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GRAND OPENING FOR THE NEW SKATE PARK IN THE DWIGHT MERKEL SPORTS COMPLEX SATURDAY, AUGUST 7th

- 10am Grand Opening Ceremony and Skate Drop
- 11 am – 3 pm Skate Demonstration & Late Registration for Pistole Skate Competition
- 12 noon – 4 pm Free Skate Class and Pro Gear Demo Hosted by Pistole
- 12 noon – 4 pm Open Skate
- 4 pm – Pistole Skate Competition
- Live Music from Rock 94.5
- Free samples from Pepsi and Monster

About the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex

Named for one of the city's most influential figures in the development of athletic competition for children, the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex was constructed using \$7 million from the 2007 City of Spokane Parks Improvement Bond along with \$4 million from the sale of park property that was approved by City voters in 1999 and subsequently held in reserve.

The new Dwight Merkel Sports Complex features:

- Six full size natural grass soccer fields
- Two full size synthetic athletic fields with lights
- Five softball diamonds with lights
- One youth baseball field
- Concessions, rest rooms and meeting space
- BMX track with lights & timing equipment
- Skate park
- Neighborhood park with splash pad & playground
- Walkable connection to Riverside State Park