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## DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL, INC. 2012 DIXIE PRE- MAJORS WORLD SERIES

The 2012 Dixie Pre-Majors World Series will be held in Guntersville, Alabama. The beautiful lake city is located on the southernmost point of the Tennessee River and is surrounded by 69,000 acres of water. Guntersville Lake offers excellent opportunities for all water sports. The city is known for its natural beauty and quality of life. Visit the official City of Guntersville website at: <u>www.guntersville.al.com</u>

Guntersville, Alabama hosted a very successful 2010 Dixie Pre Majors World Series and it was a unanimous decision of the Board that the six-day event would return in 2012. J. Sandy Jones, Commissioner/CEO stated: "Guntersville, Alabama is an ideal location for a Dixie Pre Majors World Series. Our previous visits to Guntersville have all been outstanding. Mayor Bob Hembree and the City Council of Guntersville are very supportive of our Dixie Baseball organization. We look forward to working with Tank Conerly, Guntersville Interim Recreation Director and the entire community in making this a rewarding experience for everyone."

Prior to the start of the 2012 Pre-Majors World Series, the City of Guntersville is hosting a golf tournament to benefit the Dixie Boys organization. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dixie Boys Golf Outing will be held July 26, 2012 and is a four person scramble at the Gunter's Landing Golf Course. Registration/Lunch is at 11:00 am with the shotgun start of the golf tournament being at 12:30 pm. Persons interested in participating in the golf tournament should contact Mr. Jamison Charles, Guntersville Parks & Recreation Department Supervisor at (256)571-7590. Applications for the golf tournament can be accessed from the Dixie website.

Guntersville, Alabama has hosted three previous Dixie Pre Majors World Series events. The 2000 event was filled with homeruns as a total of 47 were hit by the attending teams. The 47 homeruns, with twelve coming off the bats of a Texas team remain in the tournament books as records for Dixie Baseball. Four grand slams were also hit during this tournament. The 2012 tournament isn't expected to near the homerun totals of 2012; however, there is no doubt that the spectators and players will enjoy the Dixie Pre-Majors World Series.

The Dixie Pre Majors World Series will be played at the Guntersville High School baseball field and at scenic Ogletree Park. The state champions from eleven states and the host team from Guntersville will play in a very competitive double elimination tournament. For the first time in the history of Dixie Majors Baseball, 17 year olds will be allowed to participate as part of the 15-17 year old Pre- Majors division. Games are slated to begin on Saturday, July 28, 2012. A copy of the official 2012 Pre-Majors World Series bracket is available at: www.dixie.org/boys.