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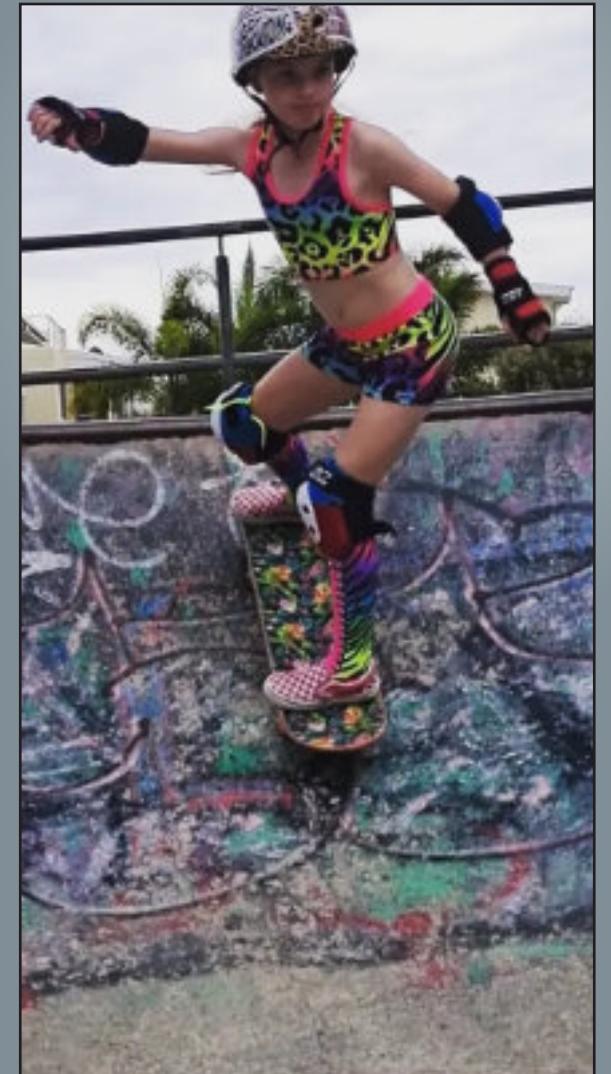
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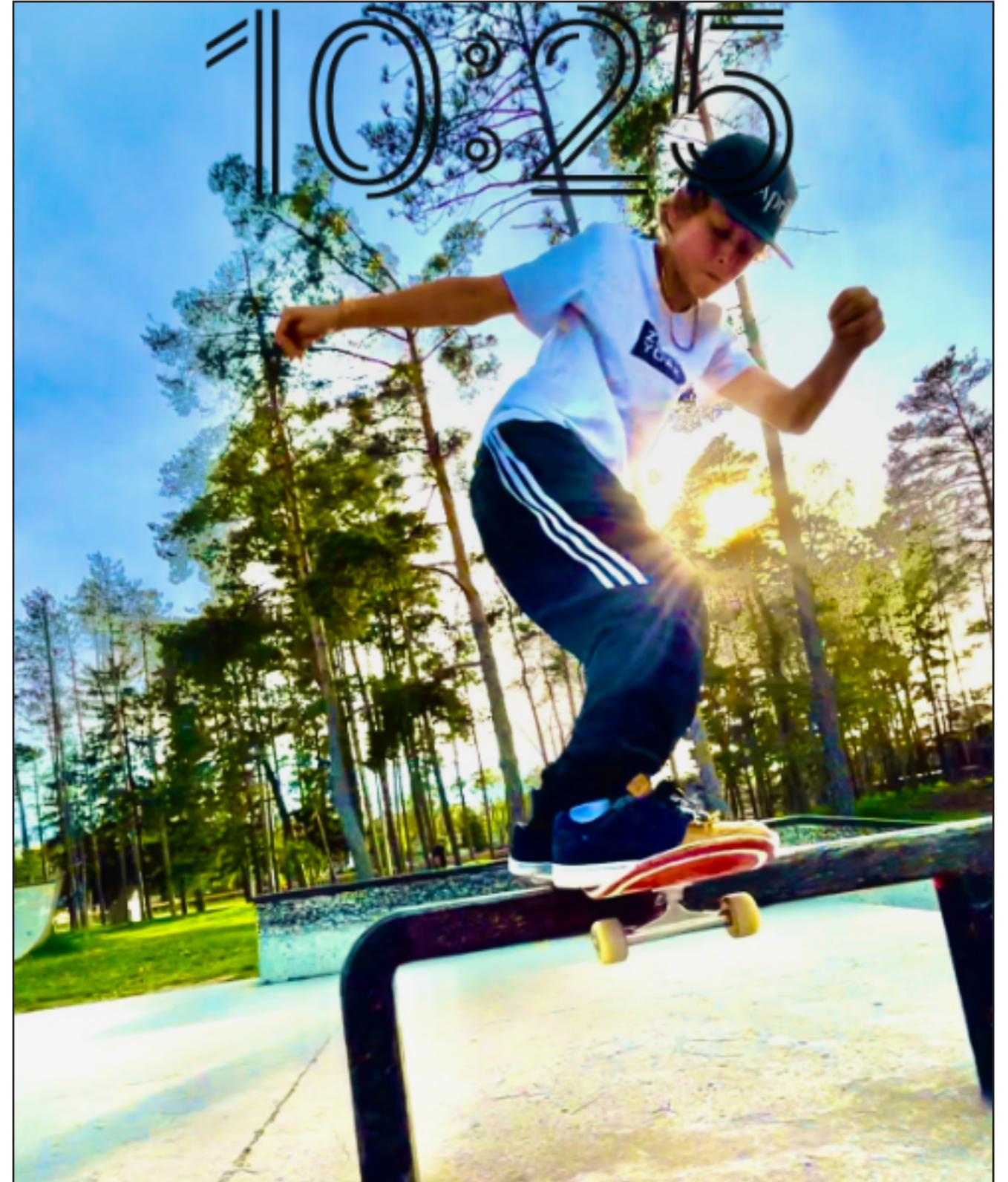


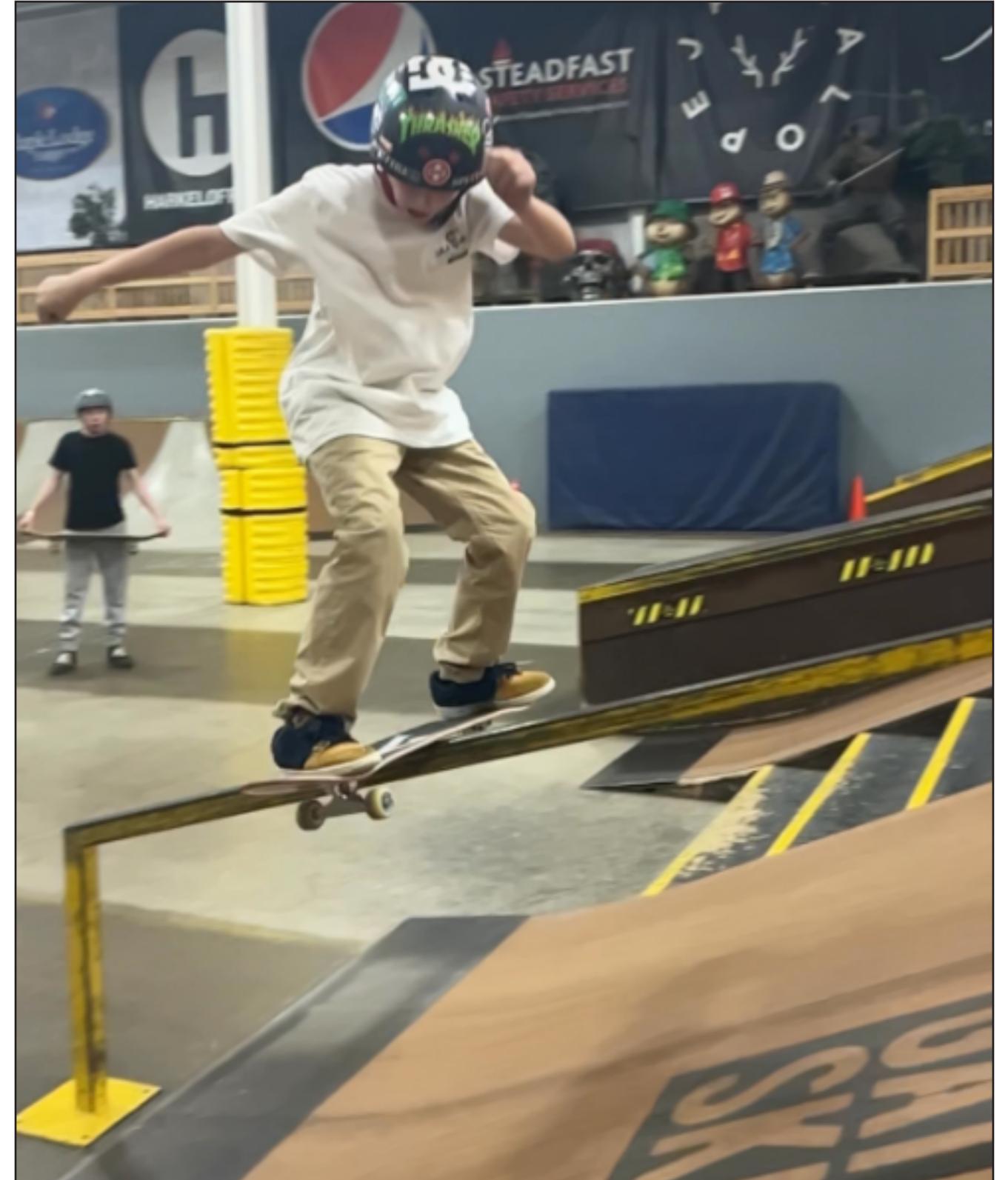
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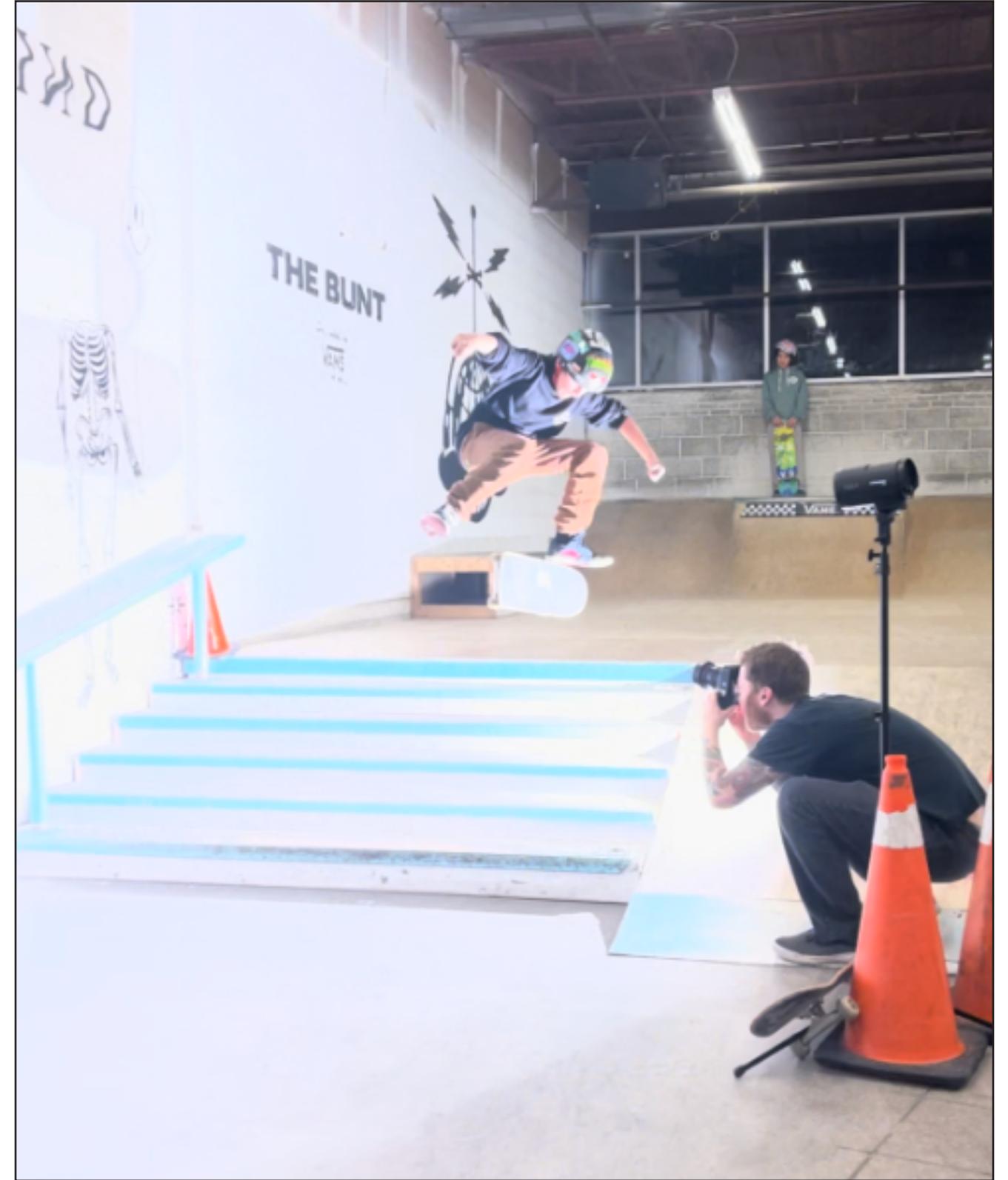
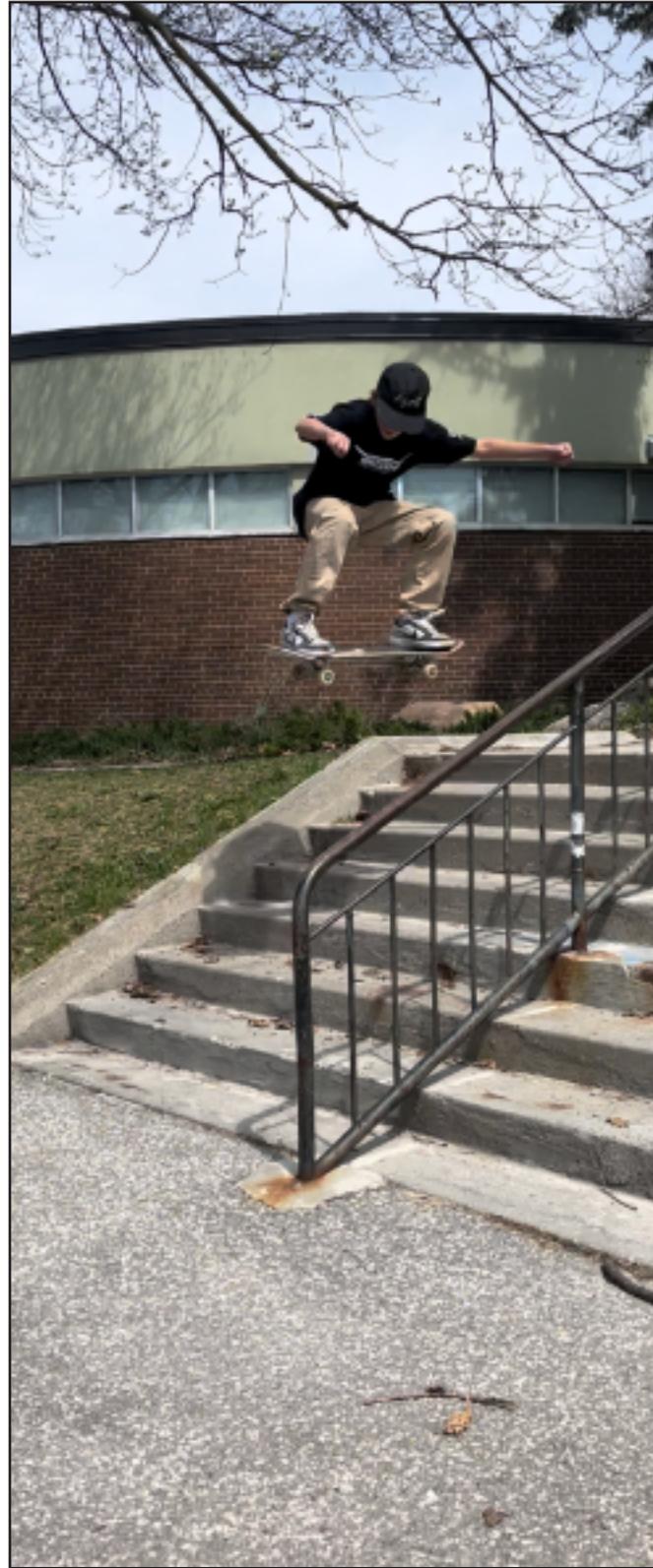
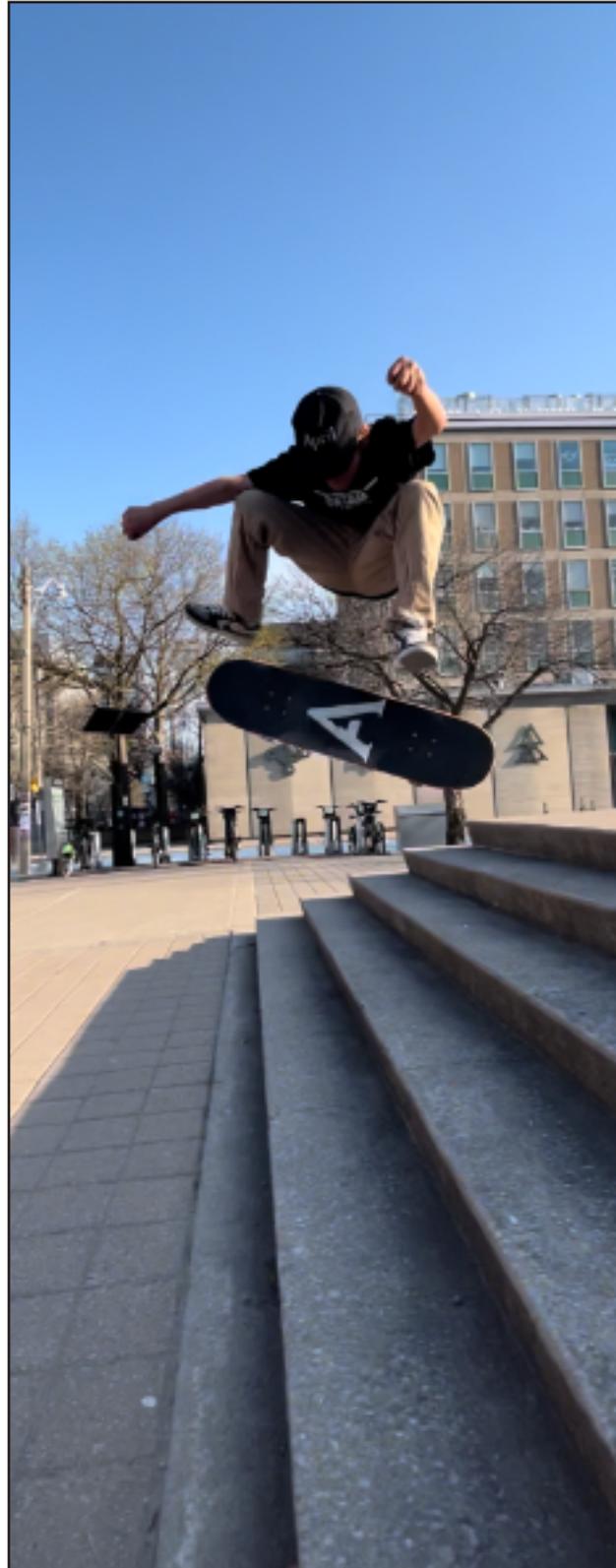
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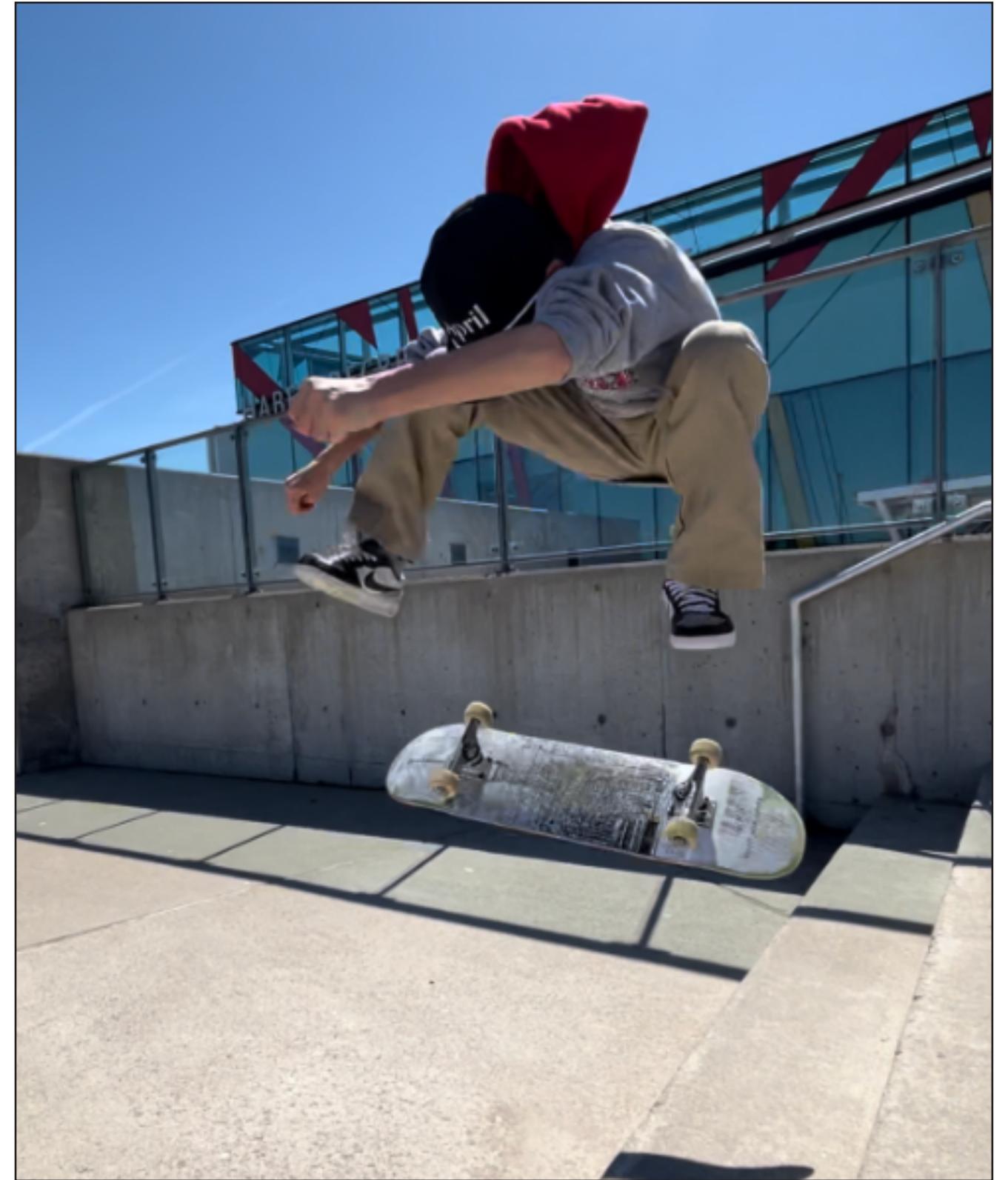
My name is Blake Marchildon. I one day hope to be able to skateboard professionally, or at least get some sponsorship, so my parents don't have to pay so much money for my boards, shoes, competitions, clothing, etc. My goals for this summer are to compete (and hopefully win) as many competitions as I can, especially Jackalopefest in Montreal. I have been skating all winter at CJs Skatepark in Mississauga and I have progressed so much. I can now get on all the obstacles at my local park in Orangeville. CJs has been very supportive with their sponsorship. I wouldn't be as good as I am right now without their support. The challenges I face are the costs associated with my skateboarding. It's an hour, each way, to get to CJs, I go through a lot of boards, wheels, bearings, and especially shoes. I've been skating for 3.5 years and I absolutely love it! I am having so much fun, have met new friends, and have so much support around me. My parents are my number one fans, and I have several OGs who help me progress at my local park and at CJs! I love the skateboarding community. It's like a big family and we all support each other. Whether or not I make it to pro or full sponsorship, I'll keep having fun with skateboarding, continue to progress, and have fun!

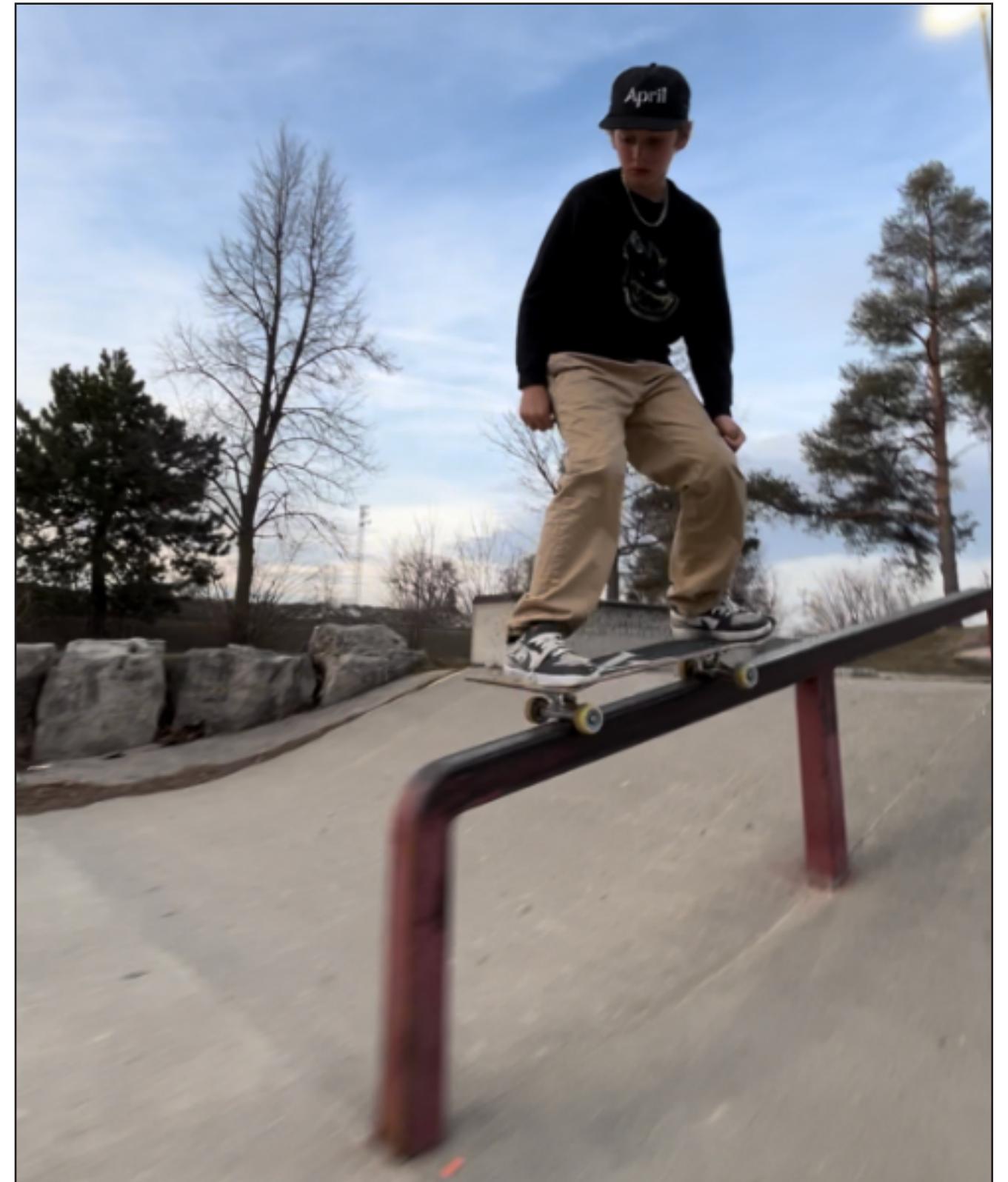
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Fergus

About me.

Hi, I'm Fergus I am 12 years old I've been skateboarding for nearly two years.

I Live in Tasmania, an island state in Australia.

I love skateboarding because there aren't many rules, and you can be creative with your tricks. To be a great skater, you need lots of persistence and motivation. When you land a new trick you've been working on for hours, days, months or even years you feel very proud, relieved and excited to do it again.

Dreams/goals

My goals for the future are to compete for Tasmania or maybe even Australia in the x-games, Olympics or world championships. I would also love to get sponsored.

Challenges

When I'm skateboarding, it helps me to be in the present and not to worry about non-skating-related things.

Achievements

In Australia, there are competitions called SPL comps (skate park league) and I like competing in them. When I compete, I feel a mix of emotions including nervousness, excitement and happiness. They're great because they provide a good sense of community and a great way to make new friends with similar interests.

At the comps, there is music playing, and there are all levels of competitors. It is for kids and adults. The comps are for skaters, roller skaters, scooters, and BMX riders. Lots of them are in rural communities. And it's great to see lots of people getting involved. I am currently leading the southern Tasmanian under-13 skate competitions.











My name is Florida. I am a 9 year old skateboarder from the Sunshine Coast, Qld, Australia.

My first skateboard was an Element complete, which I found under the Christmas tree. I was so happy as it was all I had wanted. My mum took me to a lesson at the local indoor skate park, I had so much fun that session, and from there I had the skateboarding stoke, and dreams of being a pro skater. I have been through a few more boards since then.

I remember my first drop in, it was about 1 foot. I was so excited! Now I am dropping in 6 foot, and one of my goals is to make the 9 foot drop at my local skatepark.

To really master my ollie, is my biggest goal right now. I'm so close! And I want to air out of the bowl, that would feel amazing!

One day I hope to compete in a competition. There are a few skateboarding competitions happening where I live. And it looks like so much fun!

I have been doing lessons with my friend Sammy's Skate Sessions 🛹

Sammy is super encouraging, always teaching me new things, helping me to achieve my goals, and keeping it fun. I have achieved a few new tricks this year, the latest being a frontside carve, and a 360 pivot. I am now working on little nosegrabs, and skating out of the bowl over the coping.

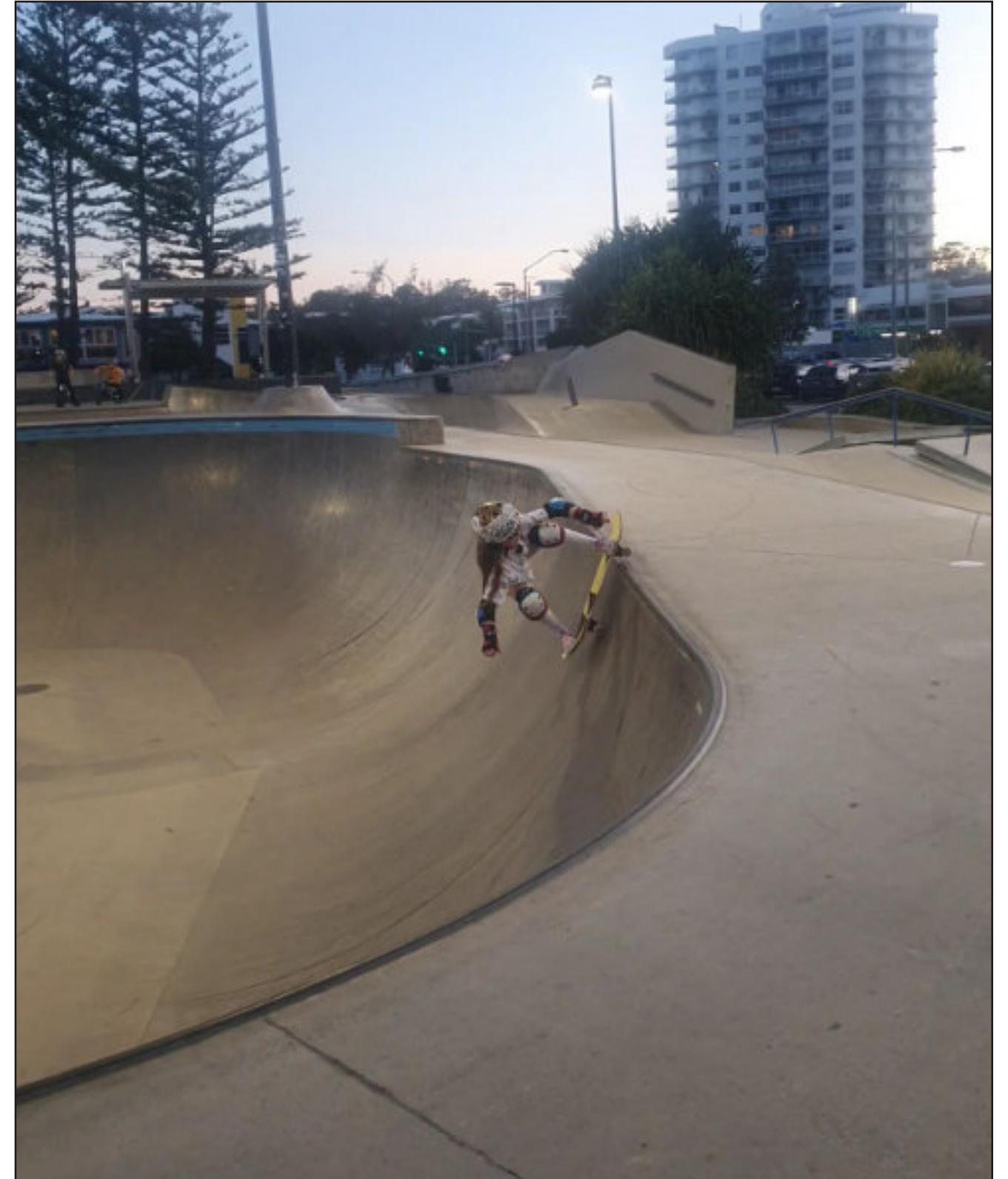
Skateboarding has its challenges of course. I've fallen off, and I've had a lot of bruises. It can feel scary sometimes, but I always give my best. I've had to practice, and not give up when learning a new skill.

I keep busy outside of skateboarding, I play the drums, and guitar. I love that my music teachers skateboard too, so we incorporate it into my music lessons. I'm even recording my own song right now, it's about skateboarding!

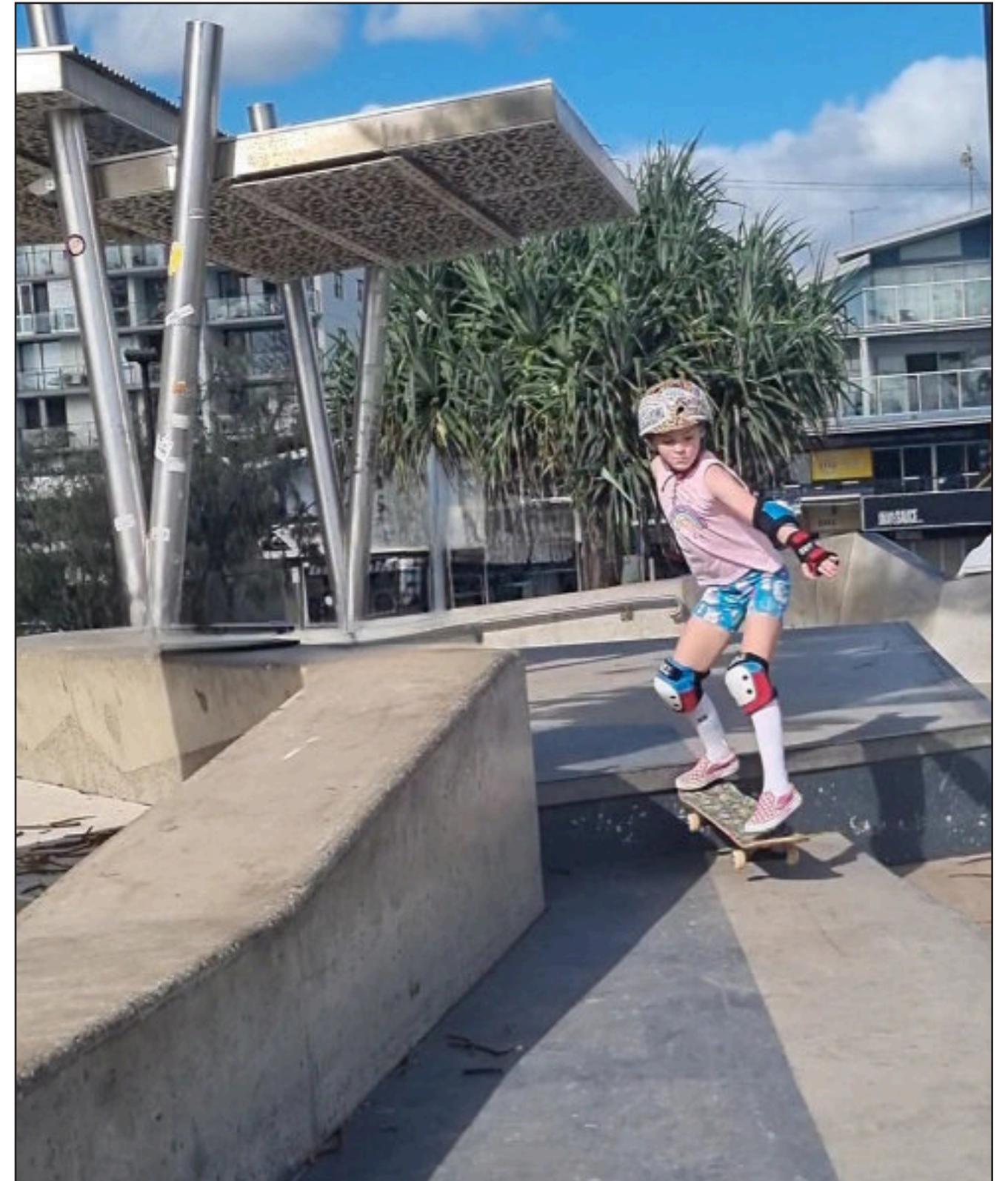
My journey so far has been full of good times, new skills, and new friends. I'm so happy to be a skateboarder!

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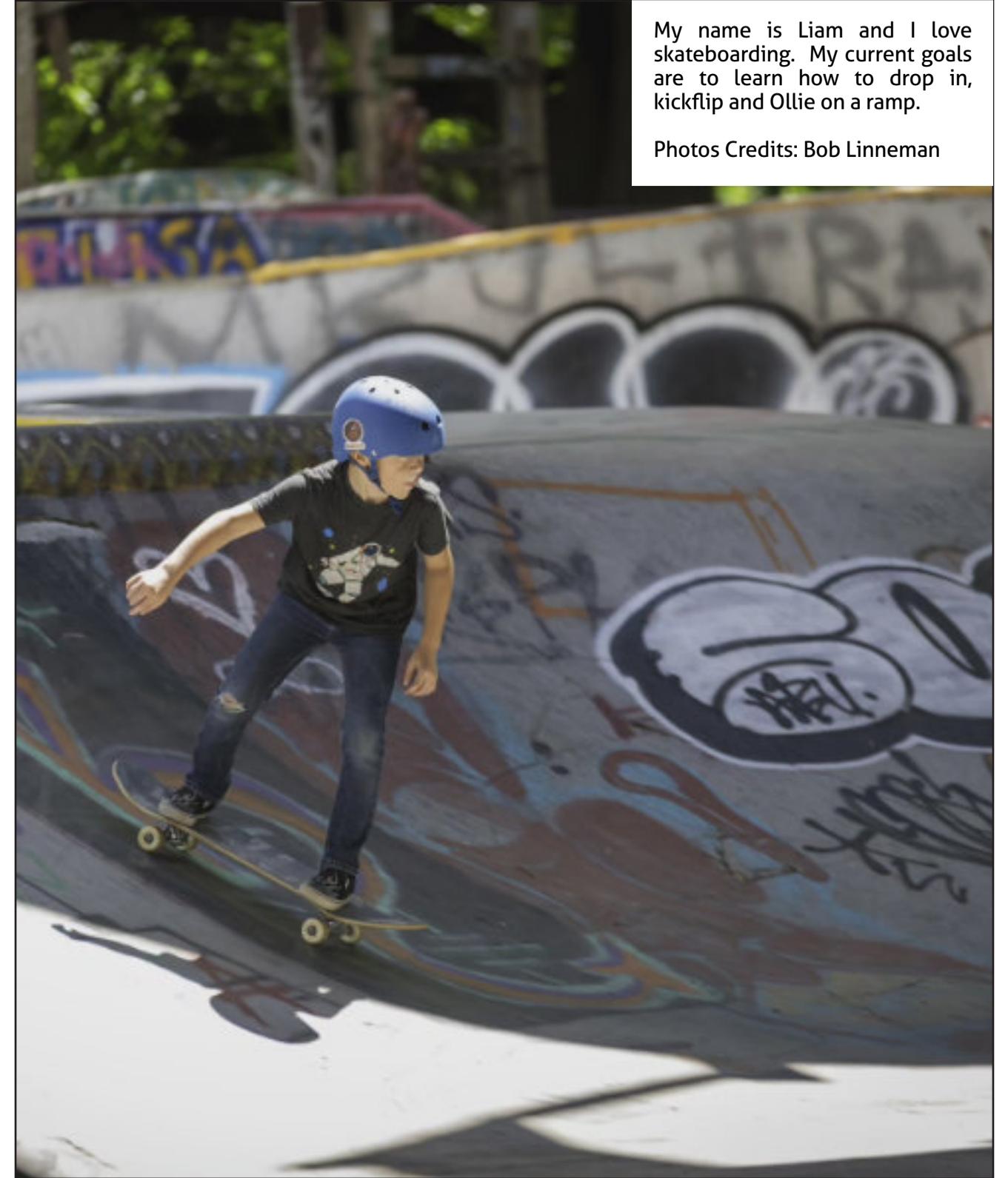
My name is Kylie Frank. I am 14 yrs old, and I love skateboarding. My dream is to be a pro skateboarder for women's street. Skateboarding for me connects through friends fitness and fun. A goal that I set for myself is to be fearless, when a stair set, rail, etc. looks intimidating, i just gotta go for it and overcome that fear. Something I am proud of this year is when I boardslid the

Hollywood 12 street rail. It was an awesome experience. Skateboarding has brought me so far in life, I'm very grateful. I'm also, excited for what the future holds with my skating career. Despite the fact that I compete in most skate contests against older people and sometimes adults, I feel it makes me a better skateboarder and gives me even more drive to get better.









My name is Liam and I love skateboarding. My current goals are to learn how to drop in, kickflip and Ollie on a ramp.

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Hey, my name is Mike and skateboarding is a huge part of my life. I have been riding for 23 years and am sponsored by Old School Skateboards. I am excited

that my son has gotten into skateboarding and it's our favorite thing to do together.

Photos Credits: Bob Lineman





My name is milo I have been skating for around 14 months some of my goals are getting sponsored one day landing a 540 on vert and kickflip Indy





Skate Bird Miami



In January 2022, SkateBird Miami opened with the goal of introducing skateboarding to people who had never been exposed to it before. Through the help of the Skateboard Supercross Academy (SBSX), which had taught more than a thousand kids how to skateboard, an after-school and Sunday program was initiated.

During the past semester, more than 90 kids attended classes to learn the basics of balancing, pushing, and dropping in, while the more experienced kids worked on mastering ollies and kick flips. Currently, kids enrolled in the first three levels (Green, Yellow, and Red) are preparing to compete in contests.

SkateBird Miami has assembled an outstanding coaching staff with diverse backgrounds and unique teaching styles, offering both group and private lessons.

Thanks to the close relationship of SkateBird Miami management with the Pro skater community, in February, 2023, Jamie Foy helped instruct a Red Level class, and in May, Daewon Son made an appearance and chatted with several young skaters. Very often you may find a Pro Skater shredding next to you at SkateBird Miami.

SkateBird Miami strives to introduce and promote skateboarding, as well as its culture, to people who would otherwise have never been exposed to the sport or its community.

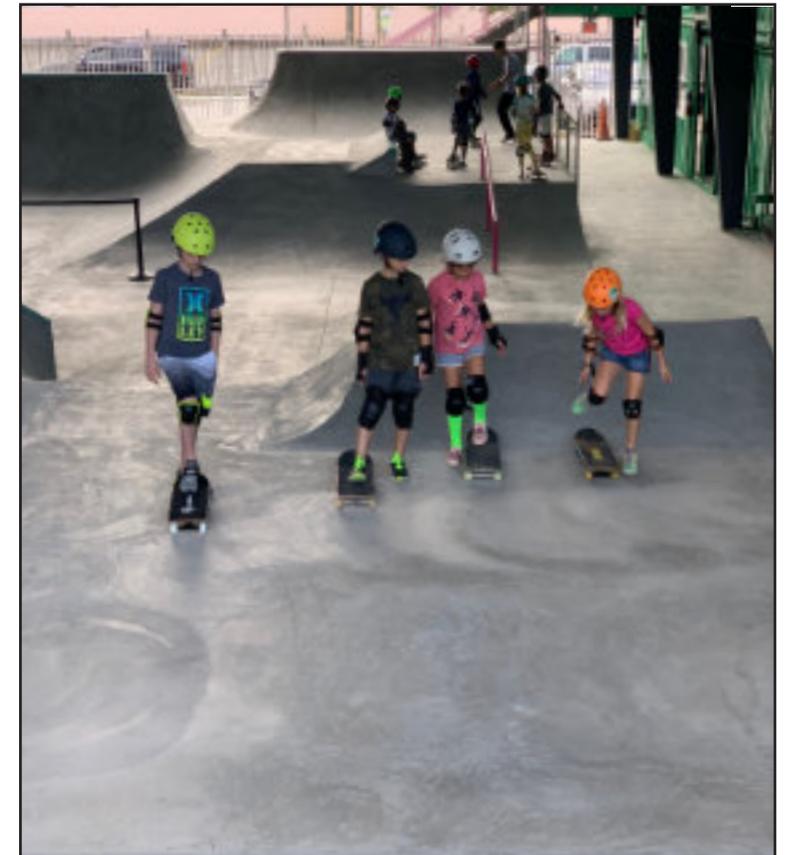
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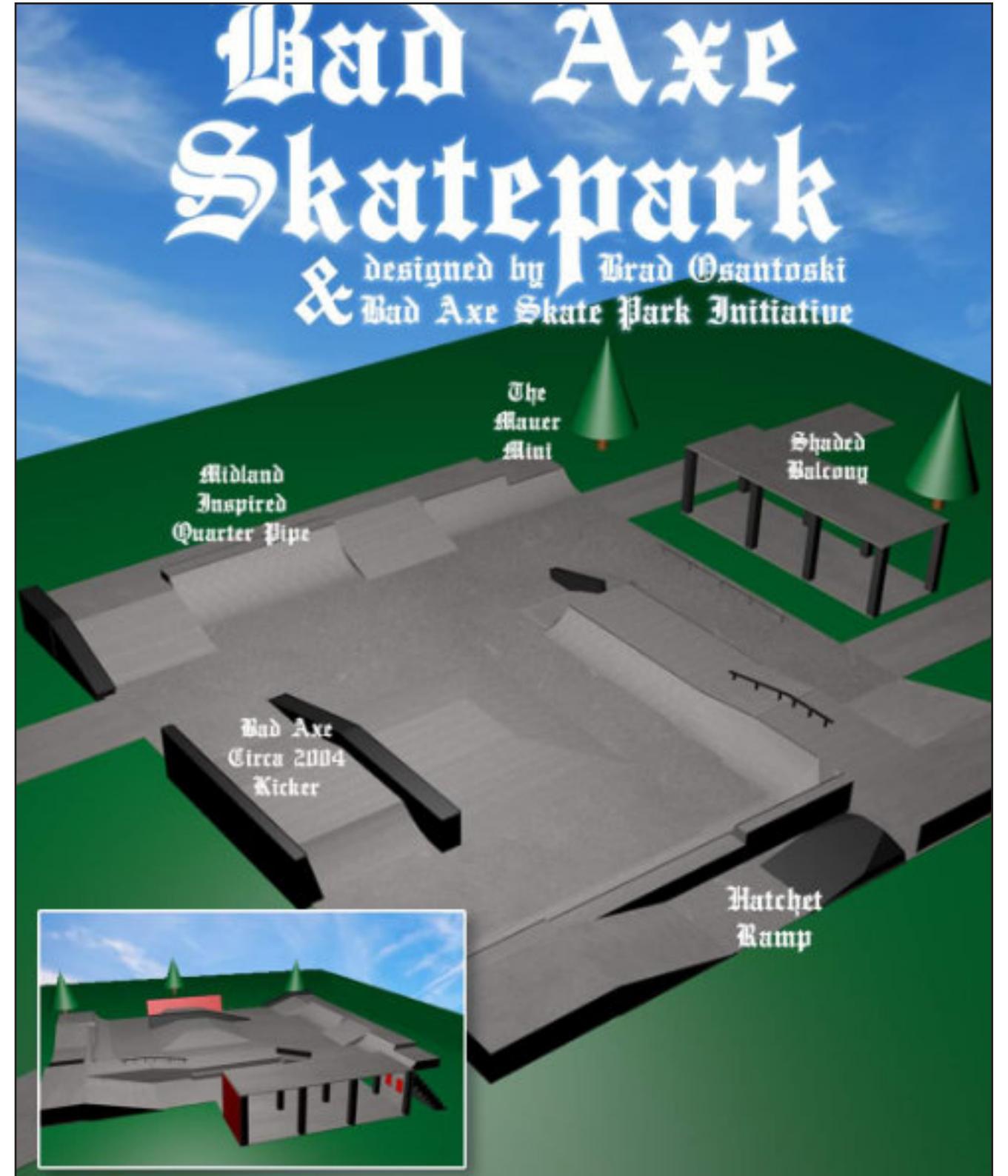


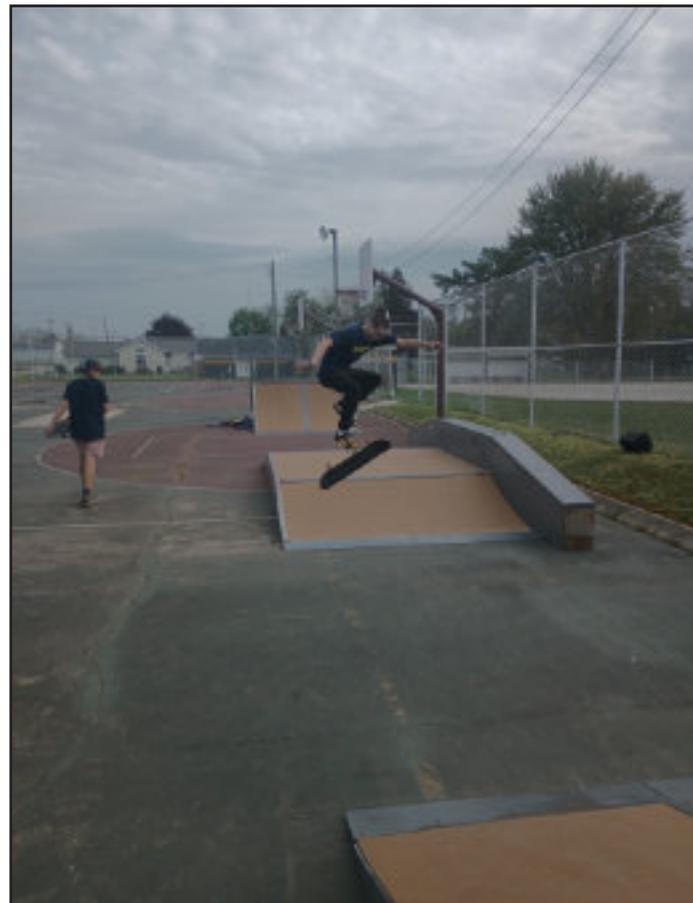
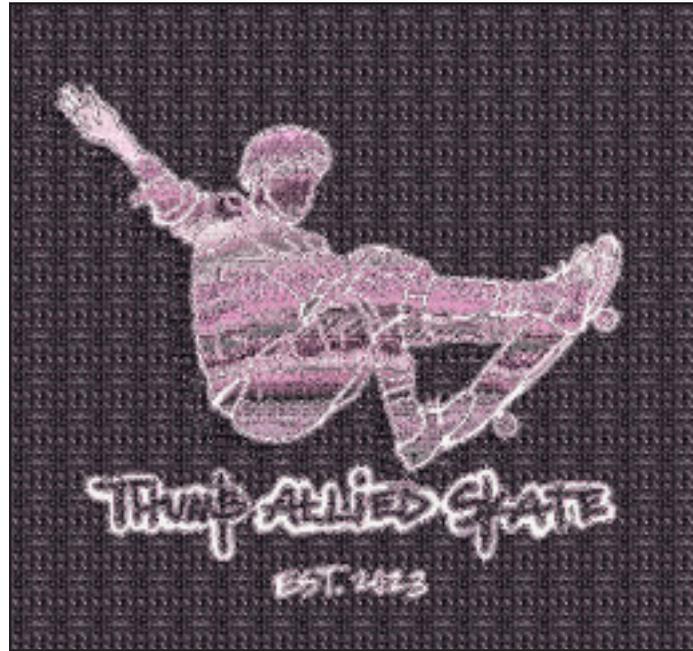
Thumb Allied Skate Inc was founded as a 501c3 Feb 22 2023 on the idea to bring a skate park to Bad Axe, Michigan which we accomplished with a small 3 piece pre-built skate

park that we can update and upgrade in the future and grow with our thrashers skill level. Currently we've given away over 28 skateboards, scooters, and BMX bikes to local community

members in need.

Website: <https://brand.page/ThumbAlliedSkateInc>







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