

LAKER IDOL

JUDGES HELPFUL HINTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL AUDITION

1. Choose a song that suits your style and vocal range.
2. Use a new CD and be sure it is compatible.
3. Ensure background music doesn't drown out your vocal performance. NEVER "sing a long" with the vocalist on the CD.
4. Be your own individual, show your talent in your performance, not an imitation of another persons performance.
5. Sing a song that is not over-used in competitions.
6. Never perform a song you don't know well.
7. Show emotion!
8. Pay attention to how you walk on and off the stage. First impressions are important and it shows you have confidence in what you're doing.
9. Smile and interact with your audience.
10. Be well groomed and professional in your appearance. Make sure you wear appropriate clothing. No baggy, sloppy clothes, or skimpy tops and shorts.
11. Be well rehearsed. Practice in front of your parents and friends. Ask for positive and negative feedback to help you improve. Thank them for their honesty as it helps you become a better performer.
12. Stay positive throughout the audition/ Emotions and adrenaline can affect you. Ask a parent or friend to help you stay focused.
13. Support your fellow competitors. Do NOT talk negatively about others! You wouldn't want them to speak negatively about you.
14. Drink plenty of water to keep your body and vocal chords well lubricated (stay away from pop)

2008 Laker Idol

A Lakefront Days Event

Entry Rules/General Information



Entry: Participants must submit an entry form along with the entry fee. The fee is \$18.00 per participant and includes an original 2008 Laker Idol t-shirt. Checks should be made payable to **Prior Lake Chamber**. Returned checks are subject to a service charge. Entry fees are non-refundable. Entries should be mailed in by July 15, 2008 to:

Laker Idol
Prior Lake Chamber
4775 Dakota / P.O. Box 114
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Each division will be limited to the first 20 participants to register. Upon receipt of a signed entry form and fee, you will be confirmed by e-mail (or phone) as a participant in the contest.

Divisions: Participants will compete in one of three divisions. The Little Laker Idol Division is open to participants age 12 and under. The Teen Laker Division is open to participants ages 13 through 17. The Adult Laker Division is open to participants 18 and older. **Participants must provide documentation of age – driver's license; school ID, birth certificate at auditions in July.**

Eligibility: The contest is open to all amateur entertainers. Professionals (union musicians or those whose talent is a principle source of income) are not permitted to enter. Participants that have competed in the past are welcomed again. Laker Idol first place winners in each division can only compete once every 3 years in the same division (ex. 2007 Classic Laker Idol winner cannot compete again in the same division until 2010). Participants must use either the karaoke equipment provided by the Laker Idol Committee or sing a cappella. No guarantee that submitted CDs will work on equipment provided. No instruments allowed. Any CDs used must be submitted 48 hours prior to performance to Prior Lake Chamber (address above) and picked up at the end of the participant's division contest. The Laker Idol Committee is not responsible for lost or stolen CDs. Participant's music selections will be reviewed for age appropriate lyrics and background voices that could potentially interfere with the Judge's ability to hear the contestant. The Laker Idol Committee reserves the right to ask participants to select another song in the event their selection is deemed inappropriate for their age and/or their selection does not allow the judges to hear participant's vocals clearly.

Judging Criteria: Participants will be judged primarily on vocal and stage presence. Judging criteria and helpful suggestions for participants will be posted at www.priorlakechamber.com as of July 1, 2008.

Schedule/Location: The contest consists of three parts: Auditions will be held on Sunday, July 20 and 27 at T.J. Hooligans in Prior Lake, MN. Semi-finalists will be notified by e-mail (or phone) the Monday following auditions. Semifinals and finals will be held on Saturday, August 2 at the Entertainment Stage at Lakefront Park in Prior Lake, MN. No media presentations of performance will be allowed at any time.

<i>Division</i>	<i>Audition</i>		<i>Semi-finals/Finals</i>	
Little Laker Idol	Sun., July 20	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Sat., August 2	2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Teen Laker Idol	Sun., July 20	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Sat., August 2	4:15 - 5:45 p.m.
Adult Laker Idol	Sun., July 27	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Sat., August 2	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Directly after the division's semi-finals on August 2, the judges will select 3 finalists to sing off for the division's title. The judges' decisions are final.

Awards: The following awards in addition to a certificate will be given in each division:

1st Place \$100.00 2nd Place \$ 75.00 3rd Place \$ 50.00

Monies will be distributed in "Chamber Bucks" that can be used at any Prior Lake Chamber business.

If you have questions regarding this event, please call Laker Idol Coordinator Sue Heaton at 952-212-3759 and/or check Lake Idol information posted at www.priorlakechamber.com

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2008 Entry Form



Please submit entry form along with \$18.00 no later than July 15 to
Prior Lake Area Chamber, 4775 Dakota Street-PO Box 114, Prior Lake, MN 55372

Participant's Name _____

Occupation/School _____

Age as of Finals (August 2, 2008) _____

Participants must provide documentation of age (driver's license, school ID, or birth certificate) at preliminaries.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Alternative Number (Cell Phone) _____

E-mail address _____

Failure to provide a valid phone number and e-mail address may result in participant being automatically disqualified.

Idol Division Participants – Please write in either Youth YS, YM, YL or Adult size AS, AM, AL, XL, XXL, or XXXL for t-shirt size on line provided for your division. Early registrants will have better chance of getting requested size. T-shirts can be picked up at the Prior Lake Chamber offices during business hours starting July 15, 2008. Participants are encouraged to wear t-shirts during performances.

_____ Little Laker
(12 and under)

_____ Teen Laker
(13 to 17)

_____ Adult Laker
(18 and over)

Song Selection*:

For preliminaries and, if selected, semi-finals:

Song title _____

Artist _____

Song length (4 min. max. allowed) _____

Bringing CD: Yes _____ No _____ TJ Hooligan's karaoke number _____

For finals if selected:

Song title _____

Artist _____

Song length (4 min. max. allowed) _____

Bringing CD: Yes _____ No _____ TJ Hooligan's karaoke number _____

**Please note that a karaoke machine will be available and/or participants can bring their own store bought karaoke CD. No accompanists or instruments allowed. No guarantees CD will work on karaoke machine. Laker Idol Committee is not responsible for lost or stolen CDs.*

I acknowledge that I have read the Entry Rules and agree to abide by them. I acknowledge that I do not perform as a professional or have regular employment as a singer. I acknowledge that preliminaries for this contest will be held on Sunday, July 20 or Sunday, July 27. If I cannot make the preliminary time given to me, I will be disqualified from the competition. No video or DVDs of performances will be accepted at any time. If I am chosen as a semi-finalist, I will be able to compete in the finals on Saturday, August 2. I also acknowledge my approval to use any pictures of me from this event in future media presentations for Little Laker, Teen Laker, and Laker Idol Contests. I also understand that if I am a Laker Idol winner I may be periodically requested to perform at community events (schedule permitting).

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Guardian of participant _____ Date _____

(If under 18 years of age, parent or legal guardian must sign)

Guardian's e-mail/phone number _____