



Tucker Chornomud
Age: 20

Tucker Chornomud has taken a leadership role in the City of Yorkton to raise awareness of skateboarding. Skateboarders are not always seen in a positive light and Tucker has taken the initiative to change this perception. His leadership has moved skateboarding forward in this community and he has become a positive role model for younger skateboarders. Tucker recently hosted a very successful Skateboarding Demo called the Freedom Tour in Yorkton. Over 400 individuals came out to learn about skateboarding and to demonstrate their skills.

What are your passions?

Skateboarding.....I started skateboarding at the age of 12, A friend introduced me to the sport and my mind was blown! I picked up a Wal-Mart Deck, and was instantly hooked. I still can't believe something like riding a skateboard never died for me. I've known people who have skated, and quit and I don't see how that is possible.....I guess you got to have a love for the sport. I progressed quite fast and had a blast doing it so I kept rolling. When you get that joy and satisfaction from just riding and progressing, it's something that consumes you, you NEED it.

What got you involved in making the city of Yorkton a better place for young people?

A skateboard demo has been in our mind for a few years.....It brings awareness of skateboarding in Yorkton and most importantly, blows up the skate scene! Kids get so pumped up when the pro's come down and show them what can be done on a skateboard.....Our main issue was our skate park.....We've had pro's call us up, wanting to come down.....but our skate park was so rough.....we felt embarrassed, and didn't want them to waste there time. When the opportunity of getting a modular park came up, we were right on it! We attended every city council meeting, got involved in signing skate park petitions, designing the park layout, etc.....we worked hard to get a new "temporary" park and it ended up being enough to make this demo happen.

How did you get organized?

We called up the MONKE team and told them we wanted them for a demo! They've wanted to come up several times and we were so happy to give them the green light. Now we started the whole process of actually making this event happen. We have never put on an event like this before so it was all foreign territory for us. We got a note pad, started jotting down ideas, and went from there. The support from everybody around was surreal, and people were so pumped and felt Yorkton needed something like this. Without the support and help of these people, this event would have never happened, so thank you! You guys know who you are :)

We managed to get the Event indoors, which was an amazing feat itself.....to move the entire skate park indoors, free from rain, and more public friendly, was something we were so proud of. When people heard this, they couldn't believe we pulled it off!

So while we were in the planning stages of the event, there was also a side project that I took on.....creating a few new obstacles for the park! I was on the phone, getting contacts, and emailing around to find some new obstacles for the park. We ended up getting a skate table, a grind rail, and after a lot of hard work, we got our stair set. On the day of the event, there were the most skateboarders we've ever seen....I was in heaven.....seeing this many skateboarders in one building was surreal! We had the time of our lives and the Professionals were so impressed by how close our skate scene was here. This event brought so many people close together and couldn't have turned out any better. Just seeing 5 and 10 year olds, rolling around having a blast, made my day. Skateboarding is here to stay, and I hope this event opened eyes to the general public, and showed them that skateboarders should not be overlooked and can be very positive for the community!