

FESTIVAL IN REVIEW

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The Copper Peak Christian Music Festival

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The First Ever...

The 'first ever' Copper Peak Christian Music Festival was a glowing success in this writer's opinion. Just because I was one of the organizers doesn't mean I'm biased or anything;) The facts are, that just over one hundred people attended the first day of the festival, Friday, July 22nd, 2011. The weather was great, the 'youth' bands did a really good job, the volunteers were very patient, joyful and efficient, and the sole vendor (D & J Tasty Treats from Wisconsin) was selling some great food and Ice Cream. Add to that professional stage & sound from BOC Productions and a picturesque view of the Copper Peak Ski Flying Hill... it was a huge success on Friday.

Saturday's Monsoon

Saturday began with a 'monsoon,' and may have scared some people away. But even with the downpour, the bands, the volunteers, and audience members came anyway; which just proves my point that YOOPERS are the most durable, tenacious, hardworking group of people anywhere! The rain stopped by 1pm and the Copper Peak Christian Music Festival

was underway for a second day! All of the local bands did a fantastic job, and with the help of Bruce & Sheila volunteering to be bumped until after the headliner, we pretty much stayed on schedule for the day, which, is no small feat for a Festival!

Big D & the Good News Blues took the stage at around 3:15, then the Yooper Men who, with their "MorphSuits" and electrifying percussive performance, caused people to just stare and smile at such a unique sight and sound. Then it was time for the headliner, Ashley Cleveland. She did a fabulous job, calling herself 'the calm after the storm...' I guess referring to the Yooper Men as the storm that preceded her acoustic, solo act.

About two hundred people attended Saturday's festivities that culminated with the giving away of a boys bicycle...which, incidentally, an adult won, and was seen riding around on it:)

Finally, a few people from Friday's band, Farsighted, along with some others participated in the open mic segment.

Witnesses say the whole evening ended with a 'drum off' at around 6:45pm Saturday.

The Organizers wish to thank all the Sponsors, bands, volunteers, those who advertised for us (especially the Pick & Axe:), Mark Silver (Emcee for Saturday), and Copper Peak for making this not only a successful event, but an extremely fun, clean, family friendly, God-glorifying time that will be repeated every year as the Lord wills. Here are some quotes from those who were there:

★ "A truly WONDERFUL event!!!"

★ "It was great! Do it again!"

★ "Great music! Great location! Great people! Great God!" Mark Silver

★ "It was a joy to share the love of Christ through music!" Kenric Gockenbach - Band Member of Power 3:10

★ "Wonderful wholesome and God-glorifying entertainment for the whole family. It rocked our socks off!! Can't wait until next year!"