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Weekend Sports Tournaments Bring Visitors to Springfield

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board welcomes hundreds of visitors from around the state and country to four tournaments held this weekend in conjunction with Park Board facilities.

"We're really excited about bringing a lot of out-of-town visitors to Springfield and Greene County for these four championship events," said Bob Belote, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. "While they may affect local traffic at times, the positive impact on our local economy as well as the opportunities for our local athletes are extremely significant."

Killian Sport Complex, 2141 E. Pythian Ave., hosts the Missouri State High School Athletics Association Girls Softball Championships today through Sunday. Sixteen softball teams from around the state compete today through Saturday.

Down the road, Cooper Tennis Complex, 2300 E. Pythian Ave., is holding the Missouri State High School Athletics Association Girls Tennis Championships, where 48 players compete in singles and doubles matches through Saturday.

Across the street, Lake Country Soccer, 2334 E. Pythian Ave., is where the National Christian HomeSchool Boys Soccer Championships takes place. Eighteen Varsity and JV teams are expected.

Doling Family Center, 301 E. Talmage Ave., and O'Reilly-Tefft Gymnasium, 1408 E. Pythian Ave., along with a number of area schools, host the National Christian HomeSchool Girls Volleyball Championships through Saturday. A total of 60 Varsity, JV and Junior High teams from across the country will compete.

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board hosts more than 50 national state and regional championship tournaments every year, generating an estimated \$12-\$13 million for the local economy.

For more information about the Missouri State High School Athletics Association, visit www.mshsaa.org. For more information about the National Christian HomeSchool events, visit <http://NCHCLive.com>. For information about parks facilities, call Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Public Information Administrator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, at 417-874-2176 or 417-224-5510.