

Summer music festival showdown: Lollapalooza vs. Country Thunder



Lollapalooza was held in Grant Park August 1, 2, 3 | AP Images

by Maddy McVey & Emmy Minturn

Lollapalooza and Country Thunder are two huge music festivals that attract multitudes of New Trier students each summer.

Lollapalooza ranges from upbeat bands such as Outkast and Calvin Harris to slower bands like Hozier and female singer Lorde.

Country Thunder, on the other hand, consists of country music acts such as Jason Alden and Miranda Lambert.

People judge music festivals with a variety of factors in mind.

"I judge music festivals based on a lot of things, the performers, the setup, how lenient security is, the people there, and the atmosphere," said senior Charlie Raith.

Not everyone goes to the festivals for the music. A majority of people use it as a way to partake in reckless activities with friends and even strangers.

"If you don't like the music,

odds are you won't have a good time because everyone around you will know and like the songs, while you'll feel out of it," said senior Sam Stoddart.

Lollapalooza and Country Thunder are also located in two very different places. Lollapalooza is held in Grant Park downtown Chicago, while Country Thunder takes place in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. Therefore, Lollapalooza is much more accessible than Country Thunder; it's an easy 30-40 minute train ride downtown, while the country music festival is a four-hour drive away.

Senior Nicole Karabas said, "Country Thunder and Lollapalooza are different because being in Wisconsin gives Country Thunder a different atmosphere, which is really cool because you're not in the city. I think Lollapalooza is more popular because it's easier to commute to the city rather than getting to Wisconsin."

Since Lollapalooza is much more populated, the crowd is a bit

more hectic. Lollapalooza also has many more genres of music, allowing outfits to vary among the crowd, whereas Country Thunder is less populated and adorned strictly by country attire.

Senior Daniel Loumpouridis said he would categorize each festival with one word. Country Thunder can be described as "rednecks," and Lollapalooza as "glitter."

Raith said, "The people at Country Thunder are a bunch of wild cards. You never know what to expect, it's awesome."

Every year there are controversial debates on which music festival is the better option. Some students, such as Stoddart, prefer Country Thunder.

"So many people think country music is just about trucks and cornfields, but I don't see what's so bad about that, it's good music."

Senior Kate Conaghan agreed with Stoddart.

"I prefer Country Thunder over Lollapalooza because it's more of a laid back and calmer atmosphere. I also love country music."

On the contrary, Loumpouridis favored Lollapalooza and said, "I think Lolla is a better music festival; it's well run, and it seems like more people actually care about the music. Anybody can go to Lollapalooza and enjoy themselves since there are so many different kinds of music there, you get a very diverse group of people."

Why East is better than West

by McKenna Patterson

For incoming sophomores, the transition from the West campus to the East campus can be a bit unsettling. From the abundance of stairwells (some of which don't actually lead anywhere) to intimidating upperclassmen; the first day let alone the first week, can be all sorts of confusing. In the midst of all of this chaos, 10th graders might feel a bit of resentment towards this campus, but here are ten reasons why the East campus is much better than West.

1. Remember that natural light from all of those windows at the freshman campus? We don't have that here. Barely any windows makes for a very fluorescent lighted learning environment, some people even compare it to a prison.

2. The P stairwell goes right through

the middle of the school, making it easy to get to most, if not all of your classes really quickly. A bonus is that it is never crowded.

3. The D stairwell doesn't go to the third floor, but it goes to the third floor. Awesome.

4. Water fountain water? It's not cold, if that is what you anticipated. Most water fountains offer students the chance to feel disappointed when they drink it as most, if not all water fountain water is warm.

5. With the presence of upperclassman, the East campus feels more like a high school than the West Campus, which was more of an extended eighth grade.

6. You can eat anywhere. No longer limited to just the cafeteria, you can have your lunch in the hallways, the small caf, or even outside. Everywhere except the library, which is the one place everyone actually

wants to eat.

7. There are more clubs you can join, more classes you can take, more people to crowd the hallways and make you late for geometry class, more opportunities to forget your KW uniform, more opportunities to publicly embarrass yourself in front of your peers; ultimately, just a lot more fun.

8. Junior Theme. Nothing else needs to be said.

9. It is never too hot. It's also never too cold. Always bring layers, but don't bring too many.

10. The New Trier News is at this campus and it's arguably, no, definitely, the best club at New Trier.

Ultimately, while New Trier's freshman campus has a lot to offer with its green outdoor spaces and natural light, this campus is more like a prison, with a short and sweet 3-year sentence.

Apple announces new products: iPhone 6 and iWatch

by Nick Merrill

The iPhone 6, iPhone 6 Plus and the brand new Apple Watch were announced Tuesday morning during a live Keynote presentation that streamed to any Apple device that wanted to watch. Here's a quick preview of each new device.

iPhone 6: "Bigger than bigger" is the phrase Apple has coined for their newest iPhone. The most notable hardware differences from the iPhone 5s is the bigger 4.7 inch screen (compared to the 4 inch 5s display), a new Retina HD display, the thinnest iPhone ever at just 6.9 mm thick and an improved iSight camera.

Both phones will be operating on the brand new iOS 8 software designed specifically to excel on the



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new iPhones. Apple also introduced Apple Pay, a brand new way that allows users to load credit cards, debit cards and gift cards on their device and pay for anything from a new TV to a Starbucks coffee on the Phone.



The internet browsing, downloading and video viewing speed has also increased to be 3x faster than the iPhone 5s. The iPhone 6 starts at \$199 for 16GB and goes up to \$399 for 128GB. It is offered in Gold, Silver and Space Grey color

What was an exciting thing you did this summer?

by Max Borushek



"I went Bungee Jumping in Prague."

- Sophomore Connor Josellis

"I went swimming in the lake."

-Junior Tim Fallon



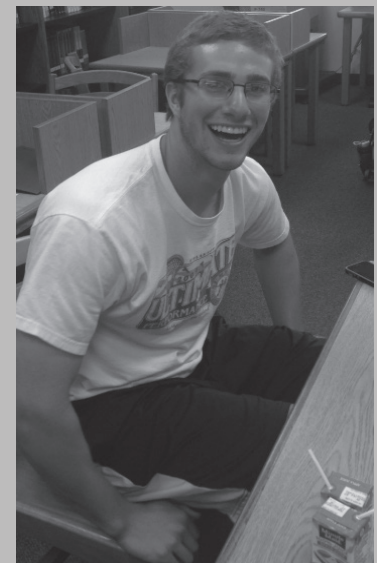
"I went to Ecuador on the Spanish Trip."

-Senior Megan McNitt



"I went to Italy."

-Senior Ben Connelly



"I went surfing."

- Sophomore Madi Hart

schemes.

iPhone 6 Plus: While this phone is very similar to the iPhone 6, it offers an enormous 5.5 inch display that has a screen with a 1920x1080 display (the same as 1080p HD tvs on the market today). With such a huge display to work with, the iPhone 6 Plus offers a couple features that are exclusive the model; such as optical image stabilization while taking picture and longer battery life, reaching up to 24 hours of talk time as opposed to the iPhone 6's 14 hours.

The iPhone 6 Plus starts at \$299 for the 16GB and goes up to \$499 for 128GB, it is also offered in Gold, Silver and Space Grey. Both iPhone devices go on sale Friday Sep, 19.

Apple Watch: The newest, Apple products are the 3 Watches

available, Apple Watch, Apple Watch Sport and Apple Watch Edition.

Each has a touch display that provides the user over two million ways to tell time. The watch also has a large variety of apps to pick from, allowing users to see and respond to calls, messages and emails; listen to music; use turn by turn navigation; use apple pay; update calendar events; control Apple TV and iTunes; remotely control the camera on an iPhone; set alarms; view the weather and photos; talk to Siri and much more.

It's available for purchase in early 2015 and is sure to be as popular all the others made by Apple.