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Grind for Life Series skates into the Lowcountry Oct. 8

SK8 Charleston to host competition benefitting cancer patients; spectators welcome to watch the action

[CHARLESTON] – [Note: This event was originally scheduled for Oct. 1 and was moved to Oct. 8 due to Hurricane Ian] - Charleston County Parks proudly announces that an installment in the Grind for Life skateboarding competition series will return to SK8 Charleston on October 8. The [Grind for Life series](#) is a national, all ages and all skills street and bowl skateboarding competition benefitting the Grind for Life Organization, a non-profit that assists cancer patients with travel expenses.

From 9 a.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m., various skateboarding competitions will take place throughout the day on Saturday, Oct. 8. The competition is limited to 175 competitors and registration is now closed. Spectators are welcome. Waivers must be signed for all competitors, and can be signed ahead of time at this link: https://theboardr.com/events/3778/Grind_for_Life_Series_at_Charleston

A portion of entry fees from the event will be donated to the Grind for Life Organization. [The Grind for Life Organization](#) is a 501(c)(3) that raises money to assist cancer patients with treatment-related travel expenses that are not usually covered by health insurance.

The Grind for Life contest schedule will begin with practice sessions at 9 a.m., followed by adaptive skating competitions. The rest of the day will feature street skating and pro bowl competitions in various categories and age groups, followed by awards presentations. Street Jams events will feature three skaters per jam, with three minutes per jam, and are judged on overall impression. Pro Bowl Jams events will feature eight skaters per jam, with three runs at 30 seconds each, with participants skating in order and judged on overall impression. Participants are encouraged to arrive on time for their division as schedule adjustments cannot be made. The full contest schedule can be found at CharlestonCountyParks.com (direct link: <https://www.ccprc.com/3601/Grind-for-Life>).

All participants must wear industry standard helmets with securely fastened chinstrap and closed toe shoes at all times. Protective pads are strongly recommended. Children 12 and under must be under the supervision of an adult 18 years of age or older at all times. Smoking, tobacco products of any form, and alcohol are strictly prohibited within SK8 Charleston.

Owned and operated by the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission, SK8 Charleston is a regional-sized concrete skate park that spans over 32,000 square feet. The park, which opened in 2017, is located on the neck area of the Charleston peninsula at 1549 Oceanic Street. SK8 Charleston features an intermediate bowl, a pro bowl, a 200-foot-long snake run, and a 300-foot-long street course. The site also features a building offering a small skate shop, restrooms, concessions and seating areas. SK8 Charleston is open each Wednesday through Monday for skating, and on Tuesdays for BMX bikers.

For more information on the Grind For Life series or SK8 Charleston, visit CharlestonCountyParks.com or call 843-795-4386.

The mission of CCPRC is to improve the quality of life in Charleston County by offering a diverse system of park facilities, programs and services. The large park system features over 11,000 acres of property and includes six land parks, three beach parks, three dog parks, a skate park, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, 19 boat landings, a climbing wall, a challenge course, an interpretive center, an equestrian center, cottages, a campground, a marina, a historic plantation site, as well as wedding, meeting and event facilities. The park system also offers a wide variety of recreational services - festivals, camps, classes, programs, and more. For more information on CCPRC, call 843-795-4386 or visit www.charlestoncountyparks.com.

High-resolution photos available upon request.

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