



BATTLE of the BANDS

**KY STATE FAIR BATTLE OF THE BANDS
YOUNG ADULT MUSICIANS AGES 14-20*
2011 KENTUCKY STATE FAIR**

ENTRY FORM

ENTRY DEADLINE: June 15, 2011

Band Name: _____

Style of Music:

Rock/Alternative R&B Pop Jazz Folk Country Christian/Gospel Other:_____

Primary Contact: (Band Member - non-published information)

Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Adult Contact Name: _____

Adult Contact Cell Phone: () _____ Adult Contact E-mail: _____

Public Contact: (Published info for website, programs, advertising, etc.)

E-mail Address: _____ Band Website: _____

Band Facebook and/or MySpace Page: _____

INCOMPLETE ENTRY FORMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

By signing below, each band member confirms that he/she has read and will follow the General Rules & Regulations of this contest. Any violation of these rules by any member of the band may result in the immediate disqualification of the entire band.

List all band members (include band leader):

Name (Print):	Signature:	Instrument/Vocals:	Age:	Email (optional):
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian Signatures (for members under the age of 18, guardians please sign on line corresponding to band member list above):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

<p>Entry Checklist:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Entry Form</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Band Photo (high res digital or quality print)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Website address or Demo DVD with 2-3 songs</p>



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KENTUCKY STATE FAIR YAP TENT, SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2011

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS:

- *At least 50% of the members of competing bands must be between the ages of 14 and 20 years old on August 20, 2011, and no band member may be older than 24 years of age on this date. There is a maximum of six (6) members per band and a minimum of two (2). No one is allowed to play in more than one band, nor be lead vocalist in more than one band. Contestants cannot be members of any professional performer's union – musicians', actors', or theatrical.
- Live music only – Pre-recorded tracks CANNOT be a part of the performance, i.e., no singing to a track.
- The competition is open to any musical genre. Original music and lyrics have greater potential to earn points for originality than do covers, although performance of covers is acceptable. Only original songs will be featured on the Battle of the Bands CD. All material must be suited to general audiences.
- The lyrics, actions, and dress code of all contestants must comply with standard high school policies for good student conduct (no offensive/controversial messages on shirts, no revealing body parts that should remain private, etc.). Acts must be family oriented, equivalent to a G rating for public performance. The Kentucky State Fair Board reserves the right to discontinue any performance it deems is not in keeping with the family nature of the Kentucky State Fair.
- Band entry forms and demo recordings will be judged by a panel of music-industry judges, to determine who will compete in live performance at the Preliminaries, held at ear X-tacy in Louisville on July 2, 2011. Preliminary bands will be notified by June 24, 2011. A maximum of thirty (30) bands will be selected to compete in the Preliminaries. All bands will perform **one song** in the Preliminaries. Original songs are encouraged but not required.
- At the Preliminaries, judges will select no more than fifteen (15) bands to advance to the Finals, held at the Kentucky State Fair on August 20, 2011. Finalists will be notified within 24 hours of the end of the preliminary competition. All finalists will be required to sign an Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability and Public Relations Release.
- Bands will be judged on musicality, originality, dynamics, vocals, stage presence, appearance/"look", professionalism, and crowd engagement. Following each performance in the Finals, the panel of music-industry judges will offer immediate, live feedback, audible to band members and the audience.
- From July 5-August 5, each band selected to compete in the Finals will be invited to the recording studio at Mom's Music to professionally record one song for the official Kentucky State Fair Battle of the Bands 2011 CD. All songs recorded for the CD must be **original** (no covers). Cover bands may compete and even advance in the competition, but only original songs will be included on the CD. The Kentucky State Fair Board will sell the Battle of the Bands CD in the YAP Tent, while supplies last, at the Kentucky State Fair, at Mom's Music, ear T-tacy, and other possible venues. No royalties will ever be paid to artists for the sale of these CDs.
- All Finalist bands agree to compete in the YAP Tent at the Kentucky State Fair on August 20, 2011. Each band will be allotted a 15-minute performance slot in the Finals, *including* set-up and teardown. The Battle of the Bands champion band, selected by a panel of judges on this day, will win a trophy and their choice of band equipment. Additional prizes to be announced. The champion band and selected top-scoring finalist bands will be invited to perform a full set of music in the YAP Tent at the Kentucky State Fair before the Fair closes on August 28, 2011. Performing in this return engagement is not required.



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- The following musical equipment will be provided for the use of all competing bands at the Preliminaries and the Finals: full sound system, 2 guitar amps, 1 bass amp, keyboards, and 5-piece drum set. Musicians are encouraged to use the equipment provided, as equipment unloading is a challenge at the State Fair. Musicians must supply their own guitars/basses and drum sticks. If a musician wishes to bring additional equipment, they must seek permission from the contest coordinator *in advance*.
- Travel to and from the Preliminaries at ear X-tacy, the recording studio of Mom's Music, and the Finals at the KY State Fair YAP Tent is the sole responsibility of each band member. The Kentucky State Fair Board will provide Kentucky State Fair exhibitor tickets covering parking/admission for each band member and ONE additional adult/driver per band for the Finals.
- Only band members are permitted in backstage areas. Friends and family members must remain in the public viewing areas during all performances.
- The Kentucky State Fair Board is not responsible for theft, damage, or injury of any kind, to persons or instruments, props, clothing etc., before, during, or after the performances.
- The Kentucky State Fair Board holds the right to use the band name, likeness, city and state of residence, photos, video, and other images associated with the band for promotional use without compensation.
- The Kentucky State Fair Board reserves the right of final decision on any matters pertaining to the KSF Battle of the Bands not covered by the competition rules/eligibility requirements.
- All participants are expected to abide by the general rules and regulations of the Kentucky State Fair, posted beginning on page 8 at <http://www.kystatefair.org/entries/premiumbook/generalrules.pdf>
- Questions about BotB? Contact Steph Wilding Darst at sdarst@ksfb.ky.gov or 502.367.5496
- These rules are designed to make the event fair for everyone. **Failure to comply may lead to disqualification.**
Thank you for your cooperation.

HOW TO ENTER:

- Download an Entry Form at www.kystatefair.org/specialAreas/yap.aspx or www.facebook.com/ksfyoungadultproject
- Submit a completed entry form, website url where recordings are posted or demo DVD with 2-3 songs, and a high-resolution band photo. Mail to: Kentucky State Fair Battle of the Bands, P. O. Box 37130, Louisville, KY 40233-7130 or hand-deliver during regular business hours to: KSF Battle of the Bands, c/o Executive Offices (Freedom Hall), Kentucky Exposition Center, 937 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209. Deadline for receipt (*not* postmark) is **June 15, 2011** at 4:00 p.m. EST.

***SUBMISSION OF ENTRY FORM IMPLIES AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY
COMPETITION RULES AS SET FORTH ABOVE.***

