

Dear band member,

Thank you for your interest in the second annual Ironstock Music Challenge. We are excited to invite established local cover bands like yourself to apply to participate in this new Pioneer Days event.

The format is as follows: twelve bands will be chosen out of the total applicants to participate in a preliminary round, which will be split between two bars on four nights. Each band will play one set either at Rookies on Thursday, June 4 or June 18 or at Chapper's on Thursday, June 11 or June 25. All events will be held from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Our esteemed judges will pick one band from each venue to receive \$200 and advance to the final round, which will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11 at the Pioneer Days Community Picnic at Teal Lake. These four finalists will battle it out in front of the judges and huge crowds, and one will be named the second Ironstock Music Challenge winner and take home a prize of \$1,000.

Bands who want to go all the way will receive high marks from the judges in the following categories: stage presence, musical talent, musical diversity, crowd interaction and overall appeal. No profanity will be accepted at the final event. There will be no substitute band members from the preliminary round to the finals—the same band with the same composition must participate in both.

The sound system at all three venues will be provided by a professional sound person so there will be no advantage for bands with superior equipment. Judges will represent the cream of the crop in the local music community—well, those who aren't on the stage competing, that is!

To enter, simply fill out the enclosed form and mail it and your \$75 entry fee (check or money order only) to the address above by **FRIDAY, MAY 15**. Demos are appreciated, but we will accept links to your MySpace page to hear your band in action, or personal references from places you have performed. Entries must be postmarked by the deadline, or they will not be accepted. In the event that your band is not chosen to participate in the preliminary event, your entry fee will be refunded.

Yours in rock-n-roll,

The Ironstock Music Challenge Committee