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Park-Jam 2010 Coming to Dunkirk SkatePark

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – July 21, 2010 – How’s your Ollie, your fakie and your grind? Can you get major air with a Stalefish grab? Then get your board and roll into Dunkirk Park on August 15, 2010, for the first annual Park-Jam 2010.

Sponsored by the Southern Maryland Skateboarders Association., Park-Jam 2010 is for skateboarders 10 years old and up who want to compete against others or just show off their skills in a fun, family friendly and safe environment.

Local organizers Joe Smialek, owner of Aggro Joe’s Skate Shop in Prince Frederick, Md., and Joe Penn believe this event will provide an excellent opportunity for youth-based recreation and competition while also allowing adults and curious spectators to learn more about the sport of skateboarding. “We want local skateboarders to know that the community cares and wants to provide a safe environment for recreational and competitive skateboarding,” said Penn. “There are still a lot of misconceptions about skateboarding and the people who participate but it has really become a very competitive sport requiring excellent athletic skills, patience and sportsmanship – all good life skills that are important elements of a healthy lifestyle.”

Smialek and Penn expect over 200 participants in the qualifying rounds on Sunday, August 15. Those who qualify will compete for cash and prizes at the finals on Sunday, August 22. The finals, dubbed “The Party,” will feature a maximum of 64 contestants determined by the contestants’ scores in the qualifying round.

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Local businesses are encouraged to get involved by sponsoring the event and Smialek and Penn say every dollar received will be used to enhance the event with additional prizes and giveaways.

Both the qualifying round and final competition will be held at Dunkirk SkatePark, located at 10750 Southern Maryland Blvd., Dunkirk, Md., and gates open at 11 a.m. on August 15 and 22. Admission is free; food and beverages will be available for purchase. Registration is free to all competitors who sign up before July 31.

For more information on the event or to register or learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit online at somdsa.com/dunkirk-park-jam-somd-event.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. There are more than 5,000 businesses in the county and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.