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DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL, INC. 2018 JUNIOR & DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES

The 2018 Junior Dixie Boys and Dixie Boys World Series will be held in Bossier City, Louisiana. The Bossier Parks & Recreation Department submitted a bid that was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors of Dixie Boys Baseball. The local league has the full support of the Bossier City Council, Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission and the Bossier Chamber of Commerce. Visit the following link at: www.bossiercity.org.

Dixie Boys Baseball www.dixie.org/boys was founded in 1957 in Alexandria, Louisiana. The organization has a rich history of serving youth, age 13-19, through the game of baseball. J. Sandy Jones, Commissioner/CEO remarked: "Bossier is an integral part of the Dixie Boys program; including much success in World Series play. Bossier captured the Jr. Boys World Series title in 2014 and the Dixie Boys World Series championship in 2016. The two World Series events held in Bossier in 2014 were outstanding. I know that a wonderful experience awaits us in 2018. Hosting a World Series requires a great deal of coordination. It is obvious that the local community has fully embraced our tournaments. We sincerely appreciate the invitation to visit again."

Clay Bohanan, Parks & Recreation Director commented, "We feel our facilities will provide a great forum for World Series competition. Even though this tournament is still approximately two years out, we have already garnered the support of some vital community partners. We are fully committed to providing a great environment for this event." Robert Kyle, Bossier Dixie Baseball & Softball, Inc. President echoed the sentiments. Mr. Kyle stated, "Our local program has been a mainstay in this community for decades. We stand ready to partner with Bossier Parks to put on one of the premier World Series events in modern times."

Tinsley Park is an excellent venue for World Series play. The fields with a 300' ft. fence distance are properly designed. All diamonds have grass infields with modern high quality lighting. Ten (10) batting cages and additional warm-up fields are within two miles of the park. The support facilities on site include adequate restroom facilities, complete concessions, and a press box for each playing field. A large covered area for spectators is available and includes picnic tables. An extensive paved parking facility, with areas for RV parking is also available. The park has been the site of many local, state, and regional competitions.

The 2018 Junior Boys & Dixie Boys World Series is slated to begin Saturday, August 4, 2018. Teams will arrive on Friday and be treated that evening to a pre-tournament banquet and a dynamic opening ceremony. The festive ceremony includes special recognition of the competing teams and coaches. Plans for the opening ceremony along with the tournament schedule will be made available on the website as the event nears. Eleven state champions along with a very competitive host team will vie for the championship. The tournament championship game is scheduled to be played on Wednesday, August 8, 2018.