

# Battle on the Square

## SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

Noon - 4:30pm



MAIN  
SQUARE  
PARK

Highland, IN

**\$25**  
per band to enter

- Each band must have **20 minutes** of material and at least **one original** song.
- All musicians must be **under the age of 21.**
- Be able to **perform** from 7:30-8:30 **on Saturday, September 10th**

Send a promo kit and application to  
the Highland Chamber by Sept. 1, 2011.

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_



**Highland  
Chamber**  
OF COMMERCE

Call 219-923-3666 for more information.

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Fest**

Sept. 9-11

Mail applications and promos to:

8536 Kennedy Avenue,  
Highland, IN 46322

[www.highlandchamber.com](http://www.highlandchamber.com)

[www.midwestzestfest.com](http://www.midwestzestfest.com)

# 2011 MIDWEST ZEST FEST TERMS AND CONDITIONS AGREEMENT

1. Name, Location and Time of Event: Midwest Zest Fest's Battle on the Square, Main Square Park Gazebo, 3001 Ridge Road, Highland Indiana on Saturday, September 10, 2011, Noon-4:30pm.
2. Fee: \$25 per band. Fee will not be refunded after September 1, 2011.
3. Band members must be younger than 21. No exceptions. IDs checked. Each band must send in a promo kit with application by August 31, 2011. Bands who have signed with a professional record label may not participate.
4. Bands are not automatically accepted into the Battle on the Square, and must provide promo material ahead of time for approval. **Bands will be juried and accepted entries are limited to 8 bands.** Bands participating in the band battle will not be hired to perform in other Zest Fest entertainment, except for the winning band in the winner's slot.
5. Band must have at least 20 minutes of play time and must be available to play in the winner's slot from 7:30pm-8:30pm on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Bands may not exceed 20 minutes. NO EXCEPTIONS. Time will be kept by a representative.
6. Prior year winners may perform as guests, but will not be allowed to compete until the following year. For example, the 2011 winner may play as a guest in 2012, but may not compete until 2013.
7. All participating bands must be present at the beginning of the band battle. Bands will be chosen to play in random order by a drawing. No requests for specific time slots will be taken. The entire band must be ready to go on stage at their specified time or will be disqualified.
8. Midwest Zest Fest will provide power source, sound system, lighting, backline, and area to play on. Amps will not be provided. Bands must bring their own guitars, guitar amps, and instruments, and drummers may bring snare, cymbals & seat.
9. Any use of pyrotechnics, vulgar display, or foul language is prohibited.
- 10. All band members under 18 must have parent signature to participate.**
11. All issues involving the event are to be brought up to the Highland Chamber of Commerce. Contract will be terminated if any attempt is made to over-ride the authority of the Highland Chamber of Commerce.
12. It is understood by the signed that Highland Chamber of Commerce is in charge and has the final word as to what happens before, during and after the event.
13. The person(s) signing for the musicians agree to be personally, jointly, and severely liable for the terms of this contract.
14. The Highland Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to change the time and date without notice in the event of bad weather, electrical problems, etc. Attached is a copy of the Highland Parks & Recreation Department Park Rules. Any display, product or conduct deemed objectionable by the Highland Chamber of Commerce and the Midwest Zest Fest Committee must be promptly removed or corrected upon notification. Failure to comply to rules of the Town, Parks, Police, Fire Marshall or Highland Chamber and Festival Committee will result in removal from the park. **THE HIGHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS, INJURY OR THEFT.**
- 15. All bands must agree to the terms and conditions and sign this form BEFORE going on stage.**

**WE HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL THE ENCLOSED AND APPROVE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH WITHIN. WE AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE RULES OF THE CHAMBER, FIRE MARSHALL, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THE FESTIVAL REGULATIONS OF THE HIGHLAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

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| Band Name (Please Print)           | Parent Name - If Applicable (Please Print) |
| Band Representative (Please Print) | Parent Signature                           |
| Band Representative Signature      | Chamber Representative / Date / Stamp      |

## MIDWEST ZEST FEST'S

**BATTLE ON THE SQUARE**

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Main Square Park Gazebo, Noon - 4pm

Band Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Member #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Band Member #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Band Member #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Band Member #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Band Member #15: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

**All bands will be judged in each category by a 1-10 scoring range with 10 being the high, and 1 being the low.****Stage Presence/Performance:** How the band looks and presents itself on stage and connects with each other and the audience.**Overall Talent:** The level of musicianship and ability displayed by the band members and their ability to work together as a band in an ensemble format—Do they work together and play together well? **Originality:** Does the band break any kind of new ground musically or in it's performance presentation? Is their look and/or sound fresh and innovative? Do they have fresh and creative treatments of cover songs and/or well written and executed original songs? **Audience Response/Participation:** How much applause and response for their performance? What kind of reaction did the audience at large have?**\*\* Please include this sheet with the booking agreement contract when you turn in your promo kit to the Highland Chamber of Commerce, 8536 Kennedy Avenue. Myspace and facebook pages and websites will be accepted as demos/promos only if the band's music is posted on those sites for review. Copies of this application/agreement and other information for the Midwest Zest Fest may be found at [www.midwestzestfest.com](http://www.midwestzestfest.com).**

## Highland Parks & Recreation MAIN SQUARE PARK Festival Regulations for Sponsoring Groups

(Some of these rules may not seem like they apply to bands. It is required by the Highland Parks Department that we give all our entertainment a copy of their festival rules.)

1. Items may be sold only from booths.
2. All amusement rides, booths, and trailers are to be removed from the park and street by 7 pm on the day after the end of the festival.
3. Festival committee must have a representative on the grounds all days of the festival and one half hour before and one half hour after the official hours. Representative must also be on the grounds during official setup and takedown hours. A representative will be designated as the "person in charge."
4. Festival tents provided by the Park Department must be used for the general public to sit under.
5. No one shall be allowed in the gazebo storage area except as authorized by the Park Director. This area will be kept locked and a key provided to the Festival person in charge.
6. Festival shall provide any sound equipment that they may need.
7. Festival Committee shall enforce any/all rules to insure a safe and secure festival area.
8. The Festival, the operator of any amusement rides, and all food vendors shall provide a certificate of general liability insurance naming the Highland Parks & Recreation Department (or Town of Highland) as "co-insured."
9. Festival Committee shall provide all night security each evening that any food or craft booth is set-up in the park.
10. All advertising for the festival shall specify that dogs and bicycles will not be allowed on the park grounds during the festival. Metal signs (minimum 4 provided by Town) shall be placed in the park showing "NO dogs or bikes allowed in park during festival."
11. All equipment and facility needs requested of the parks & recreation department shall be made two (2) weeks in advance.
12. Festival committee shall submit a written request to hold the festival, including the hours of operation, to the Parks & Recreation Board a minimum of three (3) months in advance.
13. No set up of rides, booths, or trailers may take place prior to 48-72 hours before the designated start of the festival. Committee agrees to expel any violators from the grounds.
14. Festival Committee shall secure sufficient portable restrooms and hand washing stations and insure that they are inspected hourly during all festival hours of operation. They are to be setup so that delivery truck does not leave paved area.
15. No setup of booths/trailers/etc. shall take place during the official festival hours.
16. Festival shall be responsible for trash and litter removal from the park and washing down all picnic tables each day prior to the official festival hours. The festival shall also insure that litter is picked up during the official festival hours.
17. All signs from exhibitors or food booths must be attached to the booth.
18. Festival Committee shall be responsible to insure that NO vehicles are allowed on the park grounds except amusement rides and food trailers. Amusement ride operators may not park private cars or trucks on the park grounds.
19. The Festival Committee shall insure that the Festival rules include "No parking" area on 5th street shall be used as a drop-off location only. Cars shall be in this area for no more than 20 minutes.
20. Grease and charcoal shall be placed in containers (after cooling) and then placed in the marked barrels.
21. No generators will be allowed in booths or trailers (except amusement rides which shall insure that the equipment is properly secured).
22. Fire and Health Department rules and regulations shall be included in the Festival Information.
23. Festival Committee shall be responsible for parking lot security and for providing adequate handicap parking.
24. Festival committee shall install a minimum of seven (7) temporary lights (each at different locations) throughout the food and craft area so that walking areas are illuminated.
25. Festival Committee shall insure that all electrical systems shall not be overloaded. Specific amperage limits must be placed on each booth and inspected by qualified persons each evening during festival hours.
26. Festival Committee shall insure that any electrical hook-ups directly into the electrical systems must be made by a properly licensed electrician.
27. Food trailers are to be limited to 40amp of service per trailer space. All trailers must have a minimum of 150' extension cord of sufficient size for amperage.
28. No cords (electrical, water) may be left in walking area.
29. The Festival Committee agrees to remove any vendor that does not conform with these regulations.
30. The festival sponsor shall provide security to be present during the festival.
31. Booths may sell only from one side of the space.
32. The Festival Committee will contact the neighboring churches and arrange for the use of their parking areas.
33. Dunk tanks must be set up in a manner to restrict any chance of the public or private property being hit by a ball.
34. Insulation shall be placed under cooking heat that is within two feet of the ground to protect the grass from burning. Boiling water shall not be poured on the ground.
35. Political candidate signs are not to be allowed.
36. No games of chance are allowed.(Games involving "skill" are permitted).
37. Each food booth must have a 40lb BC fire extinguisher.
38. All tarps that cover booths with cooking or lighting must be made of non-flammable materials and must have a label on the tarp from the manufacturer stating that it is non-flammable.
39. LP Gas containers must be installed & maintained in approved manner.
40. All Town & Park Ordinances not described herein, shall be enforced.