

GRADE 8 SKATEBOARD DECK DESIGN COMPETITION

Deadline to Enter: August 23, 2026

Get ready to let your creativity shine! Grade 8 Skateboards is excited to host their second skateboard deck design competition at this year's Art Crawl 2026. We challenge you to take a blank longboard deck to show off your unique vision and let the public decide whose design is their favorite.



About Grade 8 Skateboards:

Grade 8 Skateboards started in 2015 as a way to inspire Art students at Southwest Middle School. Over the past 11 years, the curriculum has expanded to teach kids the design, artistry, tenacity, and camaraderie of skateboarding. Last year, Grade 8 Skateboards formed an LLC to share skateboarding with a larger audience.

Categories and Awards:

- Teens (Ages 12-17)
 - (1) People's Choice Award - \$100
- Adults (18 and up)
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Entry Fee: \$30 (Fees are non-refundable)

Includes one raw board and inclusion in the exhibition/competition hosted at Art Crawl 2026.



Total Length: 32"

Wheel Base: 23"

Width: 9 1/2 "



Pre-entry is required to secure a board. Quantity is limited.

Rules and Guidelines:

- All designs and artwork must be original. Boards including copyrighted work will be disqualified.
- Any 2 dimensional mediums are allowed: drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, etc.
- Submissions cannot contain content including nudity, profanity, and any form of discrimination. (Grade 8 Skateboard reserves the right to disqualify boards that are deemed inappropriate.)
- Truck hole mounts cannot be covered, obstructed, or adjusted in any way.
- Contestants can only enter once.
- Boards must be complete and ready to handle when submitted. (Boards submitted with wet paint or fragile elements will not be accepted.)

Board Pick Up:

Once entered into the competition, the raw board may be picked up from Swan Brewing during business hours September 29 - October 16.

[Swan Brewing](#) - 115 W. Pine St., Lakeland, FL 33815

Board Drop Off:

Completed boards must be delivered to Swan Brewing from October 26 to November 1. No entries will be accepted after November 1. (Address above)

Board Exhibition at Art Crawl:

All boards will be on display at the Grade 8 Skateboards booth at Art Crawl 2026 hosted at Swan Brewing on November 8 (11am-4pm). (Address above)

Adjudication:

The public will be voting for their favorite boards! Voting will be open from 11:00am - 3:00pm at Art Crawl 2026 on November 8. The board with the most votes in each category will be the winner. **Invite your friends and family!**

Award Recognition:

Winners will be announced at Art Crawl, November 8 at 4:00pm from the main stage under the large white tent. **NOTE: Artists must be present to receive their award. If not, the artist with the next most votes will be awarded.**

Board Pick Up (After Exhibition):

Boards must be picked up on November 8 between 4:00pm and 5:00pm during Art Crawl. The boards will remain the artists after the exhibition.

Dates to Remember:

October 9	Midnight	Deadline to Enter Competition
September 29 - October 16	3pm-9pm	Pickup Boards at Swan Brewing
October 26 - November 1	9pm	Deadline to Drop Off Completed Boards at Swan Brewing
November 8	11am-5pm	Boards Exhibited at Art Crawl in the Grade 8 Skateboard tent
November 8	4:00pm	Winners announced at Art Crawl
November 8	4-5pm	Pickup Boards at Art Crawl

This opportunity is offered by Grade 8 Skateboards, a partner of Art Crawl, Inc., to continue the cultivation of the arts in our communities. Any questions about this Grade 8 Skateboard opportunity should be referred to Grade8skateboards@gmail.com.

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