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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### HERNANDO COUNTY HOSTING YOUTH BASEBALL 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 2008 Florida Dixie Youth Baseball Majors State Championship, July 11 – 19.

The week-long event will kickoff with a welcome banquet on Friday evening at the Jerome Brown Center, where youth players and their parents will gather for Opening Ceremonies for the games. Games will be held at the baseball complex in Ridge Manor Community Park, 34030 Ridge Manor Boulevard, just east of I-75.

Six Florida Districts will be participating, sending the teams who have already won in their home divisions to vie for the State Championship title. The playoff games, in a double-elimination format, will begin on Saturday, July 12, with the first rounds set to start at 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. respectively. 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 Youth League World Series in Georgia.

The participating teams from the six districts include: South Lake, Spring Hill, Wewahitchka, Hiland Park, Wahneta, Avon Park, Okeechobee, Hardee, Paxton, South Walton, Liberty, and Ridge Manor.

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."

For additional information, contact the Hernando County Tourism Bureau at 352-754-4405.

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