



2010 Riverside County Fair and  
National Date Festival  
Battle of the Bands



**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Description**

Five local bands will compete for a \$1,000 cash prize at the 2010 Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. Contestants will be judged on Technical Performance, Originality of Songs, Professionalism, Stage Presence, Vocals and Audience Reaction.

**Prizes**

**The winning band will be awarded \$1,000 in prize money.**

**Second and Third** place will receive recognition trophies.

Other prizes may be added, updated information will be announced during the event. Winner will be announced at the end of the competition.

**Eligibility**

Open to all Riverside County residents. **Age restricted to 16 to 26 years old**, proof of age and residence of all members will be required. No rap music.

**Entry Procedure**

**Applications & an example of your performance on CD, stage plot, a five song set list WITH lyrics (three original songs and two covers) that you plan on performing for the contest, and of a photo of your band must be mailed or dropped off no later than Thursday, December 10, 2009. SIGN UP NOW!!!**

\*\*The Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival and the 4<sup>th</sup> District Youth Advisory Council neither retains nor returns the materials submitted.

**Rules:**

- 16- 26 age requirement.
- NO RAP MUSIC
- Contest will be limited to five bands maximum.
- Each band will be allowed a maximum of 30 minutes for their performance.
- All band members must reside in Riverside County
- Set must include three original works of the band and two cover songs.
- This is a family event **NO foul language, inappropriate clothing or obscene gestures will be allowed.** Failure to follow these rules will result in DISQUALIFICATION and be immediately removed from the stage.
- Bands playing order will be determined by draw of numbers the day of the event.
- All band members must arrive at the Magic Carpet Stage for set up no later than 10:30am on Friday, February 12, 2010. Failure to do so will result in a 10 point deduction from your bands final score.

**Length of Performance**

Performances may be no longer than 30 minutes maximum. 10 minutes are allotted for setting up and tearing down between sets and plan accordingly. Up to 10 points can be deducted from the judges' raw score for delays in set changes. You have 30 min to play your set and 10 minutes for set up/ tear down in order to feature as many bands as possible; Equipment changes between bands must flow smoothly. **Be prepared so we can stay on schedule!**

**Stage Information**

Battle of the Bands Competition will take place on the Magic Carpet Stage.

**Music Accompaniment**

Provided will be the microphones and PA, Drum Kit, and bass guitar and guitar amps. Please bring keyboards, guitars, cymbals and drum hardware or anything else you require that is not listed. The same professional sound company that will be working with all the Main Stage Artist's during the Fair will be providing mics and sound mixing during your performance. A stage manager will be on hand to keep the show running smoothly along with a stage crew.

Bands are responsible for any Battle of the Bands equipment damaged or lost during their set-up, set or tear-down.

## Selection Criteria

Each application will be reviewed by a Battle of the Bands Selection Committee on the basis of the following:

1. Timely receipt of a completed application. Applications received after December 10, 2009 will not be reviewed.
2. Uniqueness and appeal of performance.
3. No RAP
4. **Material to be performed is appropriate for a family audience.**

**NO FOUL LANGUAGE, INAPPROPRIATE ACTIONS OR ATTIRE. CONTESTANTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES AND YOUR BAND WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE STAGE.**

5. Overall Dress & Presentation. The *Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival* is a “family event” and all performers should reflect that.

6. Must be able to be at the Fairgrounds on Friday, February 12, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Five (5) Bands will be selected by Thursday, December 17, 2009. Bands selected will be notified by phone or email no later than Friday, January 8, 2010.**

**Credential and Parking information will be provided once the band selection has been made.**

The sole decision for the selection rests with the Fair Management. The *Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival* has the right to reject any application for any reason.

## Merchandise:

Bands may sell band merchandise (CD's, T-Shirts, and Posters) in the Magic Carpet Stage merchandise booth area that will be set up 15 prior to show time until 15 min after show time. Booth will be shared with all bands that choose to take advantage of this opportunity. Only band merchandise, no businesses will be allowed to sell items. The *Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival* and 4<sup>th</sup> District Youth Advisory Council is NOT responsible for loss or theft of cash or merchandise so make sure you have a person to be responsible for your items.

## Judging

Contestants will be judged on to this point system, maximum points would be 60:

• **Technical Performance**, Max Points: 10

(How well the band uses their instruments)

• **Audience Reaction**, Max Points: 10

(Audience applause, yelling, screaming, and/or dancing)

• **Vocals**, Max Points: 10

(Singers voice complements the music and voice quality)

• **Originality of Songs**, Max Points: 10

(Song construction, expressions and blend of vocals and music)

• **Stage Presence**, Max Points: 10

(Interaction with the crowd, band is having fun and are fun to watch)

• **Professionalism**, Max Points: 10

(Dress and act appropriately, move efficiently during set changes, show respect for the audience)

## Deductions

• **Set Time** Max Points: -10

(Band did not meet 30 minute time limit)

• **Arrival Time** Max Points: -10

• **Inefficient set up time between sets** Max Points: -10

(Band took more than 10 minutes to set up)

**Bands will be disqualified and removed from the stage for inappropriate behavior, language, or clothing**

**Please return your completed application and materials to:**

Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival Battle of the Bands Attn: Noel Loughrin

73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 222, Palm Desert, CA 92260

NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009

**ENTRY FORM:**  
Competition Takes Place **Friday, February 12, 2010**  
On the **Magic Carpet Stage**



Name of Band Performing: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Submitting Application and relationship to the band: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Time Contact Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People in Band: \_\_\_\_\_ Will you be selling merchandise? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**BAND MEMBERS NAME, AGE, INSTRUMENT PLAYED**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this contest?

Along with this application please provide:

- Demo CD
- Photo of your band
- stage plot
- Expected five song set list WITH lyrics  
*(three original songs, two covers)*

The Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival and the 4<sup>th</sup> District Youth Advisory Council neither retains nor returns these items.

You and your band wish to enter the *Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival* Battle of the Bands Contest and agree to abide by the rules provided by the *Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival*. I certify that all information provided above is true and accurate.

Your signature indicates that you have agreed to abide by all rules and regulations as published on the forms provided.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or guardian must sign for minor under the age 18.)

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## Contestant Media Information Form



The following information will be provided to the Fairgrounds Media Department for publicity purposes and to the MC of the Contest.

Name of Band: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

How many members are in your band?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What community is your band from?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long has your band been performing together?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did your band come together?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What makes you band unique?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What venues have you played?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your musical style  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you going to sell merchandise? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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760-863-2556 or email [Dist4YAC@rcbos.org](mailto:Dist4YAC@rcbos.org)

### **CHECKLIST OF STUFF TO TURN IN BY 12/10/2009:**

- The application completely filled out and signed including the media information. Contact person and signature that shows that you read and understand the rules.
- A photo of your band (.jpeg format if emailing).
- A Stage plot.
- Five song set list WITH lyrics (three original works and two covers)
- A sample of your music on CD.

**\*THESE ITEMS WILL NOT BE RETURNED\***

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