

One season ends ...

The Anna Maria Island Community Center hosted its End of School Year Extravaganza last Saturday with fun things to do while the Flag Football League All Stars played and the league's divisions held their championship games.

There were things to climb, bounce on and slide across for the kids

not playing football plus the Center sold food and snacks inside. As the name implied, it was more than a celebration of the end of the football season. It was also the celebration of the eve of summer vacation for school kids across Manatee County. A time when kids activities include the beach, sports and trips with the family.



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Above, kids pulled themselves up the rock strewn slope of this air-filled device.



Above and left, all stars provided a lot of action for flag football fans. The players went all out to try to make those few extra yards that make a difference.



Above, it was a hot day to be outside, but just perfect when you had a Slip and Slide.



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Clockwise from above left: At the Dragon Boat Festival at Coquina Beach on Saturday, Jeffrey Grolemond, 14, gave a martial arts demonstration with the Tang Martial Arts Center of Bradenton; Chinese parasols, fans and other items were among the displays; Hanna Hale painted the Chinese characters for horse at an Oriental brush painting display by the Sarasota chapter of the Sumi-e Society of America; the festival also featured Chinese cultural demonstrations and displays, including a dragon boat. The event was sponsored by the Gulfcoast Chinese-American Association, a non-profit charitable organization based in Osprey whose mission is to provide educational, cultural, service and charitable support to the Southwest Florida Asian community.

