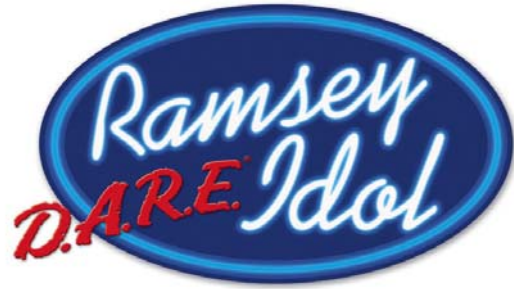


Who Will Be
This Year's?



Announcing "Season V of the one and only.

RAMSEY D.A.R.E. IDOL COMPETITION

What is it?

The *Ramsey D.A.R.E. Idol* competition is a showcase of the amazing talent and power found within the current generation of enthusiastic Ramsey D.A.R.E. students. For all of those involved, DARE Idol serves as a means of improving self-confidence and enhancing personal pride. The final event aims to enhance the popularity the Ramsey D.A.R.E. program within all generations, while creating positive and lasting memories for our proud students and families.

Who can compete?

Only **current Ramsey D.A.R.E. students**, who are actively enrolled in the 5th grade curriculum are eligible to participate in this year's competition.

What is the process?

1. Interested participants must submit a registration form to the **Dater School DARE Mailbox** no later than **Friday, March 19, 2010**.
2. Eligible applicants must be able to appear, *in person*, at one **audition** which is to be held on March 30th or March 31st, 2010 at the Dater School Gymnasium. Each contestant will be assigned a time between 3pm and 8pm on one of these dates, and must be prepared to stay for up to 1 hour. *See *Audition Rules*
3. The participant's audition performance will be judged live by a three person panel of qualified judges. The performance will also be videotaped for use in the finals. The top ten performers will advance to the **final round**, during which they will perform live in front of a large audience. All other participants will be awarded a coveted spot on the official *Ramsey D.A.R.E. Idol* stage crew!
4. The final round will be held at a public venue in Ramsey, on May 22nd, 2010. Ramsey DARE Idols will showcase their talent before a live audience. The audience will then vote to determine who is this year's *Ramsey D.A.R.E. Idol*.

Are there prizes?

Everyone is a winner! Every participant will receive a small prize at their audition. All ten finalists will be officially recognized, and will receive another small prize at the live performance. The ultimate Ramsey D.A.R.E. Idol will be recognized individually, but will not be awarded anything of substantial monetary value. The *Ramsey D.A.R.E. Idol* may be invited to perform at future events, such as Ramsey Day, future seasons of the *Ramsey D.A.R.E. Idol* competition or other unrelated special events.

How do I register?

Just log onto www.ramseypd.com/idol to download a copy of the 2 page registration form. Forms are also available in the DARE mailbox at Dater School and in the main lobby of Ramsey Police Headquarters. There is a \$15 registration fee, which is necessary to help reduce our expenses.

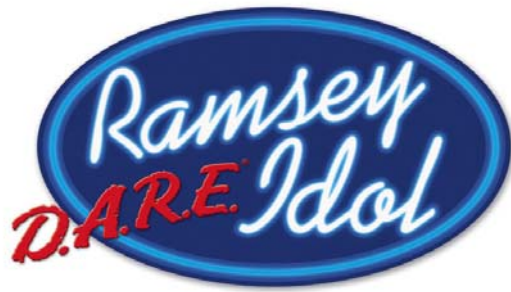


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General Advisement

This event is planned with the greatest of intentions and best wishes for all of our Ramsey D.A.R.E. students. Every effort will be made to accentuate the positive aspects of all of our participants. We understand, however, and similarly urge you to acknowledge the risk of disappointment inherent in competition of any kind. Please give this aspect due consideration prior to approving your child for this process.

In a similar respect, please understand that rules must be established. They exist for the sole purpose of maintaining equity and efficiency of process. They have been established pursuant to our consultation with organizers of similar events. While the list of rules may seem very formal, you may rest assured that Ramsey D.A.R.E. will make every possible effort to infuse this process with fun, support and friendship.

Audition Rules

1. **Under no circumstances will a performer be chastised, berated or made fun of by any judge or event staff.**
2. Auditions are to be conducted in a **cappella** format. Contestants perform individually. They may not be accompanied by music, back-up singers or sound support of any kind. Family members and friends are welcome support at the audition, provided that they are not part of the performance.
3. A standard hand-held microphone, connected to a basic "DJ" quality **sound system** will be provided. There will be no equalization or other sound refinement measures applied to the performer's voice. If choreography or personal preference requires the use of a different microphone, the performer bears the responsibility of producing the microphone and mating it to the available sound system.
{A} In ALL cases, the use of a different microphone must be approved by the panel of judges on the date of the audition.
4. Participants should limit their audition performance to no more than **3 minutes**. In the interest of fairness, we cannot allow for additional time. The clock cannot be reset.
5. The performance must be family based and **respectful**, with no use of, or references to, vulgarity, profanity or obvious immorality. Any dance elements must be similarly suited.
6. The performer's audition will be **videotaped** and may be shown during the finals.
7. In the event that a contestant is not happy with their audition performance, they may withdraw from the competition and request that their recorded performance not be shown publicly. We must require, however, that this request be done **immediately** upon completion of the audition, prior to leaving the building.
8. Contestants will be notified of their status, via phone, no later than May 1st, 2010.

Judging Criteria For Auditions

1. Contestants will be judged based upon their vocal quality, song selection, and showmanship. Each category will receive a score of points. The points from these categories will be totaled to reach an overall score for the audition.
 - (A) Vocal quality: Possibility of 10 points.
 - (B) Song selection: Possibility of 10 points.
 - i. Is song appropriate for singer's voice
 - ii. Is song entertaining for audience
 - (C) Showmanship: Possibility of 10 points.
 - i. Dress, dance, involvement of audience
2. Contestants will be awarded up to three additional points for the incorporation of an anti-drug statement, reference or theme into the performance.
{A} Any supplemental statement should not exceed 30 seconds.

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Live Performance

1. This event is more of a celebration than a competition. Every effort will be made to assist, support and accommodate performers at the live event. As a guideline, performances should be limited to approximately 5 minutes or less. Performers must submit a CD of the karaoke music or accompaniment recording that they wish to sing to. They should also be prepared for the possibility that other performers may intend to sing a similar song. We will work with the performers beforehand, to organize an entertaining show for all. After all participants have performed, a live ballot vote will be completed by the audience. The votes will be tallied immediately, and the winner will be announced prior to the end of the live show.

Notations and Advisements

Please understand that event organizers must reserve the right to terminate or amend these procedures as circumstances dictate. Every effort will be made to closely mirror our published procedures.

Participants, their guardians and agents agree that Ramsey D.A.R.E., its affiliates and all event coordinators are not liable to them for any losses or damages of any kind arising out of any aspect of the Ramsey D.A.R.E. Idol competition/performance. Media may be present at the live performance. Under no circumstances will the date of birth, address or phone number of a participant be released by event staff. Your entry, however, indicates your understanding and authorization for the participant's name, biography, picture, and video/audio recording to be released to press agencies or used in advertising material, without notice and without compensation, for the purpose of event promotion or future recognition. D.A.R.E., the Ramsey Police Department, the Borough of Ramsey, all affiliates, and all event personnel are hereby released from any claims or liability arising out of or with respect to such use.

Participants, their guardians and agents agree to all terms, conditions and procedures contained in this application. They furthermore accept that the established judging procedures and selection criteria, while well intentioned, may be imperfect. The judge's decisions, and the methods of selection, are final and not subject to appeal. In the final round, the live audience alone will determine the *2010 Ramsey DARE Idol*.

Ramsey D.A.R.E. Idol Registration

PLEASE INCLUDE THE \$15 ENTRY FEE*

Checks may be made payable to the Ramsey Parents Against Drugs

1. Must check to be eligible for selection process

- Current Ramsey D.A.R.E. 5th Grade Student

2. Complete the Following. Please print neatly.

Name of Performer

Name of Guardian

Phone Number

Address

3. To be completed by the above named parent/guardian only.

By signing below, I certify that I have read, understood and agreed to all (2) TWO pages of this registration form. I authorize my child to participate in the Ramsey D.A.R.E. Idol competition, having informed myself of the rules/procedures and notices described above.

Signature of Guardian

Date

*The entry fee is only to cover operating expenses.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A RAMSEY DARE IDOL T-SHIRT

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