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They Didn't Have This Kind Of Summer Camp When I Was A Kid!

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Forget the bug spray and "Kumbaya". The teenagers who attend the DayRockerZ one-week long rock 'n roll camp finish up with a high energy rock concert with professional lights, sound and stage, performing for their adoring audience of supportive and screaming groupies (invited family and friends).

place students in appropriate bands). The student bands then begin working on two cover tunes and one original song, to be performed at the rock concert on Friday afternoon. All of this may sound like a huge challenge, but by the end of the week somehow they will pull it off!

The daily routine is a mix of band rehearsals, individual practice sessions with help from the faculty, song-writing class, rock stage moves, mic class, band marketing and History of Rock 'n Roll class. "We added a Rock Appreciation class after viewing the movie School of Rock" said Chris Duncan, Director of the Music Conservatory of Texas which offers the DayRockerZ camp.

"Our Rock Faculty have been active in their own touring and gigging bands over the years, and have first-hand knowledge about what it takes to be a successful band member. The teachers make it fun, but are very serious about helping the kids produce a high level concert they can be proud of" said Duncan. The teachers are also university trained musicians, and are on the yearly teaching faculty at the school, and teach all styles of music.

Each band comes up with their band name and logo, and designs the artwork for concert posters, CD covers and t-shirts which are displayed on concert day. "Deciding on a name for the band is tough because everyone has a different idea" said Allen, a DayRockerZ camper who attended last session. "But after a couple of days the SCORPIONS name sort of stuck and seemed right".

"OK...who is going to take lead vocals on this one?" you hear from one of the practice studios. Yes, it takes extra bravery to volunteer to belt out "I Love Rock and Roll" while playing keys or guitar at the same time. "I'm gonna sell this song right to my mom who is going to sit in the front row" said Jessica, who has practiced her mic moves and knee slides throughout the week.

DayRockerZ summer camps meet from 9:00am - 4:00 pm for a one week session, with several sessions offered throughout the summer. The Music Conservatory of Texas is on Preston at Main Street in Frisco and can be reached at 972.377.5977.

August 12, 2007
local events

- August 12, 2007 Auditions for Cross Timbers Youth Orchestras
- YMCA Youth Fall Soccer, Volleyball & Indoor T-Ball Registration
- YMCA Youth Winter Basketball Registration
- Frisco Chorale Accepting Auditions
- DNT Ramps Closed for Inspections August 11 and 12
- Financial Peace University Preview
- August 13, 2007 Auditions for Cross Timbers Youth Orchestras
- YMCA Youth Fall Soccer, Volleyball & Indoor T-Ball Registration
- YMCA Youth Winter Basketball Registration
- Frisco Chorale Accepting Auditions
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