

Music students have their own schools of rock

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The Guitar Heroes class at Rock Star Band Camp in Westhampton Beach.

In "The Rocker," which hit movie screens last week, Rainn Wilson plays a 40-something who thinks he can fulfill his lifelong dream of being a rock star by playing with his teenage nephew's band. All of which proves, no matter how old you are, it's the perfect age to make music. If you've got the dough-re-mi and want to unleash your inner rocker - or even your inner barbershop quartet singer - here are a few places to start.

Rock Star Band Camp
P.O. Box 242, Westhampton Beach
631-998-3159
rockstarbandcamp.com

DOWNBEAT: The Guitar Heroes program is geared toward budding Eric Claptons, as kids from 8 to 18 learn about different guitar icons through their riffs, scales and solos. Each hour-long class ends with students performing a song by the icon du jour. In Rock Camp, the emphasis is on songwriting as students form their own bands, pen their own tunes and perform at local venues.

HOW MUCH: \$150 for Guitar Heroes, \$225 for Rock Camp. Eight hours of group instruction is included and classes are offered at beginner and intermediate levels. Saturday fall sessions begin Oct. 4. Private classes available.

HIGH NOTE: Students perform their original songs in concert places likes Regular's Music Cafe in Southampton.