## WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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## THE BEST IN BMX ARE COMING TO WAUKEGAN JULY 21ST

The best bicycle motocross racing (BMX) athletes in the state are coming to Waukegan on July 21<sup>st</sup> for the NBL's Illinois State Qualifier! This exciting event will go down in history at the awesome Waukegan BMX track located at Henry Pfau Callahan Park and is expected to draw many spectators and participants.

The one full-day event will kick off at 11:00 a.m. Saturday. Athletes from all over Illinois will compete for 2007 NBL State points and awards of the day. These events are destined to be exciting for all of its attendees!

The NBL Illinois State Qualifier will start Saturday morning with practice immediately after registration. Registration is from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. New riders can register and race the same day. Saturday's event will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will continue on throughout the day and into the early evening. Don't miss out on any of the exciting races!

The NBL sanctions exciting local, state and national levels of BMX racing across the country and in Puerto Rico. With more than 160 racetracks and over 20,000 members, the NBL is the largest not-for-profit BMX racing association in America and is the proud host of the UCI North American Continental Series – the gateway to the Olympics for

the U.S. athletes. NBL offers a wide range of exciting programs for all levels and ages of riders, both male and female. The NBL's National Series is the premier BMX racing series in America and comes to a thrilling end on Labor Day weekend of each year with the legendary NBL Grand National. The NBL is affiliated to USA Cycling, the only national cycling federation in the U.S. recognized by the UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) who is in turn, the World governing body for all cycling disciplines. To learn more about the sport of BMX, Olympic level athletes, and the NBL, visit www.nbl.org or call 614.777.1625.

BMX (Bicycle Motocross) Racing is an exciting action sport! BMX consists of athletes racing 20" and 24" single-speed bicycles over a dirt constructed racing course. A typical racing course consists of obstacles ranging from jumps, berms, rollers, rhythm sections, etc.

The Waukegan BMX Track is located at Henry Pfau Callahan Park, 2785 Yorkhouse Road, Waukegan. The track is approximately 1200 ft. from start to finish with several obstacles to challenge the most avid rider. The track is open to the public every day, weather permitting. Waukegan BMX has gate practices on Thursday nights and races on Sunday. For more information visit www.waukeganbmx.com.