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More than 1,500 students expected at Miami-Dade County Youth Fair's Cross-Country Race Championship set for Sept. 3 at Larry and Penny Thompson Park

MIAMI, Fla. – Aug. 27, 2015 – The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair's Cross-Country Race open to middle school and high school athletes will take place Thursday, Sept. 3, at Larry and Penny Thompson Park, 12451 SW 194th St., Miami.

Junior varsity races begin promptly at 3:30 p.m. followed by varsity races at 4:45 p.m. The final race of the day starts at 5:20 p.m. Following the race winners will receive their awards, including the Miami-Dade Mayor's Cup, at an awards ceremony following the races.

The Youth Fair's annual Cross-Country Race draws more than 1,500 high school and middle school students from Miami-Dade County public and private schools to compete at the park's cross-country track. The race has become part of the Youth Sports Championship Series, which is the premier sponsor of the event.

The Youth Sports Championship Series aims to build and support a strong foundation of organized sports through a series of sport championships coordinated by the Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department and the local governing body of the individual youth sport. Champions will be crowned in 10 sports at 15 events, predominantly at Miami-Dade County-owned parks and facilities. Winners of championships in tennis, track and field, basketball, baseball, flag football, golf, swimming, wrestling, cross country, cheer and dance, and soccer will be crowned with the Mayor's Cup.

For more information about the Youth Sports Championship Series please contact Chris Evans at ChrisEv@MiamiDade.gov or 305-755-7885.

The Youth Fair and the Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department work together to promote a year round athletic program. Annually, there are more than 6,000 public and private school students who participate in the various sporting events: swimming and diving, cross country, tennis, track, golf, bowling, wrestling and badminton. These events are open to middle and high school students.

All athletic events are held in accordance with the official rules of the National Federation of State High School Association, Florida High School Activities Association and the Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC).

The Youth Fair is a not-for-profit, private organization that awards more than \$300,000 annually in college scholarships, cash premiums and awards to local public, private, charter and home school students. To date, The Youth Fair has awarded well above \$10 million to Miami-Dade students to help them achieve higher education. The annual Youth Fair is the only venue where students can showcase their educational, art and science achievements all in one place and be rewarded for their efforts. More than 53,000 student projects are exhibited each year to more than 650,000 families, friends and fairgoers. Please visit <http://www.thefair.me/>

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