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Sarasota & Her Islands Welcomes

The 2009 '14 and Under' AAU Baseball National Championships

Sarasota, Fla. – The Sarasota Convention and Visitors Bureau is proud to sponsor the 2009 '14 and Under' AAU Baseball National Championships. The event will take place at the Ed Smith Stadium Complex from July 19th through July 24th. General registration begins on the afternoon of July 18th at the Hyatt Regency, with the opening ceremonies taking place in the stadium on July 17th at 6 PM before the Sarasota Reds baseball game. The event will consist of 33 teams competing from across the country, from Texas to New Hampshire. Each team has qualified through competition during this summer and will be coming to Sarasota to become the '14 and Under' AAU National Champions!

Competition will take place throughout Sarasota County including the Ed Smith Stadium Complex, Venice Wellfield Park, Twin Lakes Park and the Lakewood Ranch Babe Ruth Complex. Spectator admission is required for all events. Daily admission for adults is \$10; children ages 6 and under are admitted free. You can purchase a week-long tournament pass for \$40. For a schedule of game times and locations, please contact Linda Needs at 941-954-4101 ext. 5200, linda.needs@sarasotagov.com or visit the AAU Baseball website at www.aabaseball.org. "This event has become a staple in the Sarasota community every summer and has generated needed business for our local hotels, attractions and restaurants. We will also have some of the best young talent in baseball competing right here in Sarasota," stated Patrick Calhoun, Sports Facilities Manager of the City of Sarasota.

The Sarasota Convention & Visitors Bureau leads and supports the tourism industry in Sarasota County by providing the highest quality, and most innovative, marketing programs and promotions to ensure the continued growth of tourism and travel from visitors around the world. The Sports Marketing Department of the SCVB brings quality sporting events to Sarasota County and creates economic impact from these activities. For more information, contact Jason Puckett at (941) 955-0991, ext. 105, or jpuckett@sarasotafl.org.

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