CODE OF CONDUCT
2018 Battle of the Bands

Please review the list of rules and regulations for the 2018 Battle of the Bands, sponsored by Celebrate Oak Ridge, United Way of Anderson County, and the Youth Advisory Board. Please be aware that the Battle of the Bands is open to the public, which means that children may be present. All participants must agree to abide by the rules outlined below.

**Rules:**

1. The Battle of the Bands is designed to be a fun, safe, and family friendly competition. Bands should select music and design a stage performance accordingly. Good sportsmanship should be the goal for each band if they want to impress the judges.
2. Lyrics or gestures that suggest or promote inappropriate behavior such as profanity, drugs, alcohol, tobacco use, sexual activity, violence or elements of hate will be cause for immediate disqualification. If a band is concerned about certain lyrics or performance elements, they should consult Adam Moreno at United Way of Anderson County (adam@uwayac.org) prior to the event.
3. Clothing must not display profane or sexually explicit language or graphics. Band members will be asked to change or will not be allowed to go on stage. If profane or explicit materials are revealed while on stage, the band will be disqualified.
4. Bands will be judged on their musical ability, song selection, sportsmanship, and fan reaction.
5. Throwing items from the stage, jumping into the crowd, or damaging the stage or sound gear will result in disqualification. Bands will be responsible for any damages they cause to the sound equipment or facilities.
6. At least 50% of every band must be 20 years of age or younger.
7. In the event of a tie, the judges will confer to choose the ultimate winner. Prizes will vary year-to-year and will be announced at the event.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

(Required for every participant)

I have read and agree to abide by the rules and regulations outlined in the Battle of the Bands Code of Conduct. If I fail to abide by this code or engage in any behavior that is deemed inappropriate by the coordinator, I will be dismissed from the event and my band may be disqualified from the competition as a result. I will be responsible for restitution in the event of any damage to property or equipment caused by my actions.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _______________________________                            Date: _________________
(If participant is under 18 years of age)

Signature of Participant: _______________________________                             Date: _________________

*Please retain a copy of this form.*