



Audition Packet Deepwood Idol 2026

We are searching for talented performers to take part in Deepwood Idol, which will take place during Mentor CityFest at the **Mentor Amphitheater on August 15, 2026.**



Deepwood Idol celebrates various talents of participants--singing, dancing, comedy, magic tricks, playing musical instruments, and more. This exciting event highlights the diverse abilities of individuals who have developmental disabilities; providing them with a platform to help kindness click in 2026!

Anyone eligible for services through the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities who is 13 years of age or older is welcome to audition.



Deadline to submit your audition packet is June 5, 2026.



Auditions:

Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
LCBDD Vocational Guidance Center (VGC) Cafeteria
8121 Deepwood Boulevard (Building C)
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Questions? Contact Ashley.Cozzens@LakeBDD.org or call 440-350-5173 if you need more information or would like an audition packet.



Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood

EMPOWER individuals with developmental disabilities to ENGAGE in activities that ENRICH their lives and community.



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Contest Rules

The Deepwood Idol competition is open to anyone eligible for services through the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities who is 13 years of age or older.

- **Event Attendance:** You must be able to attend Deepwood Idol on August 15, 2026, at the Mentor Amphitheater during Mentor CityFest.
- **Auditions:** Participants must audition and be selected prior to performing.
- **Coach/Contact:** Performers must have a coach/contact available for auditions and during the event.
- **Stage Access:** Only performers and their coach/contact are allowed on stage.
- **Performance Duration:** Performances must be no longer than 4 minutes. Music must be edited to fit this requirement.
- **Costumes:** Performers are encouraged to wear costumes.
- **Props and Equipment:** Performers are required to bring their own props, music, instruments, etc.
- **Content Appropriateness:** All content, props, and costumes must be suitable for all ages, as determined by the LCBDD.
- **Photo Consent:** A completed Photo Consent Form is required to participate/perform.
- **Music Submission:** Provide a copy of your music to Ashley Cozzens on a flash drive by July 25, 2025.
- **Originality:** Using music with vocals will result in a lower score than if performed with only the contestant singing.
- **Judging Criteria:** Each act will be judged based on its specific talent and criteria.
- **Final Decisions:** Judges' decisions are final.

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Contestant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Talent Category (singing, magician, dancing etc.): _____

Song (if applicable): _____

Act Description: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Coach/Contact Information

Your coach/contact will assist with your music, props, stage setup, communication, and transportation as needed. ***Performer must be accompanied by someone for the entirety of the audition and Deepwood Idol performance.***

Coach Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

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Contestant Biography

NOTE: The information below may be read aloud at the event and included in media or marketing materials.

Contestant Name: _____

How long have you performing your talent? What or who inspires you the most to perform?

Would you like to dedicate this performance to someone special? If so, why?

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Audition Time Preferences

Instructions: Please indicate the time frame on June 13, 2026 during which you are available to audition. While we cannot guarantee your preferred time, we will do our best to accommodate all requests.

You will receive an email with your exact audition time at least one week prior to the audition date.

The time frame I prefer to audition on June 13 is:

___ 11:00 am-12:00 pm

___ 12:00 pm-1:00 pm

___ 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

___ 2:00 pm-3:00 pm



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Image Consent Form

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES/DEEPWOOD PHOTOGRAPH, LIKENESS AND COMMENTS RELEASE

Dear Individual/Parent/Guardian:

Please check one of the following options regarding permission for the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood to use a photograph, likeness and/or comments for the media (newspaper, internet, social media and/or broadcast coverage). This release will remain in effect for one year or revoked by the individual or parent or guardian or chosen representative.

- Yes, I give permission for _____ (print name) to be in the media.
- No, I do not give permission for _____ (print name) to be in the media.

Please be aware that in granting consent on this form, you hereby waive any right that you may have to inspect or approve the finished product or products or printed matter that may be used in connection therewith or the use to which it may be applied. Further, you hereby release, discharge, and agree to save harmless the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the media outlet and their legal representatives or assigned, and all persons acting under their permission or authority or those for whom they are acting, from any liability for any publication thereof, including without limitation any claims for libel or invasion of privacy.

Individual's name/signature

Date

Parent/Guardian name

Date

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