

Russell County Fair

“Rock On” Battle of the Rock Bands

Monday, September 1, 2008

(Entry Fee \$25.00 per band)

Located at the Russell County Fairgrounds

*Preliminary competition to the Southwest Virginia Community College
Grand Finale - “Rock the Mountains” Battle of the Rock Bands*

All types of **rock** music encouraged. If you play it, we want to hear it. Whatever your style, we are interested! Applicants must read the rules and agree to the terms of the competition.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The Battle of the Rock Bands competition is open to any rock band who wishes to compete, regardless of county of residence;
- If your band competes and places (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) in any County Battle of the Rock Bands, you are *not eligible* to compete in the Battle of the Bands sponsored by the other counties;
- Bands who place 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the County Battle of the Rock Bands will automatically be entered in the grand finale battle to be held at Southwest Virginia Community College’s “Rock the Mountains” Battle of the Rock Bands with cash prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

RULES

- ♪ Competition open to **all rock genres**. NO AGE LIMIT REQUIRED;
- ♪ Groups shall consist of at least 3 people and a maximum of 7 people;
- ♪ There will be a maximum of 10 bands that will compete in Battle of the Rock Bands, with 2 alternates lined up in the case of a cancellation by a pre-scheduled band;
- ♪ Original material is encouraged, but not required, for Battle of the Rock Bands;
- ♪ If you have any questions, please call:

Carter McGlothlin at 276.794.7660 or email: toda1@hotmail.com

Mary Ann Honaker at 276.889.3063 or email: mhonaker@cmcsb.com or

Rachel Stump at 276-964-7532 or email: Rachel.Stump@sw.edu

ENTRY FORMS

- **All entry packets must be received by August 1, 2008:**
- Entry packets must be accompanied by a music demo (at least 2 songs), band bio, band photo, and a listing of song titles to be performed. Incomplete entries will be disqualified; and the \$25.00 entry fee *see below
- A screening panel will review all entries choosing the top 10 to compete, and choosing 2 bands as alternates;
- Bands chosen to compete and the alternate bands will be notified by phone, and/or mail or email.

***ENTRY FEE**

A \$25.00 fee is required for each band. The fee is non-refundable for the ten bands selected by the selection. The fee will remain with the Fair Association for the two alternate bands – if the alternate bands do not have the opportunity to participate in the battle – their fees will be returned to them by mail. All other bands submitting entry packets and paid fee that are not selected – *the Fair Association will refund their check/money.* **Make checks payable to: The Russell County Fair Association** – please memo check: Battle of the Rock Bands

COMPETITION

- Each band that competes will perform only two songs on stage;
- Performance time of the two songs cannot exceed 15 minutes (no exceptions);
- Bands may choose any material as long as it is in the rock genre – (rock, classic rock, southern rock, heavy metal, rock alternative, speed metal, etc.);
- Material must be suitable for general audiences;
- Participants must bring their own equipment (guitars, amps, drums, etc). The organizer or sound company will not be liable for any loss or damages of such equipment;
- A stage crew will assist each band, but it is ultimately the performing band's responsibility to set gear and be ready to perform within the allotted time;
- Stage management has final say on all activities on stage. **Any band going over the 15 minute performance limit, or disregarding event management's direction about anything, including safety and time, may be disqualified;**
- Each band will be responsible for keeping track of their performance time, but a timekeeper will track time for the judges;
- A panel of 5 qualified judges will select 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for Judge's Choice.
- In the event of a tie, winner will be decided by Popular Vote of the audience;
- Judges will score musicians using a point system of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest score in any one category;
- Bands will be judged on (1) Musicianship, (2) Song Writing, (3) Originality, (4) Stage Presence, (5) Professionalism, (6) Entertainment Value, and (7) Audience Response.

CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

- Late comers for band "check-in" on competition day will be disqualified;
- Each group has no more than 30 minutes on stage to set up, play, and clear the stage for the next band;
- Participants found under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be disqualified;
- No violence, graffiti, or vandalism will be tolerated before, during, or after performance;
- Have consideration for the next performer – please clear the stage by the end of your allotted time;
- You are responsible for any damage you or a band mate causes to pro-sound equipment and will be expected to pay for its repair or replacement;
- You must check in at the registration table and fill out band sheets before you can perform;
- If your group competes in the Battle of the Rock Bands, you must be available to perform between the hours of 4 pm and 10 pm.;
- All bands are required to send one member to a pre-show meeting at 2 p.m., before the event, at which time numbers will be drawn by each band representative to determine performance order;
- Obscene or offensive lyrics or indecent and/or obscene gestures will not be permitted.

Application packets are to be mailed to the following address:

**Russell County Fair Association
“Rock On”- Battle of the Rock Bands
Attention: Mary Ann Honaker
P.O. Box 2105
Lebanon, VA 24266**

COMPETITION CONDUCTED AT THE ORGANIZER’S DISCREPANCY

- All bands agree to have their name, voice and/or likenesses used in any advertising or broadcasting material related to this competition without any compensation or rights to royalties for such use;
- Bands in violation of eligibility requirements will be disqualified;
- The organizer reserves the rights to reject or disqualify any participants during the course of competition if conduct is deemed unsuitable;
- The organizer reserves the rights to replace the announced prizes in the event of non-availability of the former to anything of similar value;
- The organizer reserves the rights to amend any of the rules & regulations without prior notice to the participants;
- By entering, participant releases the County Fair Association, their Directors, Officers, Employees, Representatives, Agents and Advisors from any and all liability for any injuries, losses, or damages of any kind resulting from entry or participation, including but not limited to incidental, indirect, or consequential damages under any contract, negligence, strict liability or other legal or equitable theory, to the fullest extent permitted by law;
- By entering, participant agrees to abide by, and be bound by, all directors’ decisions relating to this competition, which are final and binding in all respects;
- Participants consent to the use of their name, likeness, prize information, and photographs without additional compensation for publicity purposes where not prohibited by law.

PRIZES – for the “Rock On” Battle of the Rock Bands Competition

1st – Grand Prize Trophy; 2nd – Runner Up Trophy; 3rd – 2nd Runner Up Trophy

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will also receive a guaranteed performance slot in Southwest Virginia Community College’s “Rock the Mountains” Battle of the Rock Bands Grand Finale to be held on SVCC’s main campus. Prizes for the grand finale are as follows:

**PRIZES for the SVCC Grande Finale “Rock the Mountains”
Battle of the Rock Bands:**

**1st Place: \$1,000 and a Promotional Photo CD by the SVCC Photo Club
2nd Place: \$500
3rd Place: \$250**

SVCC's "Rock the Mountains" Battle of the Rock Bands Grand Finale competitors will be comprised of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the Battle of Rock Bands competitions held at the county fairs of Tazewell, Buchanan, Dickenson, and Russell Counties. In the event of the cancellation of a band that placed in a county competition, each county will choose the next highest scoring band that did not place during their county competition. The alternate band will be notified that they are eligible to participate in SVCC's grand finale.

**For information on the SVCC Grande Finale "*Rock the Mountains*"
Battle of the Rock Bands –
*Contact:***

**Terry Long
Chair – "Rock the Mountains" Battle of the Rock Bands
Southwest Virginia Community College
P.O. Box SVCC
Richlands, VA 24641
(276) 964.7301 (w)
(276) 988.4370 (h)
(276) 964-7716 (FAX)
Email: Terry.Long@sw.edu**

Or visit the SVCC Web: www.sw.edu

Application for "Rock On" Battle of the Rock Bands on the following pages.

Application for "Rock On" Battle of the Rock Bands – Russell Co. Fair

Name of Band: _____

Number of Members: _____

Home Town & State: _____

Band Members: (A band is 3 - 7 members, use another sheet if needed)

Name:	Phone Number:	Vocals &/or Instrument:	Age:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____

Primary Band Representative or Manager:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Pager: _____

Work FAX: _____ Home FAX: _____

Website Address: _____

Alternate Contact:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Pager: _____

Work FAX: _____ Home FAX: _____

Website Address: _____

Type of Music:

(description of, such as classic rock, heavy metal, southern rock, etc.)

Titles of songs to be performed:

1. _____
2. _____

Stage Set Up:

A sound system and sound technician will be provided by the pro-sound company chosen by fair officials, for all bands. **No exceptions.** Band members are not permitted to alter set up or engage the sound board at any time. All sound issues must be discussed with the sound technician prior to performance that in turn will determine and execute any necessary adjustments.

Following is the set up for EVERY band regardless of each bands amount of, or size of, equipment:

One Channel/Mic for the Lead Singer

One Channel/Mic for each Back-up Singer (limited to 3, otherwise sharing may be required)

One Channel per instrument (up to 4) except for drum kits.

Drum Kits – 1 bass drum mic, 1 snare mic, and 1 overhead – No exceptions.

NO ADDITIONAL MONITORS, SPEAKERS, OR SOUND EQUIPMENT IS PERMITTED. ALL BANDS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN AMPS, GUITARS, BASSES, DRUMS, AND/OR OTHER EQUIPMENT TO PERFORM. THE PRO-SOUND WILL NOT PROVIDE INSTRUMENTS AND AMPS.

Registration Requirements:

Receipt of your entry packet will be acknowledged by mail, phone, and/or email. Please help us be more efficient by not calling regarding your placement in the Battle of the Rock Bands, as all bands will be notified of their performance time during the 2 p.m. pre-meeting on the day of the competition.

Please enclose in one entry package:

- A completed Application Form;
- The Waiver Agreement with Band Representative signature &/or Parent or Guardian signature(s) on Waiver Agreement(s) for each member under 18;
- Band music demo (no less than 2 songs) band bio, and band photo
- \$25.00 Band *Entry Fee (see Entry Fee heading for details on fee)
*Make check payable to the Russell County Fair Association –
Memo - Battle of the Rock Bands*

Materials will not be returned.

Mail Registration Package to:

Russell County Fair Association
“Rock On” Battle of the Rock Bands
Attention: Mary Ann Honaker
P.O. Box 2105
Lebanon, VA 24266

**Note to all Band Members –
Please read this entire document on the:
“Rock On” Battle of the Rock Bands**

**Important times to remember:
A Band representative must register their Band @
2:00 pm on Monday, September 1
The “Rock On” Battle of the Rock Bands Competition
begins @ 4:00 pm**

“Rock On” Battle of the Rock Bands Waiver – Russell County Fair Competition

- The undersigned agrees to assume all risks incidental to the performance and participation in the Battle of the Rock Bands, whether occurring prior to, during, or after the actual Event;
- Management, its agents, sponsors, and venues are not responsible or liable for any injuries resulting from participation in the Battle of the Rock Bands;
- Participants agree to hold the Fair Association, its officers, agents, and representatives harmless against any and all claims or liability arising directly or indirectly from the competition;
- In the event that the competition is delayed, rescheduled, or canceled due to circumstances beyond our control, including but not limited to, adverse weather, acts of war, acts of god, etc., the Fair Association and its agents, sponsors, and venues will be held harmless;
- Participating performers are responsible for the safety of their personal items, instruments, and equipment at all times. The Fair Association, its agents, sponsors, and venues will not be held responsible for missing, broken, stolen, or lost items and equipment;
- Management reserves the right to refuse admission or reject any persons whose conduct is deemed to be disorderly or who fails to comply with the Terms and Conditions herein;
- The Fair Association reserves the right to make changes to the Rules of the Battle of the Rock Bands;
- Failure to comply with the Battle of the Rock Band Rules may result in a participant's disqualification;
- All decisions are final and will not be challenged.

By signing below, I confirm I have read and agree to the Conditions of this Waiver Agreement, Registration Policies, and the Competition Rules and Regulations. *(Note: If this page is not signed, your registration will be considered incomplete until the Waiver Form is received)*

I, _____ am appointed representative of the band
(Print Name of Band Representative)

_____ in the matter of the band's participation in the competition.
(Print Name of Band)

(Signature of Band Representative)

(Date)

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____ Email: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH PERFORMER UNDER AGE 18

By signing below, I confirm I have read and agree to the Conditions of this Waiver Agreement and give my permission for the minor named below to participate.

I, _____ am the parent or legal guardian of the minor _____
(Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian) *(Print Name of Minor)*

(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)

(Date)

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____ Email: _____

*The Parent/Guardian section of this form may be copied and used for additional band members under the age of 18. Please detach this section for additional members and attach original to this form.