



Present

PRAISE BAND CONTEST AND COACHING

(PART OF THE PRAISE BAND WORKSHOP)

JULY 26, 2011

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, PELL CITY, AL

NOTE: The information below is only for those who want to *compete* in the contest part of the workshop. You and your group do not have to participate in the band contest in order to attend the workshop and simply watch the contest.

DESCRIPTION

Contestants will be judged and coached on vocal and instrumental performance, stage presence, and ability to lead others in worship. A panel of expert coaches will judge the event and give helpful feedback to each competing band.

PRIZE

The winning band will have the opportunity to play at Ignite '11, a festival in August that's sponsored by First Priority of Birmingham.

Winner will be announced after the competition.

ELIGIBILITY

Bands must consist of 2 or more members. No individuals. The majority of a band's members must be students in middle school, high school, or college. A minority of a band's members can be adults. For bands to be able to compete in the contest they must register for and attend the morning and afternoon workshop led by Dwayne Moore.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

To enter you will need to send the application (included here) and a recommendation letter from your pastor or youth pastor. These must be mailed to Next Level Worship, PO Box 66, Arab, AL 35016 no later than July 19, 2011. You can also email these items to office@nextlevelworship.com.

WE WILL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS UNTIL WE HAVE A FULL ROSTER OF COMPETING BANDS. SO SIGN UP NOW! (Email us at office@nextlevelworship.com if you want to know whether we still have openings for the contest.)

RULES

- Each band will be allowed a maximum of 8 minutes for their performance.
- While each band is receiving feedback from the coaches, the next band will be setting up.
- Songs can be covers or your own compositions.
- A spirit of encouragement and Christ-likeness will be exemplified by the coaches and will be expected from each band. We want every band to be encouraged and helped from being in this competition.

LENGTH OF PERFORMANCE

Performance allotment times must not be longer than 8 minutes. You will have 3 minutes to plug-in and to do a quick sound check before you play. You will have about 2 minutes to tear down when you are finished.

STAGE INFORMATION

Stage is 32 feet wide, 16 feet deep and 36 inches high.

SOUND AND INSTRUMENTS

- We will provide the sound system. Included will be 6 floor monitors: 1 front with a vocal mix, 2 for drums and bass, 2 for guitars, and 1 for keyboards. Each monitor will have a mix for its particular instrument. 3 microphones on boom stands will also be set up and available. If you prefer, you can bring a sound person to mix the sound for your band, if you request it in advance and our sound company agrees.
- We will provide an acoustic drum set and 1 keyboard for all bands to share. Please bring all guitars, guitar amps and other instruments you need that are not listed.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Each application will be reviewed by the Contest Committee on the basis of the following:

1. Receipt of a completed application until we have a full roster of bands signed up (first-come, first-serve).
2. The recommendation of your pastor or youth pastor according to the recommendation letter.
3. Your band members must register for the workshop. Your church can do a church registration, or you can register just your band members. (If you have 5 or more, you will save money doing the church registration.) Go to www.nextlevelworship.com/workshop and click the Register tab to register for the workshop.
4. Bands will be notified by phone or email to confirm if they are accepted to compete.

NOTE: Bands will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis in the order they register and apply. However, the Contest Committee has the right to reject any application for any reason.

JUDGING

Contestants will receive a score from each coach on the coaches' panel. The score will be based on vocal and instrumental performance, stage presence, flow and presentation of the songs, and sensitivity and skill for leading others in worship.

If more information is needed, please email office@nextlevelworship.com or visit www.nextlevelworship.com/workshop.

PRAISE BAND CONTEST AND COACHING

ENTRY FORM

Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at New Hope Baptist Church, Pell City, AL

NOTE: This application is NOT necessary for you to attend the workshop and simply *watch* the contest. This application is only necessary if you want to participate in the band contest.

Name of Band Performing:

Name of Person Submitting Application:

Your Address/City/State/Zip:

Church You and/or Your Band Attends:

Contact Phone Number/Cell Number:

Email Address:

Number of People in Band:

Name	Age	Instrument Played and/or vocal	Attending What School (if any)?

Do you want to bring your own sound person to mix your sound?

How did you hear about this contest?

Your signature indicates that

- You have agreed to abide by all rules and regulations as presented in this application.
- You wish to enter the Praise Band Contest and Coaching event.
- You agree to abide by the rules provided by the Contest Committee.
- You certify that all information provided is true and accurate.

Representative Signature:

Please Print Name:

NOTE: A Recommendation Letter from your pastor or youth pastor must be included with this application. Also, you must register for the morning workshop to be eligible to compete in the contest. Go to www.NextLevelWorship.com/workshop to register.

Contest applications must be emailed or faxed no later than July 19, 2011. If you snail-mail the application it must arrive to our address (below) no later than Friday, July 19. We will accept applications that we receive and approve until our roster is full.

Please send your completed application to:

SNAIL-MAIL:

Next Level Worship, LLC, PO Box 66, Arab, AL 35016

EMAIL: office@nextlevelworship.com (Just send answers to each question.)

FAX: Please call 877-261-4303 before you fax. We will give you the fax number when you call us.

You will be notified by phone or email if your group has been selected to compete.

Each application will be reviewed by the Contest Committee on the basis of the following:

1. Receipt of a completed application until we have a full roster of bands signed up (first-come, first-serve).
2. The recommendation of your pastor or youth pastor according to the recommendation letter.
3. Your band members must register for the workshop. Your church can do a church registration, or you can register just your band members. (If you have 5 or more, you will save money doing the church registration.) Go to www.nextlevelworship.com/workshop and click the Register tab to register for the workshop.
4. Bands will be notified by phone or email to confirm if they are accepted to compete.

NOTE: Bands will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis in the order they register and apply. However, the Contest Committee has the right to reject any application for any reason.

Thank you for your interest in being a part of the Praise Band Contest & Coaching, presented by Next Level Worship, WDJC, and First Priority of Birmingham. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop/contest!