

Welcome To

The background features a large, semi-transparent logo for the 2011 Babe Ruth Softball Southwest Regional Tournament. It includes two crossed softball bats, a central yellow softball with blue stitching, and a red banner across the middle with the text "GULFPORT SOFTBALL" in white. The words "2011 Babe Ruth" are arched above the softball, and "SOUTHWEST REGIONAL" is arched below it.

**2011 BABE RUTH SOFTBALL
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
TOURNAMENT**

JULY 19 – 25

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI Host:

**Orange Grove Girls Softball League, Inc
d/b/a
Gulf Coast Girls Softball Association**

Gulfport, Mississippi 39503

The parents and board members of the Orange Grove Girls Softball League/Gulf Coast Girls Softball Association are very excited about having your team and guests here in Gulfport, Mississippi for the 2011 Southwest Regional this July! The OGGSL Board, parents, and community leaders have worked very hard to make sure that your visit to our city and the Mississippi Gulf Coast is one that you will not soon forget.

Please study the enclosed materials to insure that everyone will have key information about this regional tournament. Further information, additional copies of some of the forms and updates will be available online at www.gulfcoastsoftball.net or at team check-in.

If you have any questions prior to departing for the Mississippi Gulf Coast, please contact a member of the Regional Team at one of the numbers listed. We want to do all that we can to make this a great tournament for everyone.

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REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

I. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

Tournament Headquarters will be located at the Goldin Sports Complex, Home of *Orange Grove Girls Softball League*, 12136 Prudie Circle, Gulfport, MS 39503.

II. TEAM CHECK-IN

Team check in will be on July 19th at the **Lyman Community Center**, 13472 Highway 49, Gulfport, MS 39503.

Teams can start arriving at 10:00 am. However, all teams must be checked in by 5:00pm.

You are required to submit on your team confirmation form an estimated time of your arrival. Based on the amount of teams arriving, you might be asked to report at another time to prevent having long check-in lines.

III. TOURNAMENT OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony will take place at Goldin Sports Complex, 12136 Prudie Circle on Field #1. The ceremony will start at 6:00 pm (we WILL start on time). Please have your team arrive at the fields at 5:30 pm to check in with the lineup coordinator, **Denise Jester, on Field #4**. Only coaches and players will be allowed on Field #4 for the line up! When the ceremony starts they will move from Field #4 to Field #1!

Opening Ceremony will be an open event no ticket is needed!

IV. TOURNAMENT BANQUET

The Tournament Banquet will be held Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at the Goldin Sports Complex, 12136 Prudie Circle on the Soccer Field. The Banquet and Dinner will start immediately following the Opening Ceremony! Tickets will be available for \$10.00 each.

Tickets must be pre-purchased for the banquet. Players, managers, coaches, and tournament officials will not be required to purchase a ticket. Tickets may be purchased at check in for \$11.00. All teams are encouraged to fill out the banquet form provided with this packet. Mail, email, or call in the number of players, coaches, and

team family members and friends that will be attending the banquet. Phone number to call in is (228) 596-3267, or email: gmans587@gmail.com . Dress for the banquet will be informal. Teams should wear uniform or matching clothing.

This is a ticketed event and every person must have the proper ticket to enter.

V. UMPIRES AND COACHES MEETING

Lyman Community Center

July 19, 2011

13472 Highway 49, Gulfport, MS 39503

Machine Pitch 2:00 pm

10 Under/12 Under..... 3:00 pm

14U and up..... 4:00 pm

For all Managers, Coaches, Umpires and Tournament Officials

VI. Games Start

Goldin Sports Complex

July 20-25, 2011

12136 Prudie Circle, Gulfport, Mississippi

Brackets will be issued at check-in and/or will be posted on our website: www.gulfcoastsoftball.net.

VII. Admission Charges

6 Day Tournament Pass (Individual 12 up) \$25.00

Daily Pass (Adult) \$7.00

Daily Pass (Student) 5yrs – 12 yrs \$5.00 or \$20.00 Pass

Under 5 free

Players and Coaches Free with Proper IDs

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VIII. TEAM MATERIALS

Each team is required to bring all team documents for presentation at check-in as required by Babe Ruth rules.

1. State Commissioner letter of league eligibility
2. tournament team roster, signed by League President
3. league team rosters, signed by League President
4. birth documents or Babe Ruth ID cards
5. coaches certification
6. accident insurance policy
7. liability insurance policy
8. consent for treatment form
9. required team photo
10. any applicable waiver from Babe Ruth Headquarters
11. other materials as may be required under applicable Babe Ruth League, Inc. tournament rules.

IX. GIFT EXCHANGE:

Teams are encouraged to exchange gifts with teams in the same age group. Please allow for 45-50 gifts. (first 3 games)

*******NO OUTSIDE FOOD, DRINKS, ICE CHESTS OR COOLERS ALLOWED. VIOLATORS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE *******

NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE COMPLEX. *** VIOLATORS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE OR FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES.*******

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Babe Ruth Southwest Regional Commissioner / Tournament Director:
Sonny Groom
985-209-1100 Cell

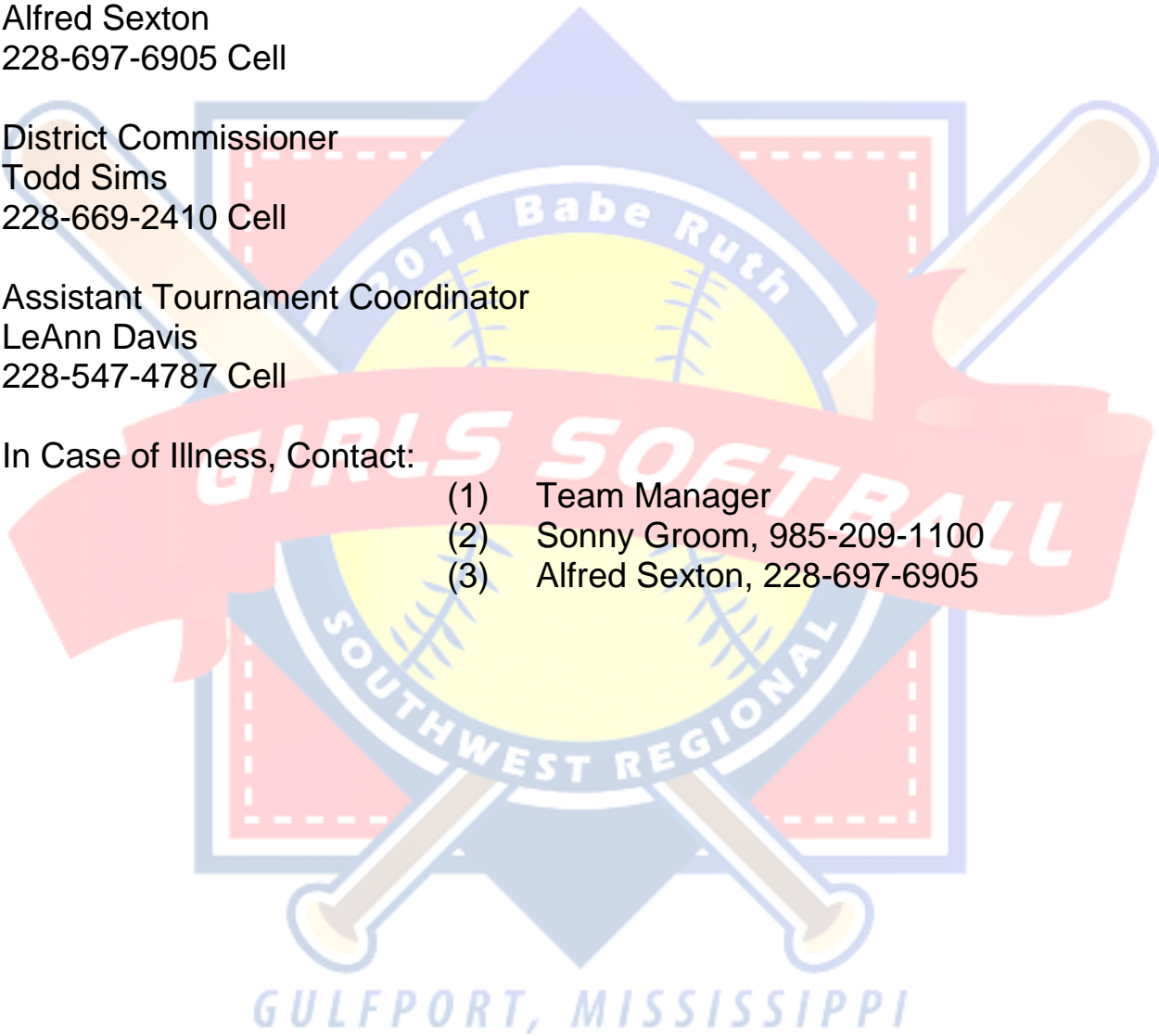
Tournament Coordinator / Mississippi State Commissioner
Alfred Sexton
228-697-6905 Cell

District Commissioner
Todd Sims
228-669-2410 Cell

Assistant Tournament Coordinator
LeAnn Davis
228-547-4787 Cell

In Case of Illness, Contact:

- (1) Team Manager
- (2) Sonny Groom, 985-209-1100
- (3) Alfred Sexton, 228-697-6905



For more information on the Mississippi Gulf Coast go to:



www.gulfcoast.org

www.facebook.com/MSGulfCoastCVB

www.twitter.com/MSGulfCoastCVB

OFFICIAL RADIO STATION:

We have arranged to have an official radio station for the tournament that will offer weather and tournament updates during the tournament!

Coast 102 Radio
102.3 FM

Also please visit their website at www.coast102.com for special offers and deals on meals! Just a way to help enjoy the Mississippi Gulf Coast and save some money!

Local Media:

WLOX-TV (ABC Affiliate) www.wlox.com

Sun Herald Newspaper www.sunherald.com

OFFICIAL CAR CARE CENTER:

ROLISON'S FIRESTONE



"Your One-Stop Shop For All Your Tire, Car Care And Maintenance Needs."

20457 Hwy, 49 Saucier, MS 39574 (228) 831-3636

Program Guide - Team Photos

Each team will have a team photo as well as the names of the players and coaches listed in the program guide at no charge.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR TEAM PHOTO, WITH TEAM NAME AND ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES IDENTIFIED.

SEND TO:

leannd1@cableone.net

by July 5th

For more information call LeAnn Davis 228-547-4787



A Note about Mississippi Heat & Humidity

In South Mississippi, we often experience hot humid weather. Our highs will be in the 90's with a heat index of 100 plus. Please be aware that high heat and high humidity can be a very dangerous combination. High heat and humidity can cause exhaustion, heat cramps or worse. When there's a lot of moisture in the air, the body isn't able to rid itself of heat as well as in a drier environment because the body can't evaporate sweat.

Notice your body's signals. Indications that the body is straining itself during a workout include: a higher heart rate than normal, nausea, excessive sweating or inability to sweat and lightheadedness. Take these symptoms seriously and slow down.

Hydrate yourself. If you feel thirsty, your body may already be experiencing dehydration. Drink a minimum of 8 ounces of water, 20 minutes before a workout and at least 4 ounces of water every 15 minutes during activity.

We will provide water coolers in all dugouts, however you will also need to replace lost electrolytes and salt by drinking sports drinks.



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Hotel Information

Host Hotels:

We have worked hard to find the very best hotels taking in consideration location, quality and value before giving this recommendation.

These hotels have been selected as official host hotels for the 2011 Southwest Regional Babe Ruth Girls Softball Tournament, July 19-25, 2011, Gulfport, Mississippi. **Please note we have two major sporting tournaments that week along the Gulf Coast. Please book your rooms early.**

- 1) Crystal Inn (6 miles from field - 10 minutes)
9379 Canal Road
Gulfport, MS 39503
Rooms \$69.00 King and Double
Group Code: Babe Ruth Girls Softball
Complementary full hot breakfast, indoor pool, guest laundry
1-228-822-9600
- 2) Fairfield Inn & Suites Gulfport (3.51 Miles from field - 8 minutes)
15151 Turkey Creek Drive
Gulfport, Mississippi 39503
20 Rooms @ \$109.00 each
Free Breakfast, indoor pool & spa, free internet, patio and grill
2 free Water Park Tickets per room booked
Group Code: GSR
1-228-822-9000 WWW.MARRIOTT.COM/GPTFI
- 3) Wingate D'Iberville (13.2 Miles from field all interstate - 19 minutes)
12009 Indian River Road
D'Iberville, MS 228-396-0036
50 Rooms @ \$109.00
Free Breakfast, indoor pool & spa, free internet, patio and grill
2 free Water Park Tickets per room booked
Group Code: GSR
1-228-396-0036 WWW.WINGATEINNS.COM

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- 4) Four Point by Sheraton (19.49 Miles from Field on the Beach - 22 minutes)
940 Beach Blvd
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532
30 Rooms @ \$129.00
Free in room internet, Free bottle water in room each day
Fully equipped fitness center, Outdoor pool, On ground restaurant across from the Beach, Walking distant to casino, 32" Plasma screen TV
Group Code: Orange Grove Girls Softball
1-228-546-3110
- 5) Hilton Gardens Inn (3.97 Miles from field - 8 minutes)
14108 Airport Rd
Gulfport, Mississippi 39503
Rooms @ \$129.00
Free Wireless, Restaurant on site
Group Code: GFS
1-228-863-4996 www.Gulfport.hgi.com
- 6) Courtyard Marriott Biloxi/D'Iberville (13.34 Miles from field - 19 minutes)
11471 Cinema Drive
D'Iberville, MS 39540
Rooms @ \$119.00 30 King
Rooms @ \$129.00 20 Queen
Free wi-fi, indoor pool, Bistro on site, fitness center, walking distance to movies, food etc
Group Code: Kings BAEBAEA
1-228-392-1200 www.marriott.com/gptbn
- 7) Comfort Suites (6 miles from field - 10 minutes)
9121 Highway 49
Gulfport, MS 39503
Rooms @ \$119.00 36 Kings
Group Code: OGGSL
Full Hot Breakfast, microwave, refrigerator, all rooms have sleeper sofa
1-228-678-9001 EXT 552 www.choicehotels.com

RV PARKS:

1. Campgrounds of the South
10406 Three Rivers Rd
Gulfport, Mississippi 39503
(228) 539-2922
campgroundsofthesouth.com

2. Bay Berry RV Park
17814 16th Street
Gulfport, Mississippi 39503
(877) 777-0803
bayberryrvpark.com

3. Baywood Campground and RV Park
1100 Cowan Road
Gulfport, Mississippi 39507
(228) 896-4840
southernrvparks.com/baywood/

Please make your plans ASAP.

