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Vans Warped Tour in Tinley Park a haven for punk rock's misfits, Pages 20-21

A crowd surfer rocks out at the 2016 Vans Warped Tour held at the Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre in Tinley Park. LAURIE FANELLI/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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&A COVER STORY

Vans Warped Tour continues to band music lovers together

F. AMANDA TUGADE, Editor

Vans Warped Tour founder-producer Kevin Lyman knows for a fact that his shows aren't for everyone.

The 56-year-old from California points to social media as the culprit for highlighting other's opinions of his traveling music festival — none of which he has taken too personally.

In fact, Warped Tour, now in its 23rd year, has transformed into a safe haven for “the kids who want to get out,” Lyman said, noting his event brings more than just music acts from across the country and the globe but focuses on allowing teens, young adults and families room to grow together and understand the value of community.

The tour — which is comprised of more than 70 bands — kicked off June 6 in Seat-

“Find hope and help to get better.”

Rebecca Kovach — *publicist, on the reason behind bringing nonprofits on tour*

VANS WARPED TOUR

When: Saturday, July 22

Where: Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave. in Tinley Park

For more information, visit www.vanswarpedtour.com.

tle, Wash. and is to make its way to the Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre in Tinley Park on Saturday, July 22.

While the one-day, punk rock-heavy music affair has been home to many up-and-coming artists — Lyman said No Doubt, Kid Rock and Katy Perry once graced its stages before hitting stardom — this year's lineup is a throwback to the festival's roots including Anti-Flag, The Ataris, CKY, Goldfinger

and The Suicide Machines.

But those who don't know the classics won't feel out of place.

Lyman added Warped Tour 2017 is for a music fan with “eclectic taste,” as featured acts also include rappers like Futuristic, Sammy Adams and George Watsky. Publicist Rebecca Kovach noted bands with a growing following like Neck Deep, Knocked Loose, Creeper and I Prevail are to join in as



Pennsylvania-based rock band CKY is to take the Journeys Left Foot stage at Warped Tour 2017 in Tinley Park. LOUIE KOVATCH

well. Acts are spread across seven stages and sponsored by fashion footwear chain Journeys, electronics company Skullcandy, Monster Energy, Hard Rock and Full Sail University. Lyman warned that the full schedule

and set times will not be released until the morning of the show.

“It's a full-day experience,” he said. “You want to get there early.”

What's more is he commends the “music-friendly

crowd[s]” that have recently attended the fest. He takes pride in their openness to create a positive, welcoming environment, so all the fans can have a good time.

That aspect also extends to the national and local non-

A FIVE-STEP SURVIVAL GUIDE TO WARPED TOUR (OR ANY FESTIVAL)

Editor F. Amanda Tugade gives a breakdown of what you need to do, bring to have a good time

Don't forget your ticket

- It's as simple as that. *Helpful hint:* Print multiple copies. Put one copy of your ticket in your backpack, one in your wallet and one in your pocket.
- You can still purchase tickets to Warped on the day of the festival at the venue box office. The show is for all ages. Warped does have a Parent Program, meaning one parent (ages 28 and older) can accompany his or her child under the age of 16 with a paid ticket to the show for free. For more information, visit the “Warped 101” tab under www.vanswarpedtour.com.

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Wear appropriate clothing

- Growing up, my Philippine-born and raised mother always advised me to wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes because “you never know when you're going to have to run as fast as you can.” In this particular situation, you'll be standing, dancing, jumping, moshing in the pit and running from stage to stage to catch your favorite bands. You'll be doing a lot of moving, so of course, you want to be comfy.
- Bring a denim jacket, a hoodie or better yet, a rain poncho. Warped Tour's doors open around 11 a.m., and it wraps up at 9 p.m. So, you'll be outside all day. Be sure to check the weather and make sure you know how to beat the evening

chill or the rain. *Helpful hint:* Pack a couple zip-lock bags. In case of rain, you can safely store your personal belongings there like your cell phone, other electronics, etc.

Beat the heat: Stay healthy, hydrated

- Warped Tour allows its attendees to bring one sealed bottle of water or a camelback. *Helpful hint:* Purchase a bigger bottle of water — say, a 23-ounce — with a plastic sport cap for an easy seal. That way, you won't have to worry about losing the bottle's cap. If you choose to bring your own water bottle, make sure that it is empty at the entrance.
- Make sure you know the lay of the land. While you're marking down which bands you want to

check out, make sure you know where you can refill your water bottle, where you can grab some grub and where you can use the bathroom.

Capture the moment

- Pack your phone charger. You're going to need it. *Helpful hint:* In case there isn't a charging station, purchase a portable power bank. This item — which can be found at your nearest electronic store for a reasonable price — is useful. It keeps you connected and never missing a beat.

Be safe

- Be aware of your surroundings. If you're with a group of friends, check in with each other from time to time to make sure you're all OK. Have

a buddy system if you're group is breaking off into pairs and canvassing the festival.

- While joining in mosh pits can be fun, make sure you find an exit point out of the ring in case it gets a little too intense. And if you're planning on crowd-surfing, please be sure to make other audience members aware, so they can break your fall and carry you to your destination.
- Practice common sense, and be mindful and respectful. Every concert, show and festival has its own rules, and Warped Tour is no different. Obeying these rules will allow you and your friends to have a good time — one for the books. For more information, visit www.vanswarpedtour.com.

profit organizations that partner with Warped. From promoting music education to learning more about mental health resources to seeking support groups for victims of sexual assault, the presence of these groups bring awareness to the tough – often-times, personal – topics.

Music Saves Lives, To Write Love on Her Arms, Voice for the Innocent, The Keep A Breast Foundation, Feed Our Children Now and Action for Animals are just a few that round out a list of 20 nonprofits. A mix of organizations to attend Warped in Tinley Park include foreverU, Amnesty International, ONE Campaign, Refuse Fascism and HeadCount.

Kovach said having these advocates at Warped mirrors Lyman's mission of starting the conversation, and music has always been that window of opportunity to reach younger generations. If anything, she added, concert-



Microwave, a four-piece rock band from Atlanta, Georgia, is to perform at the Skullcandy stage. CAMERON FLAISCH

goers will be exposed to this all-purpose message: "Find hope and help to get better."

Opportunities to become a registered voter or an organ donor are also available. Three canned goods, a \$5 donation or a used cellphone are now being accepted as donations to Feed Our Children Now, Lyman added.

Also, parents accompanying children under the age of 16 can get into the festival for free.

For Kovach, Warped Tour's emphasis on creating

a community and serving a community is more than endearing. To her, it has become a promise to always show support.

An avid music fan, Kovach went to Warped for the last 10 years to catch her favorite bands. She noted it became her "favorite thing about the summer," especially since she met many people there who shared her taste in music.

"I really do love that sense of community," she said. "It's nice to have that sense of belonging."

TAKE ACTION

A closer look at the nonprofits to attend Warped Tour in Tinley Park

ForeverU

ForeverU's mantra is "empowering youth to live louder." The Mokena-based nonprofit was founded by Lincoln-Way East graduation Ryan Hesslau, who ultimately strived to create a safe space for students. ForeverU works to tackle bullying, division and suffering, including self-injury, addiction or depression, according to the official website. For more information, visit www.foreverumovement.com.

Amnesty International

Amnesty International is a global organization that focuses on human rights. Amnesty International has a chapter in Chicago and has recently held workshops to educate others about the refugee crisis, bring awareness to gun and gang violence and fight against the Muslim ban. For more information, visit www.amnestyusa.org. For updates from the Chicago chapter, search Amnesty International - Chicago on Facebook.

ONE Campaign

ONE Campaign addresses the issues of extreme poverty and preventable disease, especially in Africa. According to the official website, ONE's counterpart (RED) has shown support for The Global Fund to support HIV/AIDS grants in Africa. The Global Fund offers help toward prevention, treatment, HIV testing and care services for people.

Refuse Fascism

Refuse Fascism takes a stand against the Trump/Pence administration. The organization from New York is centered on a call to action and encourages others to educate themselves on the policies, including political and social norms, that are being enforced, according to the official website. For more information, visit www.refusefascism.org.

HeadCount

HeadCount's mission is simple: to motivate others to participate in democracy and become a registered voter. For more information, visit www.headcount.org.

LOUD, FAST AND HEAVY

Prep for Warped Tour with this playlist by Editor F. Amanda Tugade



Bad Cop / Bad Cop: "Rodeo" from Boss Lady EP LINDSEY BYRNES



Boston Manor: "Lead Feet" from Be Nothing. KENNERDEIGH SCOTT



GWAR: "Madness at the Core of Time" from Battle Maximus SLAVE PIT INC.



Hundredth: "Youth" from Rare JESUS MARTINEZ



Jule Vera: "Something Good" from Waiting On The Sun PHOTO SUBMITTED



Movements: "Kept" from Outgrown Things EP PHOTO SUBMITTED



Stacked Like Pancakes: "Money Sucks" from This Is Us TARA HOWELL



Silverstein: "Smile In Your Sleep" from Discovering the Waterfront WYATT CLOUGH



Sick Of It All: "Road Less Traveled" from Last Act of Defiance PHOTO SUBMITTED



Valient Thorr: "Torn Apart" from Our Own Masters PHOTO SUBMITTED