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The Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County Hosted Regional State Education Day on April 25

Sarasota, FL (May 13, 2009) —Loads of buses full of Boys & Girls Club members astute and full of spirit from eight different counties pulled into the Lee Wetherington Club on Fruitville Road. State Ed Day appropriately themed, “Knowledge is Power, Use It!” hosted 650 participants competing in spelling bees, drawing contests, chess, connect 4, math, geography, public speaking, Florida trivia, sports trivia, essays and checkers.

Overall winners received a trophy larger than life and each topic winner received a certificate. Winners of were as follows:

- The Roy McBean Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County (Newtown) for First Place Overall
- The Boys & Girls Clubs of Collier County for Second Place Overall
- The Lee Wetherington Boys & Girls Club for Third Place Overall (Sarasota)
- The Boys & Girls Clubs of Collier County for Best Banner
- The Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County (Desoto Club) for Most Spirited
- The Boys & Girls Clubs of Collier County for Overall Participation

“State Education Day is an opportunity for youth from across the state to come together and compete in a fun and educational environment,” says Dawn Page, Area Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County. A celebration would be remiss if they didn’t include activities and snacks—highlights were an incredible DJ, dance music, snow cones, popcorn, inflatables, jousting, bungee run and a Hoola Hoop and jump rope contest.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County have played an integral role in the Sarasota County community for more than 39 years, providing daily programs and services to more than 8,000 young people. The Mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those that need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.