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HERNANDO COUNTY HOSTING DIXIE GIRLS SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Susan Rupe, Director of the Hernando County Tourism Bureau, is pleased to announce that Hernando County is hosting the Florida Dixie Girls Softball 2009 State Championship, July 2 – 7, 2009.

The week-long event will kickoff with a banquet on Thursday evening at the Hernando County Fairgrounds, where youth players and their parents will gather for Opening Ceremonies for the games. Games will be held at the softball complex at Tom Varn Park, Darby Road (off W. Jefferson St.), Brooksville.

Thirty-three teams of 12 girls per team, who have already won in their home divisions, will vie for the State Championship title. The playoff games, in a double-elimination format, will begin on Friday, July 3rd, with the first rounds set to start at 10:00 a.m. Play will conclude with the Championship Game and the presentation of the trophies to the teams. The winner of this tournament will represent the State of Florida at the Softball World Series in Sumter, North Carolina starting on July 30th. Participating divisions include The Darlings (ages 7 & 8); The Angels (ages 9 & 10); The Ponytails (ages 11 & 12); The Belles (ages 13 – 15); and The Debs (ages 16 – 18).

Susan Rupe stated "We are extremely proud to host this exciting event in Hernando County, and welcome all participants and officials, their families and friends. Hernando County believes strongly in supporting youth activities, and this is another great event for our area and our youth. Local businesses have donated discount coupons so that the players and visitors can enjoy our area while they are here. I encourage our Hernando County residents to come out and support the teams at the games, and welcome their guests to our beautiful area."

Everyone is invited to attend the games at Tom Varn Park. Tickets are \$5.00 per day, or \$15.00 for a Tournament Pass. Tickets and passes are available at the gate, or in advance by email to ptskj88@yahoo.com.

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