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ECU's North Recreational Complex to Open its Phase II in August

GREENVILLE (6/24/2011) – East Carolina University and Campus Recreation and Wellness are excited to announce the completion of Phase II of the North Recreational Complex. This major project is expected to be completed by the end of July and will be open to the ECU community in August.

An official grand opening is scheduled for Sept. 15 which will include special guests and dignitaries as well as a variety of activities to showcase the facility. Phase II will consist of a 51,000 square foot beach on a 5.6 acre lake for boating and fishing, and a 2,000 square foot boathouse.

In addition, the ECU community can enjoy sand volleyball courts, horseshoes, grills, fitness equipment, six (6) walking/running trails, a disc golf course, and an Odyssey Course which includes a 300 foot zip line. ECU students can check out canoes and kayaks as well as participate in nearly all of the site's activities for no charge.

“We are very excited about the opening of Phase II because it adds a whole other dimension to the North Rec Complex,” said Janis Steele, associate director of facilities for Campus Recreation and Wellness. “Phase II is a major attraction for students with diverse recreational needs and is an amazing addition to what was launched in Phase I.”

Phase I of the North Recreation Complex opened in the fall 2008 with eight (8) multi-purpose fields and a host of other amenities.

Campus Recreation and Wellness will be sponsoring a contest in the coming weeks that will allow students to have a significant role in the naming of the new beach area.

“It is important for the students to be involved in naming the beach because it is the student's facility. The students should be able to have some say in what the beach will be named,” said Steele.

For more information about Phase II of the North Campus Recreational Complex, visit www.ecu.edu/crw/facilities or contact Janis Steele at (252) 328-1571. For more information on the naming contest of the beach area, visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/ECU-Campus-Recreation-Wellness/91660549349>

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