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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **FLORIDA DIXIE YOUTH LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN FULL SWING**

JULY 15, 2008 - BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

NEITHER RAIN NOR THUNDER NOR WIND NOR SOGGY TURF CAN STOP THE BATS OF THE YOUNG ATHLETES WHO HAVE COME TO HERNANDO COUNTY IN SEARCH OF THEIR ULTIMATE GOAL: TO REPRESENT THE STATE OF FLORIDA AT THE NATIONAL YOUTH BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

SOME OF THE BEST PITCHING, FIELDING, HITTING AND BASE-RUNNING YOU'LL EVER SEE FROM YOUNG PLAYERS IS OCCURRING THIS WEEK IN HERNANDO COUNTY. THE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES KICKED OFF LAST WEEKEND, AND PLAY CONTINUES THROUGH THIS WEEK AT THE RIDGE MANOR COMMUNITY PARK BASEBALL FIELDS, 34030 RIDGE MANOR BLVD., WHICH IS OFF CORTEZ BLVD. APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES EAST OF I-75.

GAMES THIS WEEK ARE IN THE EVENINGS, AND ALL HERNANDO COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE GAMES TO CHEER ON THE TEAM WHO WILL REPRESENT FLORIDA AT THE NATIONAL COMPETITION, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN AUGUST IN GEORGIA.

TOURISM DIRECTOR SUSAN RUPE AND TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER TROY THOMPSON, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE RIDGE MANOR HYL, SAID THE GAMES ARE GOING WELL, AND THE ANTICIPATION IS HIGH FOR THE TEAMS STILL REMAINING IN THE DOUBLE-ELIMINATION FORMAT COMPETITION. SUSAN RUPE STATED "THIS IS YOUTH BASEBALL AT IT'S HIGHEST LEVEL, AND TO SEE THE QUALITY OF COMPETITION FROM THESE YOUNG PLAYERS IS TRULY EXCITING. I HOPE ALL OF OUR HERNANDO COUNTY RESIDENTS WILL COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE TEAMS WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO GET HERE, BOTH AT THE SPORT LEVEL AND IN THEIR FUND-RAISING EFFORTS. WE ARE SO PLEASED TO BE HOSTING THIS GREAT EVENT."

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT THE HERNANDO COUNTY TOURISM BUREAU AT 352-754-4405.