2012 Laker Idol

A Lakefront Day Event

Entry Rules/General Information

Entry: Participants must submit an entry form along with the entry fee. The fee is $10.00 per participant and includes an original 2012 Laker Idol t-shirt if application is received by July 8, 2012. 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 to:

Laker Idol
Prior Lake Chamber, 4785 Dakota Street SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372

Each division will be limited to the first 20 participants to register. Registrations will be accepted through the date of contest as long as the division does not have 20 participants. 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 four divisions. The Little Laker Idol Division is open to participants age 9 and under. The Junior Division is open to participants ages 10 to 12. The Teen Laker Division is open to participants ages 13 to 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 welcome again. Laker Idol first place winners in each division can only compete once every 3 years in this same division (ex. 2012 Laker Idol winner cannot compete again in the same division until 2015). Participants must use either the karaoke equipment, (http://www.karaokeanywhere.net/tracks/artist/) provided by the Laker Idol Committee, a CD with limited background vocals, or sing acappella. No guarantee that submitted CDs will work on equipment provided. No instruments allowed. Any submitted CD's must be 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 and behavior will be reviewed for appropriateness. 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. Inappropriate behaviors may be a reason for a participant to be disqualified.

Judging Criteria: Participants will be judged primarily on vocal and stage presence. Judging criteria and helpful suggestions for participants will be posted at www.LakerIdol.com as of June 1, 2012.

Schedule/Location: The contest consists of three parts: Auditions at Fong's in Prior Lake, MN. Semi-finalists will be notified by e-mail (or phone) within 24 hours of auditions. Semifinals and finals are at the Entertainment Stage at Lakefront Park in Prior Lake, MN. No media presentations of performance will be allowed at any time during the competition.

Division	***Audition***		***Semi-finals/Finals***	
Little Laker Idol	Wed., July 18	6 pm start	Sat., August 4	3:30 pm
Junior Laker Idol	Thurs., July 19	6 pm start	Sat., August 4	5:00 pm
Teen Laker Idol	Wed., July 18	8 pm start	Sat., August 4	6:30 pm
Adult Laker Idol	Thurs., July 19	8 pm start	Sat., August 4	8:00 pm

Directly after the division's semi-finals on August 4, the judges will select 3 finalists to sing off for the division's title. The judges' decisions are final. Encore Performance of 2012 Winners will be at 9:30 pm on August 4.

Awards: The following monetary awards 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 Area Chamber business. 1st Place Winner in each division will also be given a photo shoot courtesy of Prior Creative Images, LLC and may appear on promotional items related to Laker Idol the following year.

Additional information and a list of our sponsors can be found at www.LakerIdol.com.

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2012 Entry Form

Please submit entry form along with $10.00 no later than July 1 to Prior Lake Area Chamber, 4785 Dakota Street, Prior Lake, MN 55372. Applications will be taken after July 1 as long as there are openings in the division (Limit 20 per division).

Participant's Name_____

Occupation/School_____

Age as of Finals (August 1, 2012)_____

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

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip Code_____

Phone Number_____

Alternate 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 (Read carefully):

Please mark your T-shirt size: Youth YS, YM, YL or Adult size AS, AM, AL, XL, XXL, or XXXL on line provided for your division. Early registrants will have better chance of getting requested size. T-shirts will be distributed at auditions. Size of shirts available not guaranteed after July 8.

_____Little Laker	_____Junior Laker	_____Teen Laker	_____Adult Laker
(9 and under)	(10 to 12)	(13 to 17)	(18 and over)

Song Selection*:

For auditions at Fong's, participant may sing acapella, with a CD, and/or select a song off karaoke system:

Song title _____
Artist_____
Song length (4 min. max. allowed**)_____
Bringing CD: Yes_____No_____

**Please note that if you are selected for the semi-finals on Saturday, August 4, you will be asked to provide two song selections (http://www.karaokeanywhere.net/tracks/artist/) (which could be your audition song) for the semi-finals and finals (if in the top 3 after semi-finals). Background vocals on any CD must allow the participant's voice to be clearly heard by the Laker Idol judges.*
***Song length is determined by when the participant begins to sing to the last word sung. Lengthy instrumentals at the beginning and end will be faded in and out during competition due to event time constraints. One point for every 15 seconds over the 4 minute time limit will be deducted from participant's Total Points Earned during auditions, semi-finals and finals.*

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 auditions for this contest will be held on Wednesday, July 18 (Little), Thursday, July 19 (Junior) , Wednesday, July 18 (Teen), and Thursday, July 19 (Adult). If I cannot make the auditions, 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 4. I also acknowledge my approval to use any pictures of me from this event in future media presentations for Little Laker, Junior 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_____