



## New supergroup Scrap Metal to perform tonight in Natchitoches for St. Jude fundraiser

Celebrity rock supergroup Scrap Metal will headline Jude Jams 2007 at 7 p.m. today in Prather Coliseum on the Northwestern State University campus in Natchitoches.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the NSU athletic ticket office.

Jude Jams 2007 is a benefit concert for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. It is sponsored by TrueJams Charities, Inc., a Louisiana-based charity, and NSU student fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon, according to a news release from Natchitoches Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Scrap Metal includes members of legendary bands, including Kelly Keagy of Night Ranger, whose hits include "Sister Christian," "Don't Tell Me You Love Me" and "You Can Still Rock In America"; Gunnar Nelson, son of rock 'n' roll legend Ricky Nelson, and half of rock group Nelson whose pop/rock hits with twin brother Matthew include "(Can't Live Without Your) Love and Affection," "After the Rain" and "More Than Ever"; and Mark Slaughter of Slaughter whose penned hits include "Up All Night Sleep All Day" and "Fly to the Angels."

Gunnar Nelson speaks passionately about his commitment to help St. Jude.

"St Jude's is the home of hope for thousands of children and their families every year. I would walk through fire to help one child with cancer ... Let alone thousands," Nelson said.

"This concert is my chance to do that ... and I even get to shred some eardrums in the process! Sounds like a perfect night to me!"

"We have a great city, a perfect venue and a campus full of rock and roll fans to help us give back to St. Jude's. It's going to be an amazing night," said Slaughter, band co-founder and True Jams board member.

"You know helping your fellow human beings doesn't have to be a downer. We can still throw a party and celebrate our freedoms while remembering those who need a helping hand. Come help us give something back. Scrap Metal can't wait to rock you in Natchitoches, Louisiana!"

Scrap Metal recently made a TV appearance and raised more than \$5,000 for St. Jude as contestants on DirecTV's game show "Rock and a Hard Place" set to air in late October.

True Jams Charities, Inc. has selected St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital to be the beneficiary of 100 percent of the net proceeds for its inaugural event.

"St. Jude's was instrumental in rescuing and providing medical treatment to children in the affected New Orleans area (during Hurricane Katrina) by flying them to treatment centers in Baton Rouge and Memphis," said TrueJams Charities Inc. President and co-founder Randy Ryder.

"When TKE fraternity faculty adviser Alan Hardin and I started brainstorming, I knew right away that Scrap Metal was the band to headline our inaugural event, St. Jude's should be the beneficiary and Mark Slaughter and I had found a way to implement our vision for TrueJams."

For more information about Jude Jams 2007, visit [www.truejams.com](http://www.truejams.com).

Visit the Scrap Metal fan Web site at [www.myspace.com/ScrapMetalBand](http://www.myspace.com/ScrapMetalBand).