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## **The Gainesville Senior Games Begins this Weekend**

Gainesville, Florida

*October 23-25, 2009*

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gainesville Senior Games begins this Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. This year's games are once again presented by Shands HealthCare and hosted by the Gainesville Sports Commission. Over 300 athletes ages 50 and over will compete in 11 sports events all around Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. This year there are over 55 local City of Gainesville residents competing. Each Senior Games athlete will be competing for gold, silver and bronze medals in their age group and a chance to qualify for the State Senior Games in December. This year's Senior Games will feature archery, basketball shooting, 3 on 3 half court basketball, bowling, cycling, golf, road race, tennis, swimming, table tennis, and track and field.

New to this year's Senior Games are the facilities where three of the sports events are being held. The Tennis event will be held at the Jonesville Tennis Center which recently opened in May; and the Basketball and Tennis Table events will be held at the brand new Easton Archery Center in Newberry, FL.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Games – Schedule of Events and Facilities**

Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

**8:00am**

Cycling – Gainesville Raceway

Golf - Ironwood Golf Course

Table Tennis – Easton Archery Center

**9:00am**

Bowling – Alley Katz Corner

Saturday, October 24th

**8:00am**

Archery – Wacahoota Range (Gator Bowmen Archery Range)

Basketball Shooting – Easton Archery Center

Road Race – Percy Beard Track at University of Florida

Track and Field – Percy Beard Track at University of Florida

Tennis – Jonesville Tennis Center

**1:00pm**

3 on 3 Basketball – Easton Archery Center

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

**8:00am**

Swimming – Stephen C. O’Connell Center

Tennis – Jonesville Tennis Center

The Senior Games are funded by the City of Gainesville and the Alachua County Visitors and Conventions Bureau. This Local Senior Games is sanctioned by the Florida Sports Foundation and is a qualifier for the Florida State Senior Games Championships.

For more information about the Senior Games please call Gainesville Sports Commission at 352-338-9300 or email: [jcacciatore@gainesvillesportscommission.com](mailto:jcacciatore@gainesvillesportscommission.com) and let the Games begin!

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