

# **SANTA BARBARA SANDCASTLE FESTIVAL**

## **CONTEST TIPS & GUIDELINES**

- Put together a team of no more than 10 people; co-workers, family, friends, etc.
- Contest categories are: Sandcastle  
Sand Sculpture  
Castle & Sculpture Mixed Creation  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade & Under (with no adult help) – any creation  
There will also be a “People’s Choice” award
- Each team will be assigned a 16’x16’ plot that you can rake level prior to the start of the contest.
- You may fill your buckets with water in advance, but must wait until noon to start using them.
- Starting at noon, you’ll have 3 hours to build. Brings sketches, drawings, etc. ahead of time.
- Pile wet sand and pack it as you build up. Use shovels & buckets to fill and transport the wet sand.
- Pre-made forms (wood or plastic) can be packed with sand, inverted & removed for shaping.
- No structure materials other than sand and water can be used in completed castles or sculptures.
- Only shells, seaweed, rocks & driftwood found on site may be used to decorate your creation.
- Shape & detail with any hand tool: spoons, melon scoopers, rakes, combs, straws, putty knives, etc.
- Shape from the top of the piece towards the bottom, move sand away as you work.
- Misting with spray bottles or garden sprayers will keep the sand from drying & loss of fine details.
- Castles and sculptures will be reviewed by a distinguished panel of judges and awards given; judging criteria will be posted at the festival. There will also be a “People’s Choice” award voted on by festival attendees.

### **OTHER TIPS CAN BE FOUND VIA THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:**

<http://www.sandcastlecentral.com/>

<http://www.unlitter.com/toolpage.PDF>

<http://www.sandhands.com/library/faqhow/howidoit.htm>