

No. 17, 2010

Media contact: Curt Preisser, 941-861-5884 or 941-650-2883, cpreisse@scgov.net

Project contact: Diana Finnegan, 941-861-9838, dfinnega@scgov.net

CORRECTION: The previous release listed an incorrect date for the Sandy Claws Beach Run. The run will take place Saturday, Dec. 11.

It's 34 years and still running for Sandy Claws Beach Run

Sarasota County Parks and Recreation's annual Sandy Claws Beach Run on Siesta Beach started in 1976 and has grown in popularity every year since. This year, the event will begin with registration at 7 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Siesta Beach, 948 Beach Road, Sarasota. The 1-mile fun run begins at 8 a.m. and the timed 5K run starts at 8:20 a.m.

Preregistration ends Dec. 3 and is \$15 for runners ages 13 and under and \$18 for adults. Race-day registration is \$25. Registration forms are available at www.parksonline.scgov.net or at any Sarasota County recreation center or library.

All preregistered participants receive a Sandy Claws Beach Run long-sleeve T-shirt. Race-day participants receive a T-shirt while supplies last. Awards are presented to the 1st - 6th place finishers in each age group, with the top three winners in each group receiving trophies. The event is sanctioned by Manasota Track Club, which uses ChampionChip timing.

The 2010 Sandy Claws Beach Run is sponsored by Sarasota County Parks and Recreation, Manasota Track Club, Chick-fil-A and Waste Services of Florida.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about the Sandy Claws Beach Run at Siesta Beach.

-end-