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PUNTA GORDA/ENGLEWOOD BEACH TO HOST USA BMX NATIONAL QUALIFIER

Punta Gorda/Englewood, Florida (January 8, 2024) Hundreds of racers ages 3-65 will gather at the Charlotte BMX track in Punta Gorda's Carmalita Park this weekend January 12-14, 2024 for the USA BMX Citrus Nationals. An estimated 600 riders in all age groups from across the United States are anticipated to participate in this year's competition. About 2,000 family members will accompany them. The event is a partnership with Charlotte BMX, Charlotte County Community Services, and the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau. Charlotte BMX is instrumental in providing logistical support and volunteers to USA BMX, the sanctioning organization.

President of Charlotte BMX, Amanda Carr stated, "Our facility is 100% volunteer operated and this opportunity to host a USA BMX National Qualifier is possible because of the support from our Visitor's Bureau. The economic impact is enormous to Charlotte County. Our facility has many families that have been involved for decades, and Charlotte BMX's success is a testament to their dedication."

"We are thrilled and honored to be awarded the 2024 USA BMX Citrus Nationals. To have such a recognizable past Olympian and dedicated partner in the community like Amanda Carr is special," said Sean Walter, Sports Business Development Director of the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau. "Our visitors and residents alike can be exposed to this high-level events as a result of her work ethic and commitment to excellence. This partnership gives us the opportunity to showcase our destination to USA BMX, again, as a great place to host their racing series. Our area is known as a relaxing, uncrowded Florida destination that offers all the best of Florida's wonderful outdoor experiences for their athletes and fans."

To learn more and keep up to date with this event and others, visit:

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ABOUT PUNTA GORDA / ENGLEWOOD BEACH

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is Florida's best-kept secret of a charming natural paradise located on the idyllic Southwest Gulf Coast. This coastal community surrounding the state's second-largest harbor sits conveniently between Tampa and Naples. Outdoor enthusiasts will find a haven of vibrant experiences in the sun-soaked oasis of the Southwest Florida islands, characterized by almost year-round sunshine and sub-tropical weather. Relaxation and discovery await in miles of waterways and inland exploration trails filled with unspoiled natural beauty. From beaches to boating, hiking to harbor tours, fishing to nature paths; to sun, shelling, and fossilized sharks' teeth, Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach immerses lively locals and active adventurers in a pure island experience. Most notably known for its 830 miles of pristine unparalleled shoreline, including captivating river passages, a mangrove-edged

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aquatic preserve, and more than a dozen miles of natural Gulf beaches, the Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast includes the areas of Boca Grande, Don Pedro Island, Englewood-Cape Haze, Little Gasparilla Island, Manasota Key, Knight Island, Placida, Babcock Ranch, Port Charlotte, Charlotte Harbor and Punta Gorda.

To learn more about Punta Gorda / Englewood Beach, visit www.PureFlorida.com, call 941.743.1900 or discover the destination on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook @RealPureFlorida.

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