

# teen battle of the bands

## rules and regulations

Bands must consist of at least two members, one of which plays an instrument throughout the majority of the performance. Band must be unsigned. The entire performance must be live – no prerecorded music is allowed. Band members must be between the ages of 12-21 (and at least half of the band members must be no older than 19 years of age) as of August 16, 2008. Bands must submit the registration form and demo to Bobbi at the Park District Administration Office at 218 Madison in Oak Park by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2008. Any mailed entries must be postmarked on or before May 2, 2008. Photos, bios, etc. are welcomed but not necessary. Materials will not be returned.

All bands will receive an equal amount of time on stage (45 minutes). This time includes all set-up, playing, and take-down time. Time-slots will be assigned randomly from the following: 12:45 – 1:30, 1:30 – 2:15, 2:15 – 3:00, 3:00 – 3:45, 3:45 – 4:30, and 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. on the day of the event. In the event that more than six bands submit applications, some bands may not have the opportunity to participate in this event. Bands will be notified of their acceptance and designated time slots by May 12, 2008.

On the day of the performance, band members must be dressed in clothing free from obscenities, drugs, alcohol, sex, or any other subject matter not suitable for a family audience. Band name and lyrics of performance songs must not contain any obscenities. The entire performance must be violence-free and suitable for families. Drugs and alcohol (including tobacco) are not permitted in Scoville Park. If a band incites moshing or any other sort of violence in the crowd, the band will be disqualified.

There will be a required band/organizer meeting at 11:45 a.m. at Scoville Park on the day of show. Bands will meet the organizers in charge of the event who will introduce the performance area and go over last minute announcements. Bands may unload equipment at that time. Bands must report to the stage again at least one hour before their scheduled performance and remain on-site until the end of their performance. Finally, all bands must be present at Scoville Park at 5:15 p.m. for the announcement of the winners. Any bands not present at the required times may be disqualified.

A panel of judges will score musicians using a point system. Criteria to be considered include: Stage Presentation, Sound Volume & Clarity, Band Synchronization, Time Management, Song Quality & Originality, Stage Management, Band Enthusiasm & Attitude, and Audience Response. Judges will award points in each category using a point system. If bands end up in a tie, the following individual category scores will decide the winner (in order): Stage Presentation, Song Quality & Originality, and Audience Response.

All bands agree to have their name, voice, and/or likenesses used in any advertising or broadcasting material relating to this contest without any compensation or rights to royalties for such use. A P.A. system will be provided for the contest. Band members must provide all other musical instruments and equipment necessary for their performance. Band members are responsible for the security of their equipment and the event organizers cannot be held liable for any lost, damaged, or stolen equipment. Fires, pyrotechnics, fog machines, etc. are not allowed.

The Park District of Oak Park & Oak Park Public Library reserve the right to make changes to the rules and regulations of the contest as well as the final word in any disputes that should arise concerning the contest. All band members must sign the registration form acknowledging they have read and understand the rules as outlined in this document. All band members under the age of 18 are required to have a parent or guardian sign the document on their behalf as well. Failure to comply with any contest rules may result in bands being disqualified.