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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
SPONSOR FULL SLATE OF ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS IN OCTOBER**

MIAMI, FL – October 2011 – For more than 20 years the Miami-Dade County Fair has financially underwritten a full array of middle school and high school athletic competitions. This year is no exception. Taking place at Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation facilities, below is the October list of High School and Middle School athletics competitions.

October's Calendar of Athletic Competitions, Middle and High School in Miami-Dade County:

- **High School Bowling Invitational** at Bird Bowl, 9275 SW 40th Street Miami, FL 33165. The event will take place on October 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. Contact: Terri Thrash at 305-232-2044, ext. 2044.
- **High School Cross Country Invitational** at Larry & Penny Thompson Park Cross Country Course, 12451 SW 184th St, Miami, FL 33196. The event will take place on October 21, 2011 at 4 p.m. Contact: Larry Wooten, 305-926-2994 or LJHawks13@aol.com.
- **Middle School Cross Country** at Larry & Penny Thompson Park Cross Country Course, 12451 SW 184th St, Miami, FL 33196. The track event will take place on October 21, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. Contact: Larry Wooten, 305-926-2994 or LJHawks13@aol.com.
- **Middle School Swimming and Diving Invitational** at Tamiami Park Pool, 11201 SW 24th Street, Miami, FL 33165. The swimming meet on October 29, 2011 starts at 10 a.m. and the finals are at 4 p.m. Contact: Kirk Peppas, 786-255-4695 or maccoach27@aol.com.

“We understand that athletics makes a positive difference in a young person’s life,” said Phillip M. Clark, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Miami-Dade County Fair. “That is why we are committed to sponsoring middle and high school athletics in Miami-Dade County.”



The Miami-Dade County Fair celebrated its 60th anniversary this year, and is ranked as the largest fair in Florida, attracting well over half a million visitors annually. The 2011 edition of The Fair™ saw over a four percent increase in attendance. In cooperation with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, The Fair showcases the artistic and academic talents of more than 45,000 students through competition and exhibition, with winnings totaling more than \$250,000 annually in cash premiums, awards, trophies and plaques. The mission of the Miami-Dade County Fair is to give back to the community by sponsoring athletics and academics. In its 60 year history, The Fair has donated more than \$8 Million in scholarships, awards and premiums. The 2012 Fair is scheduled to run March 15 – April 1.

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