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Siesta sand stacks up for the ‘38th Annual Sand Sculpture Contest’

An old proverb says “a man’s home is his castle,” but Sarasota County Parks and Recreation believes castles can belong to men, women and children as Siesta Beach hosts the “38th Annual Sand Sculpture Contest”, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., May 1, at Siesta Public Beach, 948 Beach Road, Sarasota.

On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with sculpting from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. Sculptures will be judged in several categories, including youth 10 and under, youth 11 to 17, adult miscellaneous, adult humorous and the coveted People’s Choice Award.

Contestants and spectators are encouraged to bring water and sunscreen.

The sand sculpture contest is one of the most popular annual events on Siesta Beach. The contest is sponsored in-part by the Sarasota Convention and Visitor’s Bureau and the Siesta Key Association.

Siesta Beach consistently is ranked as one of the top beaches in the country by Dr. Stephen Leatherman, (Dr. Beach), a leading authority on beaches. “With some of the finest, whitest sand in the world, this beach attracts sand collectors from all over,” Leatherman said.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about the 38th Annual Sand Sculpture Contest.

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