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HOPE 4 MINDS

supporting kids after brain injury

Hope4Minds' Second "Battle of the Youth Bands" Lets Kids Sling Their Six-Strings and Raise Money for Hope4Minds, Offering Hope and Support to Kids with an Acquired Brain Injury

Rock on and play hard for a good cause this fall at the second Battle of the Youth Bands and Family Fun Fest on Sat., Oct. 17, 2015 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at The Rusty Mule, 9201 Hwy 290 in Austin. Produced by Hope4Minds with Strait Music and Austin School of Music, the Battle of the Youth Bands and Family Fun Fest is a high octane day of live music, a silent auction and activities including gyroscope, rock wall, food trucks, face painting, redneck games knockdown, carnival games and much more. Proceeds benefit Hope4Minds, a 501 3(c) public charity that's fostering hope and enriching the lives of Texas children with an acquired brain injury.

Bands are competing both on and off stage by raising money for Hope4Minds, with two winners earning a gig at Stubb's Bar-B-Q on Dec. 6, 2015. In addition to their Stubb's show, the first place winner will receive six hours of recording time at Austin School of Music. As of August 15, eight bands plan to take the stage for this good cause including Beautiful Minds from Curious Chords; Dillon Havins Band; Empire from Don't Stop Rockin'; Hannah & Isabelle from Musicians Woodshed; Issy & Ellie; Jordyn & Zach from Musicians Woodshed; Pacific Ninjas from Rock Lab School of Music; and The Wayfarer's Way. Author and singer/songwriter

Brooklyn James will emcee the event. All band members must be younger than 21. View their band videos and support your favorite at www.hope4minds.org.

Brianna, the 8 year old singer in Beautiful Minds, suffered a traumatic brain injury when she was 12 months old and has physical disabilities as a result of her injury. Brianna said, "I want to help other kids get help like I did so they can get better."

Ronda Johnson, executive director for Hope4Minds, is especially impressed by the bands' enthusiasm to support other kids. "These young musicians from all over Austin are coming together to support our kids and families, and there's something really special about that."

Admission is \$5 a person with free admission for children under 3. Tickets are available online at Hope4Minds.org and at the event. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs due to limited seating.

2015 Battle of the Youth Bands sponsors represent community-minded businesses from across Austin including On Call Emergency Center; Premier Family Physicians; Community Impact; Covert Buick; Peel Inc. ; Big Sky Pediatric Therapy; AR Signs; Kim Burke of Sotheby's International Realty; Peter King

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intensive and may result in more pesticide being spread into the environment. Broadcast treatments will spread product (granular or bait) over a large area.

Individual mound treatments include pouring boiling water onto the mound, using insecticide mound drenches, spreading insecticide granules onto the mound and watering them in, sprinkling insecticidal dusts on top of the mound or using bait-formulated insecticides around the perimeter of the mound. There are also many “home remedies”, but be advised that many of these do not kill fire ants. Many home remedies make the fire ants move to a new location (often 1-2 feet away), but do not kill the ants.

Bait-formulated insecticides most often consist of a defatted corn cob grit coated with soybean oil; the soybean oil is where the active ingredient (what kills the pest) is dissolved. Worker ants collect bait as a food source and take it back to the colony to share with other ants, including the queen. Depending on the active ingredient, the bait may cause the queen to die or be unable to produce viable eggs, which gradually kills off the colony. When using baits, results are often slower to observe when compared to individual mound treatments, but can provide 80-90% suppression for 12-18 months. A bonus to broadcasting baits is that the amount of active ingredient is generally very small, which places less chemical into the environment.

With any pesticide treatment, read and follow all label instructions. Make sure to water in the pesticide if the label instructs to do so. Failure to water in chemicals when recommended by the label does an inadequate job of killing the ants. Baits should not be watered in or used before a rainfall event; baits will not be picked up by ants if they get wet.

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HILL COUNTRY EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2015-16 EVENT CALENDAR

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Week of September 21, 2015 – Launch of Fall Giving Campaign. HCEF's 3rd Annual Fall Giving Campaign gets underway. For quick and easy giving, go to www.HillCountryEdFoundation.org.

Saturday, November 14, 2015 – 7th Annual FIRST® LEGO®

League Scrimmage. To learn more this HCEF event, email info@HillCountryEdFoundation.org.

Saturday, February 27, 2016 – Annual Gala at The Westin Austin at The Domain. Dinner, Silent and Live Auctions, Heads or Tails Game, Live Band and more planned for HCEF's largest fundraiser of the year. To volunteer, donate or learn more, contact info@HillCountryEdFoundation.org.

May 2016 – 6th Annual Impact Grant Awards. HCEF Grant Committee will surprise area teachers and administrators with program funding during the annual grant patrol. To date, HCEF has awarded more than \$120,000. Want to be on the Grant Committee? Email info@HillCountryEdFoundation.org.

Late May – 3rd Annual HCEF Educational Excellence Scholarships announced at Senior Awards.

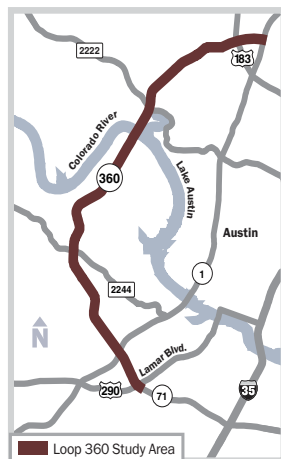
LOOP 360 IMPROVEMENT STUDY

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently launched a new study to identify short- and long-term transportation improvements along Loop 360 from US 290/SH 71 to North MoPac.

TxDOT wants to know your thoughts, concerns, and ideas for the future of Loop 360.

Visit www.Loop360Study.com to:

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56 Texas children have already lost their lives to drowning in 2015

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