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“2008 RED BULL MANNY MANIA” TO DONATE SKATEBOARD EQUIPMENT TO HUFFMAN BOULEVARD PARK AS PART OF ITS NATION-WIDE TOUR

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 08, 2008— The City of Jacksonville’s Huffman Boulevard Park will receive an exciting addition for skateboard enthusiasts as part of the 2008 Red Bull Manny Mania tour.

On Saturday, the tour will stop at Friendship Fountain Park in Jacksonville with a professional skateboard competition hosted by Red Bull. Attendees may park in area lots or at the Prime Osborn or Kings Avenue lots and take the Skyway (35 cents/person). For more information about Red Bull Manny Mania, visit <http://redbullmannymania.com>.

- WHEN:** Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- WHERE:** Friendship Fountain Park
1015 Museum Circle
- WHO:** The competition will attract skaters from cities across the U.S. Professional skateboarders Joey Brezinski and Danny Supa, will also be in Jacksonville to celebrate the event. (*Bios attached.*) The event is free and open to spectators.

Following the competition, representatives of Red Bull and the Recreation and Community Services Department (JaxParks) will celebrate the installation of the Manny Mania manual pad used in the competition at Huffman Boulevard Park. Brezinski and Supa will be available to skate with attendees and speak to media.

- WHEN:** Monday, May 12, 3-3:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Huffman Boulevard Park
2775 Huffman Blvd.
- WHO:** City Council Member Richard Clark
Joey Brezinski
Danny Supa
Ryan King, Red Bull

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The manual pad is a series of platforms and ramps that provides the opportunity for skaters to perform manuals in various ways such as flipping onto and off of the pad and coming in from different angles.

“Manny” - or manual - is a skateboard trick in which the skater balances on two wheels while moving. While the trick itself is somewhat simple, the many variations that can be achieved with the trick make it a staple in a skater’s repertoire and can be performed at a very advanced level.

Huffman Boulevard Park opened in June 2007. The park features a multi-purpose concrete slab for skaters, two multi-purpose fields, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, restroom facilities, a walking trail, an off-road bike trail, a playground and a pavilion.

For more information about JaxParks, visit www.jaxparks.com or call (904) 630-CITY.

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