

Sweet 16 - Film

Pre-Convention Contest 2011

OBJECTIVE: Produce a short film, based on a given title and a prop, in 16 hours or less. Production time: 16 hours.

- One team of unlimited students per member program may participate.
- Up to two teachers per member program may participate.
- **New in 2012: Teams must edit in the supervised area for this contest.**
- Work stations will be provided for all teams, but teams must bring their own edit system and power strip.
- Teams must provide their own flashdrive for submitting an entry.
- The maximum total running time is 16:00 minutes.
- Winners will be announced at the STN Closing Ceremony March 24, 2012.

THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY.

PROCEDURE:

Teams are given a movie title, a prop and 16 hours to produce a short film.

1. Teams will meet in the Landmark Ballroom for the contest by 6:30 am on March 21, 2012. Doors will open at 6:00 am.
2. All convention fees must be paid in full to enter the room.
3. At 6:30, STN will release the film title and the prop. The contest officially starts at 7:00 am.
4. Upon completion teams will save their entry to a flashdrive and turn it in by 11:00 pm at the designated area.

RULES:

- Teams will produce a short film based on the movie title they are given at the contest briefing. Interpretation of the title is entirely up to the team.
- The prop provided at the briefing **MUST** be incorporated into at least one close-up, medium and wide shot.
- 100% of all video footage contained in an entry must be shot during the contest period.
- Animations, slow-mo, chroma key and any other effects produced during the contest period may be used.
- Music may be used but should adhere to the copyright policies noted

- on the STN website.
- Advisers are considered part of the team and may contribute to the production of an entry.
 - This contest is **not** limited to the hotel or the contest map area and teams may go where they please as long as they are supervised by an adviser or chaperone.
 - Total runtime: 16:00 minutes. Shows that exceed 16:00 minutes will be penalized at the judges' discretion.

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY:

Please name your Quicktime movie using your contest ID found on your packet. **DO NOT USE YOUR NAME.** Label your flashdrive with your contest ID, Sweet 16 Film, School Name. Place the flashdrive into the packet and return it to the designated area completed before deadline. No entries will be accepted past deadline, no exceptions. Entries that do not follow the rules will face disqualification or loss of points by the judges.

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR SWEET 16 FILM:

The judges will be looking for films that stick to the topic. Films should get the viewer's attention and keep it. Beginning, middle, end, and overall pacing are very important. Films should refrain from topics considered inappropriate for young viewers. Entries that use gratuitous sex, drugs or violence will lose points at the judge's discretion. Overall impact of the film will be the major criteria in the evaluation process.

ENTRY FEE: \$100 per team

The deadline to be included on the STN Sweet 16 t-shirt is February 3. Schools registered after that date will not be on the t-shirt.