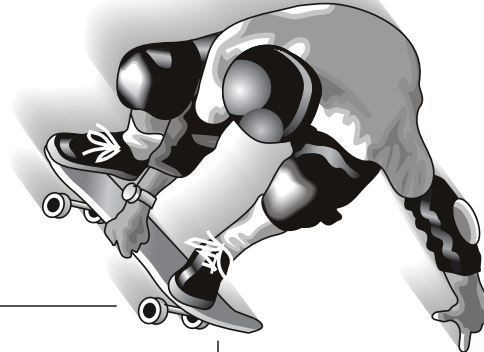


Extreme sports descend on Sawyer Point

The Mobile Skatepark Series will bring more than 90 world-class extreme sports stars to Cincinnati today through June 2. Event organizers expect about 60,000 to watch skateboarding, aggressive inline skating and freestyle BMX competitions at Sawyer Point, with professionals competing for more than \$100,000 in cash and prizes and amateurs trying to work their way toward the pro ranks. Admission is free.



EVENTS

Today

Freestyle BMX Demo and Best Trick Contest

Freestyle BMXers perform 40-minute street and vert riding demos, followed by two Best Trick contests.

Sunday

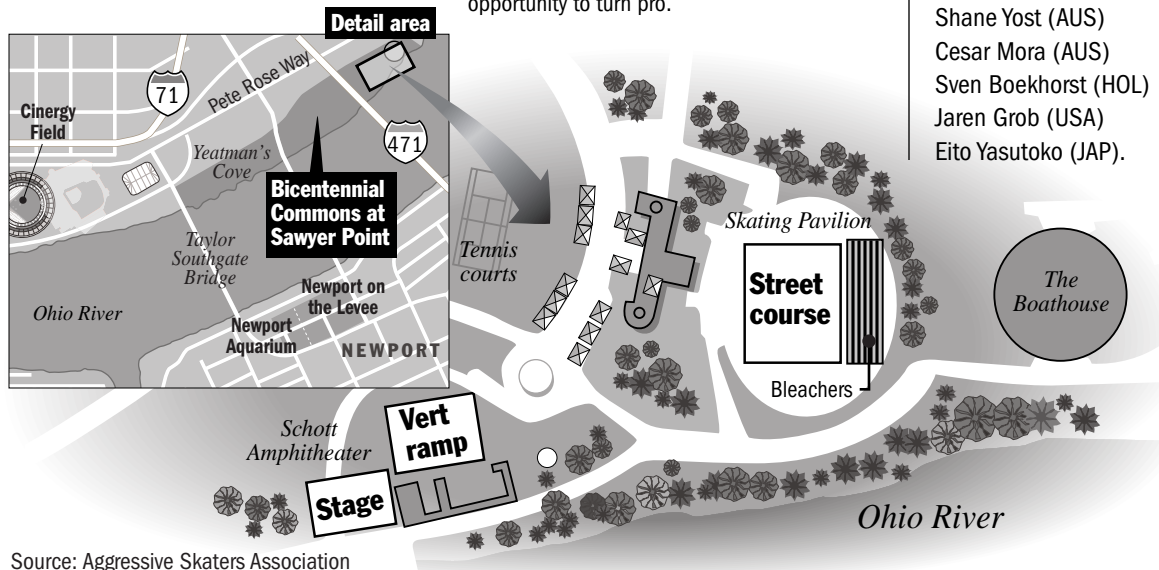
Skateboarding Demo and Best Trick Contest

Skateboarders perform 40-minute street skating and vert skating demos. Best Trick competitions follow. On-site registration for the amateur skateboarding contest starts Sunday. Registration is \$20.

May 27

Amateur Skateboarding Contest

Amateurs will get a chance to "audition" for a spot on the World Cup pro tour. The competition is open to 100 amateur skateboarders.



Taz Team Challenge

Twelve skateboarding, inline skating and BMX pros will compete in single runs, high air, triples and Best Trick competitions.

May 28-31

Open Skatepark

Fans can skate on the same street course and half-pipe as the pros daily from noon to 8 p.m. Two-hour sessions are \$8. Full protective gear is required. Helmets and pad rentals are available for \$3.

June 1-2

ASA Pro Tour

More than 50 street skating and vert skating pros will compete for spots in the X Games, the Gravity Games and the World Championships.

ASA Amateur Circuit Contest

The competition is open to any amateur skater in the Midwest. On the line is a chance to qualify for the World Amateur Championships and an opportunity to turn pro.

Athletes

X Games legends and World Champions such as:

Ryan Nyquist (USA)
 Jamie Bestwick (UK)
 Kevin Robinson (USA)
 Rick Thorne (USA)
 John Parker (USA)
 Bucky Lasek (USA)
 Chris Senn (USA)
 Mathias Ringstrom (SWE)
 Willy Santos (USA)
 Pat Channita (USA)
 Fabiola da Silva (BRA)
 Taig Khris (FRA)
 Shane Yost (AUS)
 Cesar Mora (AUS)
 Sven Boekhorst (HOL)
 Jaren Grob (USA)
 Eito Yasutoko (JAP).

GLOSSARY

Air: Whenever all wheels are off the ground at the same time.

Alley-oop: When a trick is performed in the opposite direction of which the skater/rider is moving.

Bank: Any sloped area under 90 degrees.

Carve: To make a long, curving arc while skating/riding.

Coping: The rounded lip at the top of a ramp or obstacle usually made of metal, cement or PVC pipe.

Drop in: To enter the ramp or obstacle from the top.

Grind: To slide on an obstacle or coping, on the skates, boots or frames of inlines, board or trucks on a skateboard, or wheel pegs on a bike.

Half pipe: A type of ramp that is shaped like a "U."

Hand plant: A type of trick where one hand grabs the skate or board while doing a one-handed handstand on a ramp or obstacle.

Hip: The spot where two ramps or obstacles come to a point (usually at a 45-degree angle of each other). Tricks are done while flying from one ramp to the other.

Launch ramp: A small ramp used to give the skaters/riders some air to perform a trick.

Lip: The top or upper edge of a ramp or obstacle.

Session: A period of skating.

Spine ramp: Two transitions placed back-to-back creating a double "UU" shape.

Transition: The curved part of the terrain between 0 and 90 degrees.

Vert: Short for vertical, meaning a 90-degree ramp, pool or wall.

Wall: Any bank that is at or above 90 degrees.

Wax: The substance skaters spread on curbs and obstacles to make them more slippery.



Source: Aggressive Skaters Association