

Concert event to celebrate drug, alcohol recovery with new bands, big crowd

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Next weekend, August 21 and 22, the fifth and final Crossover concert series and gathering will take place in Ellijay, at the Cornett Ranch.

The Crossover Project is aimed at promoting drug and alcohol addiction prevention and recovery. The first two concert events, held in April and May of this year, saw a turnout of around 200 attendees, a number that's continued to increase as the events have gained popularity. Last month's event at Newton Park in Jasper attracted 3-400, and predictions for the final event are even higher.

The project has been organized and promoted by several area addiction support groups and recovery programs, including Lifeline Recovery Group, Clearview Recovery Center, Isaiah House, Promise Land Ministries and The Elijah Project, in addition to various music groups and business partners in the Tri-County area.

The goal has been to partner with others in the community to bring about something new and fresh to help recovering addicts in the community and to convey a

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Bands like Eight Days After, above, will be entertaining the crowd at the final Crossover Experience, a weekend event August 21 and 22 in Ellijay, that will celebrate drug and alcohol recovery and abstinence.

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Attendees relax and listen to live music at a previous Crossover gathering.

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message of sobriety and abstinence, especially to youth.

The Crossover Experience next weekend is free and open to all citizens of all ages. The two-day celebration will feature eleven live bands in addition to games for kids, drama groups, dance groups, a variety of food vendors, face painting, balloons, bonfires, hayrides, field games, tubing on the Ellijay River, and fellowship in a drug- and alcohol-free environment.

Performers will include: "Outlaws For Glory," "Michael Cornett & Set Free," "Kelly Ingram," "Promise Land Praise Band,"

"Cornerstone Praise Band," "Eight Days After," "Surrender," "Right Path Blue Grass," "Relentless," "Holy Spirit Ranch Band" and "The Well Experience."

Crossover organizers are encouraging churches to bring their youth groups, and parents to bring their teens and younger children.

For more information, visit www.thelifelinecenter.org or send an e-mail to info@thelifelinecenter.org. The Cornett Ranch is located at 909 Cornett Drive, Ellijay, off Old 5 North at Northcutt Rd. Additional directions are available online.