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Teen bands of all genres can enter the Reading Rocks! Teen Battle of the Bands until Feb. 15. The top three bands will perform live March 18 at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. All bands are encouraged to visit www.ReadFest.org/BandBattle to read the rules, upload an audio or video recording to YouTube and complete the entry form by Feb. 15.



The contest is open to bands of two or more individuals who are residents of Lee, Charlotte, Collier or Hendry counties and are between the ages of 13- to 19-years-old on the date of entry. Proof of age is required. The elimination round will be judged by a combination of judge's panel (60 percent) and online voting (40 percent). Online voting will be open from Feb. 17 to March 1. The final battle will be live at the Reading Festival. The judges will determine the first- and second-place winners and the Popular Choice Award will be determined by crowdsource voting at the close of the battle.

The first-place prize includes an eight-hour studio recording session at [Sonic Recording Studios](#), a professional photo from [Laura Michele Photos](#) and a feature article in [Gulf Coast Times](#). The battle and festival are presented by the Lee County Library System and are intended to encourage involvement in reading and the arts among middle and high school students.

"The local teen talent is always astounding. We are again very excited about the Battle and the live performance opportunity this contest offers the teens in Southwest Florida," festival coordinator Margie Byers said.

For more information, or to enter a band go to www.ReadFest.org/BandBattle. Complete author information, schedules of festival activities, partner events, directions to the event and more, are available in the festival app available free at the App Store or Google Play, www.readfest.org or by calling 239-479-4636.

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