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THE LEE AND JOE JAMAIL SKATEPARK WELCOMES 10,000TH MEMBER

The Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark welcomed its 10,000th member on January 4, 2009, marking the latest milestone for this new skatepark facility.

The newest member is Alberto Aguilar, a 15-year-old skateboarder from Elsie High School. Almost a year ago, Alberto heard through a friend that a new state-of-the-art skatepark opened in downtown Houston, but he had no way of getting there. Finally, in January, his Dad brought him to the park and Alberto not only skated in what he described as the "coolest park with a lot of stairs and grinding rails," he was recognized as the 10,000th member of the Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark. "Nothing like this as ever happened to me," said Alberto. "It was like winning the Lotto."

In recognition of this event, Alberto will be presented with an engraved/mounted skateboard platform plaque to commemorate the day he became the 10,000th member.

"The Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark is less than a year old and has already exceeded our expectations by not only registering more than 10,000 members, but by attracting over 38,000 users," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department.

The Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark, opened June 2, 2008, is a state-of-the-art 30,000 square foot public facility, known to contain the largest cradle in the world. The skateboarding facility provides the first world-class, in-ground skatepark in our region, featuring two major bowls and a giant street arena. The park has areas for skaters of all levels, from the beginner to the seasoned professional. New skaters are required to complete a membership application and are issued a membership card with a permanent identification number. Skatepark members need only to show their membership card and sign in to have unlimited access to the facility.

The Jamail Skatepark is located along the Buffalo Bayou on the corner of Memorial Drive and Sabine Street Bridge. Hours of operation are Monday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. – 10 p.m. For more information, visit www.houstonparks.org.

For more information on the Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (713) 865-4537 or visit www.houstonparks.org.