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You might have been drenched in neon, poufed up with AquaNet, and dainty in laced socks. Or maybe you were rocking the parachute pants, guy liner, and a spray-painted jean jacket (big shoulder pads, if you please). Whichever style side you took decades ago, get ready for an exercise in time travel. The '80s are taking over the music scene this summer. Here are just a few



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ways you can get your big hair on.

Blue Hills Bank Pavilion

Imagine watching a show with the wind in your feathered hair. Located outdoors on Boston's historic waterfront and tucked under the city skyline, the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion (formerly Bank of America Pavilion) is a great place to watch a show and reminisce about pegged pants, *The Breakfast Club*, and who shot J.R.

- [Foreigner & Styx](#), June 19 – Foreigner, an arena rock band that kicks out biting anthems and mammoth power ballads, joins funky art rock of Styx (think “Mr. Roboto” and “Come Sail Away”) for the perfect summer soundtrack. You wanna know what love is? They’re going to show you.
- [Pat Benatar & Rick Springfield](#), July 1 – Known for her pixie cut and raspy siren voice, Benatar was one of the ‘80s leading ladies and four-time Grammy Award winner. This MTV’s poster child for ‘80s pop/rock shares the night with Rick Springfield. When he brought his good looks as Dr. Drake on General Hospital to the stage, he won every girl’s heart (except “Jessie’s Girl”).
- [An Evening with YES](#), July 8 – Known for their stripped-down modern dance-rock sound and gorgeous melodies, this British ‘80s band will own the stage with hits like “Owner of a Lonely Heart” and “Leave It.”
- [Chicago & REO Speedwagon](#), August 20 – Get the Kleenex ready because it’s time to relive all your falling in love, falling out of love moments. This power ballad duo takes the night into a tailspin of heartache, true love conquers tears, and other general prom theme moments.

The Xfinity Center

No longer the Comcast Center, the newly named Xfinity Center in Mansfield delivers you to the heart of the ‘80s during its 29th world-class live concert season. Sit up front near the covered



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stage or grab blankets for lawn partying with the cool kids.

- [Journey & Steve Miller](#), Friday, June 13 – Teaming up for a night of high energy rock n’ roll, these two ‘80s faves deliver hit after hit. Journey takes you back, as front man Arnel Pineda croons out “Don’t Stop Believin” and “Open Arms.” Just scream “Abracadabra” and you’re sure to hear a milestone song from Miller and his groovy band.
- [Lionel Richie](#), June 24 – Prepare to swoon all night long. Along with ballads like “Easy” and “Three Times a Lady,” Richie also brings the funk (“All Night Long”) and pop (“Dancing on the Ceiling”). He even adds country with his 2012’s *Tuskegee* album full of countrified hits from his past. If you’re lucky, he might hit you with his Commodores ‘70s R&B.
- [KISS & Def Leppard](#), Friday, August 1 –The original tongue-wagger Gene Simmons (sorry Miley) and the famous face-painted rockers celebrate 40 years on stage as well as induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Def Leppard is arena rock at its best, no foolin’, with hits like “Photograph” and “Pour Some Sugar on Me.”

Regardless of where you watch the shows, there are plenty of ways to relive the ‘80s this summer. Just grab your Member’s Only jacket and go.

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