



but I had a flyer for the event, we carry our flyers around [laugh] a lot, but maybe I should make cards! The next day, his people e-mailed me with some questions, what's the line-up, they wanted a few more details and stuff. After we replied he told us he was interested not just in coming out but in performing! We originally only wanted him to judge too but performing with our bands is incredible because that's kind of, a really special thing.

How do you find the bands that participate in Shredfest?

The first year we obviously didn't

have anybody, since no one knew, no one came up to us. We had to find bands around the local schools and ask them. Now we have people submit to us to play, we have an online submission. They send in videos and stuff or CDs, depending on where they are, if they are local we may even go see them play, and they have to have played before onstage too.

How many submissions do you typically get?

About 30 submissions and we had nine bands play and then the jam session at the end.

Finally, I know there are other events that support the Shred Kids charity, other than the Shredfest.

What are these and how can people donate, or come out to some of these?

We've done May Tie in with other larger national and international cancer charities over the years like Pablove, Livestrong, things like that. We also have our own Rock the Run 5K run/walk event, which we held in Thousand Oaks for the first time in October last year. It was a great event and we raised over \$7,000 for the same doctor we are donating to for Shredfest. Other events we do

and ways to help can be found on my website www.shredkidscancer.org/

An eight year old calling the Roxy, or walking into the Guitar Center HQ, or that you had the nerve (for lack of a better word) to walk up to Slash in the mall, people who don't know the back story need to know this, because you have done 100% of this on your own, with hard work, dedication and belief in what you are doing, and that is amazing. I'm not surprised at how this has grown and I'm sure that next year and the year after are going to get even bigger and better!