



Westmoreland County Parks & Recreation Twin Lakes Battle of the Bands Saturday June 10, 2017 - 1pm



Contest Details

Named in memory of Brian T. Rusnock, the Twin Lakes outdoor amphitheater is host to a summer concert series featuring local and regional musicians and the second annual *Twin Lakes Battle of the Bands*. While the contest is open to any band, youth/teen bands are particularly encouraged to compete. The intent is to provide an opportunity for up-and-coming bands to perform on a big stage and at a great venue. **Apply now to earn an opportunity to be the opening act for one of the Summer Concert's biggest shows!**

Contest Rules

1. Each band will be allowed 15 minutes total for set up and no more than 30 minutes for their performance. Music is the band's choice. There are no stipulations on number of songs, but you are limited by time. The band is also free to play cover or original music. Providing the judges a set list is encouraged but not required. Set up and tear down time will overlap with the bands preceding and following your own for less down time. Note: each band will be responsible for keeping track of their time. Judges will also be keeping track for their records. Points will be deducted for playing over the time limit and sound will be turned off.
2. Any band member who appears to be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substance will result in band disqualification.
3. Indecent or obscene language or body gestures will NOT be permitted. Any actions or lyrics determined to be indecent or obscene by the judges will result in the disqualification of the entry.
4. The winner of the contest will be asked to play an encore after the final judgments for approximately 10 to 15 minutes. Please have a second set prepared in the event of VICTORY!
5. Each band must submit a link to their music or a recording/video to help the committee evaluate applications. CD's, DVD and MP3's are also acceptable. (Note: Recordings do not need to be pro quality. The committee seeks to only evaluate band's capabilities for selection). Any material deemed inappropriate by the Department of Parks & Recreation will be declined.
6. Completed applications must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Office, 194 Donohoe Road Greensburg, PA 15601 by **April 28th, 2017** 5:00 P.M. If your band is selected, a \$25 non-refundable entry fee is payable to Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation upon notification.



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Technical Information

1. The following will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department:
 - a. A professional sound company to provide sound services including mics and related equipment needed for a live sound event.
 - b. Power for the bands' guitar amps and equipment.
 - c. House drum kit (pro quality).
2. Participants must use the provided equipment. The participants must provide any additional equipment (guitars, amps, etc.) and it must be compatible with the provided sound system.
3. The Parks and Recreation Department are not responsible for damage or theft of personal property.
4. Abuse or theft of the provided equipment will result in immediate disqualification and reparation to the equipment provider.

Judging

Each act will be judged on the following criteria:

- o Originality
- o Musicianship (Material challenging? Played well? Mistakes?)
- o Showmanship (Entertaining to watch?)
- o Audience Response/Participation (How well do you function w/the crowd. Is the crowd into it?)
- o Band Dynamic (Do you work well as a group?)
- o Overall Performance

Prizes

1st Place Opportunity to be the opening act for an upcoming summer concert series show. *Plus* monetary prize of \$100, 2nd Place Monetary prize - \$75, 3rd Place Monetary prize - \$25

The Twin Lakes Battle of the Bands event will be held starting at 1:00 PM, Saturday, June 10, 2017 on the stage of the Brian T. Rusnock Amphitheater. You will be provided a start time and further instructions if your application is accepted. For more information, please call Brandon Simpson, Program Coordinator at (724) 830-3959 or bsimpson@co.westmoreland.pa.us