

The Great American Cooter Festival



\$1,000 CASH

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A Recording Studio Session

Entry Fee: \$100

Entry must be received by October 13th



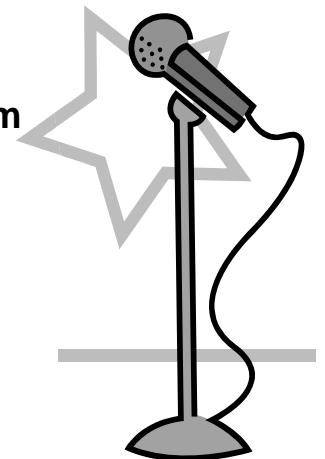
Get a "business sponsorship" who will receive recognition throughout the event,
or

have friends and family sponsor your entry!

Cooter Idol Semi-Finals: October 19th @ 7pm

Cooter Idol Finals: October 20th @ 7pm

(Events hosted at The Grove)



Applications available at City of Inverness, 212 W. Main St., Inverness or on-line:

www.cooterfestival.com

Rules, Regulations & Information:

- ★ You must be at least 18 years of age by October 1, 2011.
- ★ There is a \$100 non-refundable entry fee. Applicants are encouraged to find sponsor(s) to pay fee.
- ★ Submit application to cooteridol@cooterfestival.com or bring to the Inverness Government Center.
- ★ Contestants should arrive approximately 1 hour before competition begins.
- ★ Semi-finals: October 19th @ 7 pm at The Grove (Downtown Inverness)
- ★ All contestants will sing one song of their choice.
- ★ The top 5 highest scoring contestants will advance to the Finals.
- ★ Finals: October 20th @ 7 pm at The Grove (Downtown Inverness)
- ★ Finalists will sing two songs; the first will be contestant's choice, 2nd song will be selected by contestant from the judges' choice list.
- ★ Tie-breakers will be held by each singer performing an additional song.
- ★ Cooter Idol winner will be required to attend Friday's (October 28th) Cooterfestival Block Party and Saturday's (October 29th) Festival.
- ★ This contest is limited to solo performers, no duets or groups.
- ★ Contestant's performance will be scored by a panel of judges and 25% will be crowd choice. Judges choice is final.
- ★ Contestants will be judged by the following: physical presentation, crowd reaction, choreography/entertainment ability, vocal presentation and overall performance.
- ★ If contestants provide their own music, CD's with vocal tracks are not permitted.
- ★ Contestants agree to let the Great American Cooter Festival or the City of Inverness and its corresponding website to use the contestant's image at no charge. Contestants further agree, if called upon, to make a personal appearance and represent aforementioned in a respectable manner.
- ★ If you provide your own CD and it does not play correctly, be prepared to sing your song acappella.
- ★ These events are FAMILY oriented events. The use of profanity, vulgar actions, inappropriate clothing, etc. will result in an immediate disqualification. You will immediately be removed from the competition and you will not be issued a refund.
- ★ The Grove Downtown is a 21 and older establishment. Please note that any contestants under 21 will be permitted to attend; however, underage friends and family members will not be allowed entry.
- ★ The Cooter Idol Singing Contest is an amateur competition. Contestants who have had a recording contract within the last five years are ineligible.
- ★ Applicants must provide:
 - Completed registration form
 - Head shot photo with application
 - \$100 entry fee payable to the City of Inverness
- ★ Contestants may pre-register by submitting the form to cooteridol@cooterfestival.com or by bringing to the Inverness Government Center.

Cooter Entry Form

Deadline for entry is October 13, 2011

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____ Sex: Male Female

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email address: _____

Occupation: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Why do you want to be Cooter Idol? _____

Songs I will be singing:

Song title: _____ Artist: _____

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Entrants must be 18 years of age at the time of contest entry. Entrants must complete a Cooter Idol entry form and song choice. No explicit content/lyrics will be accepted. \$100 entry fee is non-refundable. Forms can be emailed to cooteridol@cooterfestival.com or brought to the Inverness Government Center.

The entrant shall be responsible for any and all injury or damage as a result of the entrant's negligence involving any equipment or services provided under the terms and conditions of the contract. In addition to the liability imposed upon the entrant or account of personal injury, bodily injury, or property damage suffered as a result of the entrant's negligence (including consumption of alcohol), the entrant assumes the obligations to save the City of Inverness, the Great American Cooter Festival, its sponsors, or hosting facilities from every expense, liability or payment arising out of such negligent act. The entrant also agrees to hold harmless the City of Inverness, the Great American Cooter Festival, its sponsors, or hosting facilities for any negligent act or omission committed by any other entrant(s) under the terms of the contract.

The entrant understands and agrees that the City of Inverness, the Great American Cooter Festival, its sponsors, or hosting facilities cannot save and hold harmless and/or indemnify the entrant or employees against any liability incurred or arising as a result of any activity of the entrant(s) or any activity the entrant employees related to the entrant(s) performance under contract.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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