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SPORTSABILITY ARRIVING IN MARION ON SEPT. 30

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Sept. 16, 2011) – Sports enthusiasts of all age and ability levels in Marion County will soon have another excuse to head outdoors. SportsAbility, a sports event designed to enhance the lives of those with disabilities through recreational opportunities, is coming to Marion County Sept. 30 – Oct. 1, 2011.

Marion County Parks and Recreation and the City of Ocala Recreation and Parks Department are co-hosting the event for the third year in a row in partnership with the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association, the event organizer.

On Sept. 30, attendees can participate in events such as scuba diving, horseback riding and adaptive golf, tennis and basketball at the E.D. Crosky Center, Hampton Aquatic Center and MLK Recreation Complex (1510 NW Fourth St., Ocala). Participants will also have the opportunity to attend the SportsAbility Resource Expo for information on recreation, health and assistive technology, among other topics.

On Oct. 1, events move to Marion County's Carney Island Recreation and Conservation Area (13275 SE 115th Ave., Ocklawaha) where participants can take pontoon boat rides, sit water-ski and try archery (among other activities). School groups, group homes, organizations, families and individuals are all invited to attend.

All activities will be offered at no charge and run from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. each day. For more information on attending, contact Marion County Parks and Recreation staff Cathy Norris or Dan Burleigh at 352-671-8560. For more information about SportsAbility, visit www.fdoa.org.

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