

Trivia Contest Rules

- The contest runs from 12 PM to 8 AM
- The winning team is the one that compiles the most points throughout the night
- The prize for winning the contest is eternal bragging rights, sainthood, plus the huge honor of continuing a 40+ year tradition and running the next contest
- Points are earned in a number of different ways:
 - Continuously through the night are the so-called “On Air” questions...we will ask trivia questions and then play a song. You have the length of the song to answer the question, for 1 point, and identify the song title and the artist for a half a point each.
 - Sometimes there are slightly more complex questions called “3-point plays” in which you can earn 1 or 2 points for the answer, plus the point for the song
 - The song is usually, though not always, a hint to the answer of the trivia question. And, of course, vice-versa!
 - It is hugely important to note that while you MAY use the Internet to try to find answers to the trivia question; you CANNOT use the Internet to identify the song or the artist of the song. This is on an “honor system” basis. You CAN, however, use “hard copy” song lists or books if you have them.
 - You can either call in the answers to the phone numbers listed on the Web Site or Instant Message them in to the IM addresses. You can call-in more than once with guesses, or keep guessing with IM’s. If you are on the right track, you may get a clue...if not, well, you won’t. Once the song ends, that’s it...and we’ll announce the question, answer, song and artist and smartly move on to the next one.
 - Every hour there is a “Hour Bonus” which is usually multi-part in nature, often 50 or more answers required, and worth more points. Bonuses are available on the Trivia Web Site for downloading each hour on the hour. Or you can pick up a hard copy at Trivia Central in Prospect. They are worth up to 10 points if you use the Internet for answers and up to 15 points if you do NOT use the Internet.
 - Every four hours, there is a “Super Bonus” question, even bigger and worth more points than mere, mortal hourly boni, also available on the Trivia website. They are worth 25 if you use the Internet and 40 if not.
 - Throughout the night there is one special bonus called the “Ultra Bonus,” in which once an hour a series of three clues are revealed, all related to each other and to the subsequent clues in some manner that you must determine. The earlier you identify the answer (the unifying theme to the Ultra Bonus), the more points you receive.
 - Finally, each hour there is an “Action Bonus,” in which you will be asked to send a representative or two of your team down to Trivia Headquarters here in Prospect House, to act out an answer to a creative challenge that we will announce each hour! If you are playing from a long-distance, you can submit your Action Trivia by webcam.