

**The 2012-2013 MMS Junior Beta Bylaws**  
**Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Graders New to our Beta Club**

Thank you for your interest in joining Madras's Junior Beta Club and for attending our informational meeting on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have not done so today, **please submit a copy of your very last report card from last school year. This copy will be retained in the student's membership folder.**

1. All **new** members **must** write an essay that includes all of the following information:
  - Describe yourself (*interests and accomplishments*).
  - Describe a former Junior Beta Club experience (*the different ways you have participated, and the valuable lesson learned*).
  - Describe the different ways that our Junior Beta club and the community will benefit from having you in the club. \*If you did not participate in Beta Club in elementary school, write about what you would like to get out of participating in Beta Club this year.
  - Describe two areas within our school and/or community that are in need of Junior Beta services and why.
  - The essay must be a minimum of two typed pages and should be double-spaced.
  - **This essay is due on or before Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> via hard copy or email.**
  
2. **Grades:** Students must maintain a performance of **90%** or above in all classes (not just semester averages) including connections classes (**each nine week period**) beginning with the first nine weeks. It is the member's responsibility to bring a copy of his or her report card to Mrs. Rembert or Mrs. Sandlin within one week of receiving it to verify grades each nine weeks. If you are working out a particular grade with a teacher due to absence or other circumstance, you have 7 school days from the date the report card was issued to resolve the situation. Students who do not meet the grade requirements will be put on inactive status. These members can reapply to be put on active status if their grades meet the 90% or above criteria after the next report is issued.
  
3. **Referrals:** Students cannot receive a behavioral referral that results in an ISS placement during the current school year. Any student receiving a behavior referral will be put on inactive status immediately and can reapply the following school year for membership.
  
4. **Behavior:** Students must exhibit themselves positively at all times. Any reports from teachers that a Jr. Beta student is not acting as a positive role model will result in a meeting with a Jr. Beta sponsor on the first offense. After the second offense, the student will be placed on inactive status from membership for the remainder of year.
  
5. **Meeting Attendance:** It is the student's responsibility to be present at all the meetings. Students are only allowed to miss **two** meetings throughout the year. All meetings missed after two are considered unexcused and will require the student to make-up the time after school the week following the missed meeting. It is the student's responsibility to make up the time. If time is not made up the following week, the student will have to be placed on inactive status for the remainder of the year. This requirement is the same for each student in our club. Reasons for missing the meetings are all weighted the same. Meetings will count toward club hours.
  
6. **Service Hours-** Service hours are accumulated through participating in Jr. Beta services at school and in the community. It has been a tradition here at Madras that each student must accrue 30 service hours. It is very important that students serve our school, our club, and our community. The hours will be broken down into 10 hour increments--10 hours accrued for each: 10 hours serving our school (*fundraisers, poster making, breakfast buddies, lunch bunch, school dances*), 10 hours serving our club (*meetings, helping with events, organizing*), 10 hours serving our community (*helping elderly—Wesley Woods, assisting with smaller children—fall festivals, helping churches and other non-profit organizations—Welcome house or the Food Pantry*). Each student must maintain a log that documents their service hours, and the signed logs will be due at the last meeting in May. If the service hour form is not turned in, the student will not be invited to continue membership the following year.

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<p style="text-align:center"><b>Madras Middle School</b> <b>Jr. Beta Club</b> <b>2012-2013 Junior Beta Meetings and Events</b></p>
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(All meetings are on Tuesdays and some Thursdays from 3:30-4:15 in the cafeteria.)

- **August 28<sup>th</sup>** Informational Meeting (new members only)
- **September 4<sup>th</sup>** (all members)
- **September 25<sup>th</sup>** (forms and essays due)
- **October 16<sup>th</sup>**
- **November 13<sup>th</sup>**
- **December 13<sup>th</sup>**
- **January 8<sup>th</sup>**
- **February 26<sup>th</sup>**
- **March 26<sup>th</sup>**
- **April 30<sup>th</sup>**
- **May 7<sup>th</sup>** (All service logs are due.)

\*\*We may also meet on Advisement days designated for Clubs.

The 2012-13 Georgia Junior Beta State Convention **will be December 6-7, 2012** in Macon, GA. The deadline date for submitting all money will be October 19, 2012. Those members participating in the convention will be required to attend additional meetings in order to prepare.

\*Due to county regulations, sixth graders are not eligible to attend the convention.



## Madras Middle School Junior Beta Club

### Parent- Student Agreement

For 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students new to Madras Beta Club

**I have read and understand the requirements for the Madras Middle School Junior Beta Club and think I am a good candidate for membership. I have read the By Laws with my parents or guardian understand that I must maintain an A average in all classes to remain eligible. I understand that if I do not maintain an A in each class for each nine weeks or receive a behavior referral, I will be placed on inactive status.**

**My child and I have read the Madras Middle School Junior Beta Club 2012-2013 Bylaws and fully understand the requirements to be an active member including the grade requirements for each 9 week grading period, meeting attendance, essay completion, behavioral expectations, and service hours. We know that membership in Junior Beta Club requires dedication and time. We fully understand that my child will be expected to fulfill his or her club requirements regardless of any other activities (school or otherwise) he or she is involved in during the school year.**

Student Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for Updates \_\_\_\_\_

Return this page to Mrs. Rembert or Mrs. Sandlin by September 25<sup>th</sup>.