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Cooper Tennis Complex Hosts Tennis On Campus Championships

The 2011 United States Tennis Association Missouri Valley Tennis on Campus section championships are returning to Springfield, Missouri and will be held March 5-6 at the Cooper Tennis Complex.

Tennis on Campus is a USTA program that is designed to give college students an opportunity to keep their competitive spirits alive, stay in shape and meet fellow college students from around the country. The program is flexible, incorporating players of all ability levels and teams of all sizes in a fun, competitive environment outside of the Division I atmosphere. This year, 16 teams will represent 14 schools from across the five-state Missouri Valley section.

The tournament will feature singles, doubles and mixed doubles with the top four teams moving on to represent the section at the Tennis on Campus National Championships, April 7-9 in Cary, North Carolina.

"We have held six Missouri Valley Championships and have had six different winners. Every team in the tournament truly has a chance at getting to Nationals," said Dan Bratetic, Tennis on Campus Program Coordinator. "Four teams will get automatic bids to the national championships in North Carolina. It is a first-class event and our teams that went in the past have had a great time."

"Thousands of high school players put their racquets away when they go to college, and the Tennis on Campus program gives them a chance to keep playing," Bratetic said. "Tennis on Campus can be as recreational or competitive as each individual program wants it to be."

The list of participating schools is as follows: Central Missouri, Drury, Iowa, Iowa B, Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Missouri Science and Technology, Nebraska, Nebraska B, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, St. Louis University, Tulsa, Washington University.

Play begins Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at Cooper Tennis Complex and continues through Sunday afternoon. For more information and event results, please visit missourivalley.usta.com.