



**Tallahassee
Tennis
Challenger**



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**TALLAHASSEE TENNIS CHALLENGER TO HOST
FIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS**

BACKGROUND

The Tallahassee Tennis Challenger, a \$75,000 USTA Pro Circuit event, will be held at the Forestmeadows Athletic Center, April 22-April 29. Professional athletes from around the world will be competing for \$75,000 in prize money, as well as valuable ATP World Tour Ranking points.

LOCATION

Forestmeadows Athletic Center
(4750 North Meridian Road, Tallahassee, FL 32312)

MONDAY, APRIL 24

Event: Boys Town Jamboree

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

About: Kids from Boys Town will get an intro to tennis through fun and games and will receive gift bags at the end.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 & THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Event: Ten & Under Clinics

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

About: Third graders from local elementary schools are introduced to the game of tennis using the USTA Ten & Under program led by Anne Davis (USTA National Director for Community Engagement.) Kids are expected to be on court for an hour and have the option to attend the tournament. The event is manned by local volunteers from the community and 500 kids are expected to attend.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Event: Community Center Tennis Spectacular

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

About: Kids from the Southside Community Tennis Centers and from Palmer Munroe Teen Center attend a fun tennis event just for them. It will feature a pizza party, gift bags and the opportunity to attend the tournament with their coaches.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Event: Special Olympics Tennis Carnival

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

About: 250 Special Olympians of all ages from Leon County schools are introduced to tennis skills and fun activities to help them learn the game of tennis. A pizza party with ice cream is also provided at the conclusion of the event.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Event: Net Generation Tennis Event

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

About: The event is open to kids ages 5-18 interested in playing and learning about tennis.

ABOUT THE USTA PRO CIRCUIT:

With approximately 90 tournaments hosted annually throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$15,000 to \$125,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the pathway to the US Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and a frequent battleground for established professionals. The USTA launched its Pro Circuit 38 years ago to provide players with the opportunity to gain professional ranking points, and it has since grown to become the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, offering more than \$3 million in prize money. Last year, more than 1,000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed in cities nationwide. **Andy Murray, Maria Sharapova, John Isner, Sloane Stephens, Kei Nishikori, Victoria Azarenka, and Sam Querrey** and are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

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