

# The Great American Cooter Festival

Presents



## \$500 Grand Prize

*4 chances to compete for finals:*



**October 1<sup>st</sup>** at Frankie's Grill *in* Inverness

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** at Neon Leon's Zydeco Steakhouse *in* Homosassa

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** at Tug's Bar & Grill *in* Crystal River

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** at The Grove Downtown *in* Inverness

**Cooter Idol Finals: October 24<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Park 2:30 – 5 p.m.**

- ★ Each evening will be from 7 – 10 p.m.
- ★ Pre-registration is not mandatory however, only a limited number of singers will be chosen to impress our panel of judges!
- ★ If not pre-registered, you must register at beginning of 1 of 4 Kick-Off Parties

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

## Rules, Regulations & Information:

- ★ You must be at least 18 years of age by October 24, 2009.
- ★ There is a \$10 non-refundable entry fee.
- ★ Submit application to [cooteridol@cooterfestival.com](mailto:cooteridol@cooterfestival.com) or bring to any Chamber Office.
- ★ Contestants will be selected from the pre-registered applications or at the beginning of each kick-off party.
- ★ Each contestant will be required to sing one song of their choice and one song chosen by the judges (we will provide the back-up music for judge's choice).
- ★ Tie-breakers will be held by each singer performing an additional song.
- ★ Winner of each preliminary round will advance to the finals on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Contestant must be available to participate. In the event that the contestant cannot attend, his or her spot will default to the next contestant in queue.
- ★ Saturday will consist of the four winners selected from the preliminary rounds.
- ★ Each semi-finalist will be required to perform a 3 song set during the Saturday performance.
- ★ Cooter Idol winner will be required to attend Sunday's Cooterween.
- ★ This contest is limited to solo performers, no duets or groups.
- ★ Contestant's performance will be scored by a panel of judges. 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, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce 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.
- ★ Choose your song wisely. Avoid songs with big instrumental breaks; the judges want to hear you, not the music.
- ★ If you provide your own CD and it does not play correctly, be prepared to sing your song acappella.
- ★ We do not mind if someone else is doing your song. But, if we see a duplicate, we will give you the option to change your song. However, you do not HAVE to change the song.
- ★ 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 Cooter Idol Karaoke 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
  - Name and artist of song to be sung at audition
  - \$10 entry fee payable to the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce

- ★ Contestants may pre-register by submitting the form to [cooteridol@cooterfestival.com](mailto:cooteridol@cooterfestival.com) or by bringing to any Chamber Office. You must attend a kickoff party to participate.
- ★ For Chamber Office locations call the Inverness office at 726-2801.
- ★ If registering at a kick-off party, application forms will be provided.

## Cooter *Idol* Karaoke Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male Female

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be Cooter Idol? \_\_\_\_\_

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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. \$10 entry fee is non-refundable. Forms can be emailed to [cooteridol@cooterfestival.com](mailto:cooteridol@cooterfestival.com) or dropped off to a Chamber office. If you pre-register, contestants will be notified via email to remind them of their performance location, date and time. If signing up at one of four kick-off parties, registration will begin at 7:00pm each evening.

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 Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, 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 Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, 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 Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, 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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