids must be sealed with a rubber band.**
- **Contestants have 15 minutes to complete their model's braids. Any times recorded under 15 minutes will not be used to the competitor's advantage.**
- **\$25 Entry Fee for all contestants**
- **\$250 Winner takes all prize**