

'Why not us, why not now?'

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KELSEYVILLE — Nearly a thousand fists moved in unison under the glow of red lights, the majority belonging to pre-teen girls. The Lost Boys are not a tiny-bopper boy band though. Couples, singles and adults without children also attended the event that filled the Joe Mazzola indoor showroom almost to capacity.

Toni and Bob Funderberg were seeing the Lost Boys for the third time. They said they are no relation to the boys in the band, but they enjoy the quality of the music.

While all ages seem to enjoy the music and the showmanship, the members of the young band serve as incredible role-models.

"We don't drink or do drugs," singer Beau Bastian said.

"We're not into it," bass player Thomas Cano said.

"We have too much to lose and nothing to gain," keyboard player Matt Weiss said.

"We don't need drugs to rock 'n' roll," drummer Jordan Mills said.

The backstage, instead of having the usual alcohol stored in the fridge, was stocked with a variety of energy drinks, and three bottles of sparkling cider for the celebration at the end of the concert. Where the band members mingled there were five packs of gummy bears laid out like dominos, along with foam swords. When the crowd rushed into the backstage to meet the band, the band mem-

bers signed autographs, gave hugs and greeted the fans with genuine gratitude.

"If we do well tonight, we may bump up the price to \$7," Weiss said.

In the backstage room there was writing on the mirrors

"Boys, don't lose yourselves, we love you for who you are!"

"Live, Laugh, Love, the Found Girls."

The anticipation of the beginning of the concert was high as the bands fans scurried to find the nearest seats. Like clock-work, as the lights dimmed, the roar of the crowd escalated, and the red lights pierced the stage. As the band came out, only the cheers of the crowd could be heard. Girls pushed their way to the front to reach up on the stage in hopes of touching the hands of the band members.

The intensity of the bands performance was not short-lived. They kept the crowd hooked through two encores and had fans singing along to one of the bands well-known songs, "Summertime."

Although the band poured all its energy into the performance, the Lost Boys still came out afterward to greet the public and invited the fans to go and play a game of street hockey.

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Thomas Cano, Gary Boyd, Matt Weiss, Beau Bastian and Jordan Mills get ready to greet fans backstage at Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa on Saturday night.



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From left: (bottom row) Paige Profitt, 6, Colton Bridges, 6. (top row) Morgan Profitt, 10, Punky Ramirez, 12, Cheyenne Bridges, 11 and Josephine Clark, 12, get ready to go back stage to meet the band the Lost Boys on Saturday night at Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa in Kelseyville.

Road 2 Rockstar

KXFX 101.7, The Fox is kicking-off a five-week band competition on its North Bay Underground show, beginning Sunday and continuing each Sunday through May 31.

This is a telephone call-driven competition. All bands in the competition ask fans to call in and request their favorite band's song. The top three bands, by call-in votes, will have its song played at the end of each show. The overall winner is determined at the conclusion of the five-week competition. The goal is to win all five weeks.

"The Lost Boys Nation," fans of the band, are urged to call in every Sunday. For more information go to www.kxfox.com. This Sunday call in and request the song "Hold On."

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