



Intricate sand sculptures dot the landscape of Fort Myers Beach each November.

American Sandsculpting Championship Festival

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Visit the Largest Sandsculpting Event in Florida or Join in the Fun Yourself!

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If you are toying with the idea of a fall visit to the Fort Myers area, book your reservations for the week of November 2. Each year the [American Sandsculpting Championship Festival](#) draws hundreds of professional and novice sand artists to the "City of Palms" for a five day competition. The event typically takes place in front of the Outrigger Beach Resort and Holiday

Inn. The annual events also includes a beachfront market, food and plenty of activities to entertain the little ones.

The 2011 event marks the 25th year for the festival and is expected to once again attract more than 50,000 visitors. There are 16 world-class sandsculptors already registered to attend. The family friendly event is an inexpensive attraction right on the beach, so you do not even need to pack-up after a morning of fun and fight Fort Myers traffic. The Sand Vendor Village is a temporary oceanfront shopping venue situated next to the SandMaster competition area. You can browse the booths for beach themed souvenirs and grab some lunch while watching the sand art come to life. Sand sculptors are assigned an area to work and can use nothing but the available sand and muscle-powered tools to create their detailed displays.

Each artist is issued cans of spray sealant to preserve their creations while working on the projects. The Florida State Pro-Am Competition is held in conjunction with the festival and takes places near the Gullwing Beach Resort. If you are going to be in town during the festival and want to join the fun, make sure to register by September 30. A final list of sculptors is published the following day. A nominal registration fee is required to compete for both monetary prizes and the People's Choice Award. The amateur competition allows both team and individual sculptors. The amateur categories are divided by age and permit young children to enter as well. Sculptors are served three meals during the contest.