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**DISTRICT AND STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS HEADED TO
ROTARY SPORTSPLEX**

Immediate Release

- WHO:** Rotary Sportsplex Board and Marion County Parks and Recreation
- WHAT:** District and state baseball tournaments
- WHEN:** June 13 – 16, 2011 (13-U and 15-U district tournaments)
July 14 – 17, 2011 (13-U, 14-U and 15-U state tournaments)
- WHERE:** Rotary Sportsplex (5220 SE Maricamp Road, Ocala)
- WHY:** Ball caps, bats, baseballs and gloves will be in abundant supply this summer at the Rotary Sportsplex as teams from all over Florida head to the popular sports field for district and state baseball tournaments for players ages 15 and under.

More than 1,000 players (including those representing local teams from Belleview, Scott Carrigan, Highlands and the Rotary Sportsplex) will be competing.

“The Rotary Sportsplex continues to be a hub for Florida baseball teams,” said Rotary Cal Ripken President Jeff Salamone, the organizer of this year’s tournaments.

The local visitors and convention bureau anticipates that spectators for this event will contribute an estimated \$789,390.00 to the local economy in direct visitor spending.

The Rotary Sportsplex is owned by the Florida Office of Greenways and Trails and subleased to Marion County Parks and Recreation. The Rotary Sportsplex Board has partnered with Marion County to schedule field usage and attract tournaments to the area.

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