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## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual SkateFest Returns to Wakefield Skate Park

Skateboarders from throughout the Washington, D.C. metro area and surrounding states will travel to Annandale, Va., June 27 and 28, 2014, to participate in the 8th Annual SkateFest at Wakefield Skate Park. The festival, sponsored by Fairfax Surf Shop and the Fairfax County Park Authority, celebrates National Go Skateboarding Day and raises funds for Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. The festival will be packed with music, food, family-friendly activities, vendors and thousands of dollars in prizes and giveaways. The festival also gives skaters a chance to showcase themselves and even try out for the Fairfax Surf Shop skate team.

SkateFest is a two-day event beginning on Friday with preliminary rounds and the two main festival events on Saturday. Skateboarders of all ages and all skill levels will kick off Saturday by participating in Sk8 for a Cause to raise money for Children's National. Sponsored participants will skate a check-pointed route through Wakefield Skate Park receiving free prizes as they ride along the route. The five-event skate competition and festival follow Sk8 for a Cause.

Along with the Skatefest competition for all ages with many prizes, this year SkateFest is introducing "Shred for Bread" as a separate advanced street skating contest for cash prizes. First place will receive \$500, second place \$250, and third place \$100. We will also be opening up a 30 and over division to the competition. Previous SkateFest events have featured hundreds of participants ranging in ages from 5-50. More than \$35,000 has been raised for Children's National through the festival's philosophy of kids raising money for kids.

The preliminary rounds of the skateboard competition will take place Friday June 27, 2014 from 4 to 8 p.m. with registration beginning at 3 p.m. Sk8 for a Cause registration and check-in will begin at noon on Saturday. SkateFest festival events will take place Saturday June 28, 2014 from noon to 7 p.m. A night skating session under the lights starts when the event ends. For more information and to sign up for either event please visit [www.skatefestfairfax.com](http://www.skatefestfairfax.com), visit the Fairfax Surf Shop located at 3936 Old Lee Hwy in Fairfax, or call the shop at 703-425-5400.

Wakefield Skate Park is located at 8100 Braddock Road in Annandale, Va. For more information, call 703-321-7081 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/skatepark](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/skatepark).

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