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Hazelwood's 3rd-Annual Summer BMX/Skate Competition Gives Local Youth Chance to Show off Their Talents

Hazelwood, Mo., (May 12, 2009) – Local BMX freestylers and daring skateboarders who like to do stunts are encouraged to sign up for this year's **3rd Annual Summer BMX/Skate Competition**, sponsored by the **Hazelwood Parks and Recreation Division**. The event is scheduled for **Friday, June 19**, at **Hazelwood's Skate Park**, located **behind the Community Center at 1186 Teson Road in White Birch Park**. **Starting time is 6 p.m.**



The competition is open to all young athletes in the North St. Louis County area. There is a \$5 entry fee for all participants. A \$100 cash prize will be awarded to the Top Finisher. Raffles and attendance prizes are going to be given away as well. Music and concessions will be provided.

Contestants can sign up to compete in either the BMX or Skateboard category. One winner will be selected from each category. BMX freestylers will be judged on their artistic abilities to do tricks on an 8-foot ramp, 6-foot half-pipe and ramp, a spine, a pyramid, a 4-foot ramp and a 3-foot half-pipe. The skateboarders will be evaluated on their creative ability to use the same apparatus to do vertical aerials, ollies, kickflips and other stunt maneuvers.

“We’ve got a lot of talented kids in our community who can do amazing stunts on their skateboards as well as on BMX bikes. The competition ought to be a thrill to watch as they test their limits and the laws of gravity to come out on top as the winner,” said Pam Reynolds, Hazelwood Parks and Recreation Facility Manager. “These sports allow them to imitate Tony Hawke and do some of his tricks for real instead of doing it an XBOX 360 video game. Plus, it’s a self-esteem booster when they make new friends and succeed in doing difficult stunts.”



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Hazelwood's 3rd Annual BMX/Skate Competition, Add One

The Hazelwood Skate Park can be used by skateboarders as well as BMX riders. Hours of operation during the summer months are: Monday – Friday, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday – Saturday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The temperature must be 50 degrees for the Skate Park to open. Daily user fees are \$1 for residents and \$2 for non-residents. Guests must fill out a participation waiver and turn it in at the Recreation office prior to use of the Skate Park. Safety helmets and pads can be rented for \$1 each.

For more information on the 3rd Annual Summer BMX/Skate Competition, contact Pam Reynolds at (314) 513-5072.

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PHOTO CAPTION: (Teen on the BMX Bike)

Brenden Selby of Hazelwood, Mo., practices one of his stunts at Hazelwood's Skate Park in preparation for the BMX/Skate Competition on June 19. He is using a BMX freestyle bike that allows him to spin the frame around while suspended on the front tire. The bike also has foot pegs on the ends of the front and rear wheel axles to allow the rider additional footholds.