



**PARENT/CHILD MAKING A SKATEBOARD OR LONGBOARD WITH CHRIS GOCHNOUR**  
**July 18-19, 2020**

I look forward to meeting you soon at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking. Building longboards and skateboards is a lot of fun and we will have a great weekend. This outline includes a summary of the class and instructions for what to bring.

If you have not already done so, please call Paula at MASW [317-535-4013](tel:317-535-4013) or email [paula@marcadams.com](mailto:paula@marcadams.com) and let her know if you are making a longboard or skateboard and the name and age of the child that will be attending with you.

**Class schedule**

**Saturday**

Introduction by Marc Adams  
Class introductions and overview of workshop  
Power tool overview and safety demo  
Laminate deck-top decorative pattern  
Make foam molds  
Cut deck-top decorative pattern into veneers  
Laminate veneers with core material  
(three ply 1/8-inch Baltic birch for longboards or five ply 1/16-inch maple for skateboards)  
Press in vacuum bag

**Sunday**

Design on paper shape of longboard deck  
Transfer paper design onto laminated deck  
Bandsaw, sand and route edge profiles to shape  
Drill holes for trucks and wheels  
Prepare final sanding and detailing  
Spray fast-dry polyurethane topcoat  
Sprinkle crushed glass abrasive on deck top  
Discussion and videos on skateboarding fun and safety  
Assemble decks with trucks and wheels

## Supplies to bring

Tools and equipment used for layout and design will be useful, i.e. Tape measure, rule, drawing arcs and bows. Tools for shaping and forming can also be helpful, i.e. Spoke shaves, rasps and files. The only other tools that will be helpful are assembly tools, i.e. Socket wrench set, Phillips screw driver, and a set of drill bits.

The available woods for building the deck are walnut, cherry, maple and oak. If you want to use specialty woods, feel free to bring your own.

You can either bring your own trucks, wheels, bearings and mounting hardware or you can purchase them from me. Those who purchase from me need to let me know by emailing me at [TheJoinersBench@gmail.com](mailto:TheJoinersBench@gmail.com). The products I sell are high quality, and I sell the complete set for \$95, which is a good value. Alternatively, you can go to a skateboard/longboard shop in your area and purchase your accessories there. There is a national company that is located in lots of malls called Zumiez, if that is helpful. The salespeople at the store can make recommendations on what would work best. You can also purchase trucks, wheels and bearings online from many suppliers.

In my own business I only build longboards and so I do not have trucks, wheels and bearings for skateboards. If you are building a skateboard you will need to bring your own accessories. If this is new to you, selecting the right products can be intimidating. A company called EVO has an outstanding website and skateboard guide (see link below). I recommend you spend time on this site learning about your options. I browsed through their inventory and the selection and prices are good. If you are looking for good value, Mini-Logo trucks, wheels and bearings are a good choice.

<http://www.evo.com/skateboard-guide-and-skate-size-chart.aspx>

You can also visit your local board shop to purchase accessories. Most major malls have a skateboard/longboard shop.

Finally, give a little thought to the design of your deck before you get to class. A visit to a board shop or surfing the Internet will be a good idea. You can also look at a few of the boards I've made on my website – [ChrisGochnour.com](http://ChrisGochnour.com).

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