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KIDS' FISHING DERBY SET FOR OCT. 8

Immediate Release

WHO: Marion County Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

WHAT: 21st Annual Lake Eaton Kids' Fishing Derby

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 ▪ 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WHERE: Ocala Conservation Center and Youth Camp in the Ocala National Forest (7325 NE 170th Ave., Silver Springs)

WHY: Marion County Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the 19th consecutive year to bring local children the annual Lake Eaton Kids' Fishing Derby. The derby, now in its 21st year, offers children ages 6 – 12 and their families an opportunity to learn about fishing and Florida's aquatic habitats.

Derby participants will be in for hours of fishing fun including casting contests and a "Bugs and Critters" lake wading activity. Attendees can also look forward to nature craft activities hosted by Parks and Recreation. Interested families should sign up in advance, as space is limited to 90 children. To sign up, call 352-732-1225 (weekdays only). Each registered child will receive a commemorative T-shirt and a rod and reel set.

To learn more about the event or Marion County Parks and Recreation, call 352-671-8560.

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