

Staff Infection Biography

We are Staff Infection, a group of Conifer High School teachers and staff members who play classic/alt. rock in our spare time.

We come from different backgrounds but have all played in bands in the past with varying degrees of success. One thing we have in common is our love of the mountain community and performing music. Since we work for the schools, we have considerable time in the summer to rehearse and perform and are excited about the opportunity to play at the 2007 Conifer Mountain Music Festival!

Drummer Justin Neuenschwander is one of the counselors at CHS. Justin has been playing drums since he was 10 years old. He has traveled the midwest in several bands playing gigs since high school. When asked to name his favorite artist, he states probably Night Ranger and Styx.

Bass guitarist Louie King teaches Biology and Physics at CHS and is a former member of Twisted Ridge and other bands. His favorite musician is his brother, Sam, who is a songwriter in Northern Michigan.

Singer/guitarist Cathy Kowalski is the Principal's Secretary at Conifer High School. Cathy has been playing since she was 12 and traveled the country with a rock band after high school. Her favorite musicians are Bonnie Raitt, Stevie Ray Vaughn and Kenny Wayne Shepherd.

Lead guitarist Josh Shapiro teaches English at Conifer High School. Cindy Shapiro teaches English at Mountain Vista High School in Douglas County. Cindy and Josh moved here from Florida to live in Conifer last year. Josh has been playing for about 16 years. Cindy and Josh perform at local Coffee houses. She plans to tryout for American Idol next year.