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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN TO HOST THOUSANDS OF VISITORS

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University will host more than 14,000 visitors this summer at more than 75 camps, conferences, and workshops.

Eastern has already hosted more than 2,000 women for the Illinois High School Association state track and field meet May 18-19 and will host the men's IHSA meet May 25-26.

Another large event at Eastern this summer will be the Lincolnland Drum and Bugle Review June 24, with 700-1,000 participants. More than 5,000 spectators are also expected to attend the competition at O'Brien Stadium.

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VISITORS

The American Legion's Premier Boys State, June 9-15, will bring more than 1,000 young men to the Eastern campus to learn about state government through "hands-on" activities and from presentations by state elected officials.

The American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State, with 700 participants, will follow June 17-23 and will also feature activities centered around various aspects of government operations.

Other June activities include football, basketball, volleyball, passing, triathlon and tennis camps. A camp for an elite group of French horn players will attract 300 participants, while two cheerleading camps will draw more than 700 attendees.

Also returning this year will be 125 members of the Civil Air Patrol as well as a group of 94 freshmen and seniors from Chicago's Percy Julian High School. The Chicago students will attend classes to earn college credit.

Among some of the larger groups attending camps and conferences in July are pompon and cheerleading groups with about 900 participants; four music camps with more than 1,000 attendees; "Coalition," a canvassers' conference, July 5-8, with 1,200 registrants; and Marching Auxiliaries, July 30-August 2, with 350.

Basketball, kicking, softball, coaches and football officials clinics will draw more than 900 visitors to Charleston in July and journalism, science and art camps will bring another 150.

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VISITORS

Approximately 1,500 freshmen and transfer students and their families are also expected to visit the campus in June and July to pre-enroll for classes.

In June, July and August, 50 teenagers and adults will be participating in Upward Bound, a program emphasizing skills and motivation necessary for success beyond high school.

August will bring an additional 1,200 visitors to campus, including area high school bands, international cheerleaders, pompon squads and cosmetologists.