

2024 Florida Diamond Youth Baseball Division I T-BALL, AAA, and OZONE State Tournament

> Hosted by: District 7 North Lakeland Baseball Lakeland, FL

> > July 5th – 10th

2024 Florida Diamond Youth Baseball Division I T-Ball, AAA, and Ozone State Tournament Hunt Fountain Park – North Lakeland Baseball Lakeland, FL July 5-10

<u>Welcome</u>

Welcome to North Lakeland! We are pleased to be selected as the host of the 2024 Diamond Youth Baseball Division I T-Ball, AAA, and Ozone State Tournament. The Tournament will be held at Hunt Fountain Park beginning Saturday, July 6th. We will begin with an Opening Ceremony on Friday, July 5th @ 5:00pm for all teams.

Mandatory Team Check-In

Friday, July 5th at Hunt Fountain Park – from 3:00-4:30pm 7036 Duff Rd, 3:00PM Enclosed Pavilion out front closest to Green Rd. Be sure to pick up your tournament welcome packet with your gate passes.

Mandatory Coaches Credentials Meeting

Friday, July 5th @ 6::30pm after opening ceremonies there will be a mandatory credentials meeting to discuss tournament expectations. **All team managers AND coaches will be required to attend.** @ the Enclosed Pavilion at the front of the park. (Dinner Provided) **Tournament Brackets/Schedules will be given to Team Managers at the credentials meeting.

Opening Ceremonies

Opening Ceremonies will begin at 5:00pm and will be held at Hunt Fountain Park, Field #4. Please have players and coaches ready to go by 4:45pm. Spectators will be able to view ceremonies from the bleachers and fence lines. Each team will be announced along with their Coaches and Manager on Field #4 beginning at 5:00pm.

*All Teams will receive a hot dog, drink, and chips for each rostered player at the conclusion of the Opening Ceremonies and teams will be dismissed until the following day. *All Coaches and Managers will proceed to the enclosed pavilion by Green Rd at 6:30pm for dinner and the mandatory credentials meeting.

Facilities Information

Tournament Play:

All games will be played at Hunt Fountain Park, 7036 Green Rd., Lakeland FL Tournament play will be held on 5 fields near the main concession stand. In addition, there is one set of batting cages and 4 additional fields for practice.

Fan Accommodations:

There are bleachers on every field. Some have tree cover, others do not. There is ample room on both sides of the field to set up tents and chairs. However, tents and chairs will NOT BE ALLOWED behind home plate. Thank you for your understanding!

Concessions:

Our concession stand will be running with a full menu every day of the tournament. Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, Nuggets, etc.

There will also be specialty vendors/food trucks throughout the weekend to include but not limited to: Kona Ice, Heifers Be Trippin', Savage Tacos, S.C. Lemon Shake-Ups, Boz's Freeze Dried Treats, Game Day Sports, TT's Treasure Island, Lucky Fin Co, Lakeland Barber Company, Sweet Sawyer & Co and More!

Fees: CASH OR SQUARE

A gate fee of \$10.00 will be assessed each day for everyone. Children ages 10 & under are free.

A "Tournament Pass" valid for all days of the tournament will be available for purchase on Friday and Saturday for \$30.00. Players and Coaches will receive their complimentary gate passes at their team check-in. Gate admission is required for anyone coming to watch tournament games.

A portion of the funds collected from each gate admission during the first two days of the tournament will go to the Florida Diamond Youth Baseball Scholarship Fund. (\$1.00 from Daily Passes and \$2.00 from Tournament Passes)

Outside Coolers will NOT be allowed, unless a \$25 Cooler Pass is purchased at the gate. **All Teams will receive ONE Cooler Tag for 1 Team Cooler to be housed in the dugout.**

Official Tournament T-Shirts

State Tournament T-Shirts will be available from the vendor Tampa T-Shirt Time. Shirts will be available for Pre-Sale via their website. Orders can be placed directly through Tampa T-Shirt Time @: https://www.tshirttimetampa.com/shop

The vendor will send a confirmation once your order is received.

Please be advised that we will print a limited number of shirts to physically have on hand at the tournament; these shirts have typically sold out quickly during state tournaments.

T-Shirts will be available for purchase at Hunt Fountain Park before Opening Ceremonies and throughout the tournament weekend, while supplies last near the main concession stand.

Birthday Request

Managers/Coaches – Please e-mail the names and birthdates of any player who has a birthday between July 5th and July 10th to <u>nlbs8181@gmail.com</u> by June 29th.

Park Rules

-NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS may be brought into the park at any time during the tournament unless it is in a cooler with a cooler tournament tag. Coolers of any kind will only be permitted with the purchase of a \$25 cooler pass.

-There will be NO alcohol or tobacco (including vaping) use allowed in the complex and any party found in possession while on the premises (parking lot included) will be removed from the complex and possibly banned for the remainder of the tournament.

-Teams and spectators are not allowed to use noisemakers, stereo systems, or music of any kind during tournament game play at Hunt Fountain Park.

-Guests are not allowed to ride skateboards, bicycles/scooters, whip sticks, or similar items.

-Any party asked to leave the premises or that has been removed from the complex, must leave immediately and remain outside the premises (parking lot included) for the remainder of the game. Failure to do so could result in a party being banned for the remainder of the tournament. (Subject to Tournament Staff Discretion)

Hotel Accommodations/Recommendations

*When calling to reserve your rooms, please let the hotels know that you are booking for the Diamond Youth State Division I Tournament at Hunt Fountain Park. You will need to call the hotels directly to get the discounted rates and blocks of rooms.

*TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT – LAKELAND 3370 US Hwy 98 North Lakeland, FL 33805 Director of Sales – Brittany Groubert – <u>bgroubert@immhotels.com</u> 863-680-1115

*TRAVELODGE LAKELAND HOTEL 3425 US Hwy 98 North Lakeland, FL 33809 Contact – Vicky Diaz 863-397-8018

*COMFORT INN & SUITES 3520 US Hwy 98 North Lakeland, FL 33809 Contact – Melinda Bullock 863-859-0100

*SLEEP INN & SUITES LAKELAND 4321 Lakeland Park Drive Lakeland, FL 33809 863-577-1170 hoteldeskhelp@outlook.com

Local Restaurants/Specialty Food

716 Burgers and Brew – 2905 Duff Rd – 863-333-0671

The End Zone - 6206 US Hwy 98 N - 863-858-7226

Cicala's Pizzeria & Restaurant – 2977 Duff Rd – 863-859-4911

Mr. Pollo Mexican Grill – 4981 US Hwy 98 N – 863-940-2100

The Back Nine – 124 S. Tennessee Ave – 863-510-5723 (Free App w/ Purchase of 2 Entrees)

Palace Italian Restaurant North - 6120 US Hwy 98 N - 863-853-1316

Jet's Pizza – 4973 US Hwy 98 N – 863-333-0322

Marco's Pizza – 3005 Duff Rd – 863-940-2001

Evano's Family Kitchen – 6617 N Socrum Loop Rd – 863-583-4252

Wildflower Nutrition - 2957 Duff Rd - 863-816-4033

Lakeland Ice Cream Company – 2971 Duff Rd – 863-337-5652

Twistee Treat - 4945 US Hwy 98 N - 863-858-2511

Local Entertainment/Things to Do

Bonnet Springs Park – *400 Bonnet Springs Boulevard – 863-732-7000* Orange Bowl Lanes & Arcade – *4318 US Hwy 98 North – 863-858-3878* Bowlero Lakeland – *4111 Florida Ave S – 863-646-5791* Family Fun Center – *4825 Florida Ave S – 863-644-1728* The Back Nine (Simulators) – *124 S Tennessee Ave – 863-510-5723* Sky Zone – Trampoline Park – *6220 US Hwy 98 North – 863-333-0445* Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park – *3800 US Hwy 98 North – 863-213-0119* Cinemark Lakeland Square Mall – *3800 US Hwy 98 North – 863-859-3140*

Golf Courses

Huntington Hills Golf & Country Club – 2626 *Duff Rd* – 863-853-9393 Links of Sandpiper – 6001 *Sandpipers Dr* – 863-859-5461 Big Cypress Golf Club – 10000 US Hwy 98 North – 863-859-6871