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Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association State Championships come to Sarasota County

The calm waters of the lake at Nathan Benderson Park, formerly Cooper Creek Park, 2500 North Honore Ave., Sarasota will come alive this weekend as Sarasota County Parks and Recreation welcomes the Florida Inter-Collegiate Rowing Association State Championships, 7 a.m.- 2 p.m., Saturday, March 11, 2009.

The Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association (FIRA) consists of 12 Florida schools including the University of Florida, Florida State University, Stetson University and the University of South Florida. The competition will consist of 30 different events on a course measuring 1750 meters in length. This will be the first year the event is held in Sarasota County.

“This is a going to be a very exciting event with some of the top schools in the state coming to Sarasota to compete,” said Parks and Recreation General Manager John McCarthy. “The impact of this event from a sporting perspective, an economic development perspective and most importantly, from a community perspective, will be a positive one and we are proud to be a part of it.”

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about the Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association State Championships.

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