DYS State Softball Tournament



OZARK, ALABAMA

JUNE 19-22

INFORMATION PACKET





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Welcome to Ozark!

On behalf of the City of Ozark, it is our great pleasure to welcome the players, coaches, families, and staff attending the 2025 Diamond Youth Softball Tournament. We are honored to host this prestigious event and look forward to sharing our community with you.

Ozark is a city known for its friendly people, strong community pride, and a deep appreciation for youth sports. We hope your time here is filled with exciting competition, new friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime.

While you're in town, we encourage you to explore all that Ozark has to offer. Our Parks and Recreation Department features an outdoor pool, beautiful parks, playgrounds, and courts for volleyball, tennis, and basketball. For nature lovers, Ed Lisenby Lake offers 92 acres of scenic beauty and relaxation, with opportunities for fishing, boating, disc golf, archery, walking trails, and picnic areas.

Golf enthusiasts can enjoy a round at the Ozark Country Club, home to a premier 18-hole championship course. Downtown Ozark offers a variety of unique shops, local dining options, cozy coffee spots, and cool treats to enjoy with the whole family.

To experience the history and culture of our community, visit local landmarks such as the Claybank Log Cabin Church, the J.D. Holman House, and the Dowling Museum/Ann Rudd Art Center. Families will also enjoy Steagall Park's Kid Zone and splash pad. Just beyond our city limits is Fort Novosel, the U.S. Army's Aviation Training Center, where visitors can see modern helicopters in action or explore military aviation history at the Army Aviation Museum.

We are truly grateful for the opportunity to host the 2025 Diamond Youth Softball Tournament and welcome you to our vibrant city. May your stay in Ozark be enjoyable, your games be unforgettable, and your experiences here be full of fun and fellowship.

Sincerely,

Mark Blankenship Mayor, City of Ozark



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Dear Proud Parents of the Future Softball Stars,

Greetings from the heart of Alabama, where the sun shines a little brighter, the smiles are a little wider, and the softball gloves are already loaded up for an exciting week! Welcome to Ozark, Alabama, the proud host city for this year's State Diamond Youth Softball Tournament. We're thrilled to have your talented athletes here, ready to showcase their skills, their spirit, and probably a few impressive dance moves between innings.

As the proud overseer of all thing's sports-related here in Ozark, I, Colby Reid—Ozark Parks and Recreation Sports and Grounds Manager—am delighted to welcome you and your young athletes to what promises to be a fun-filled week. Think of it as a week of friendly competition, new friendships, and perhaps a few "oops" moments that will turn into legendary stories for years to come. And rest assured, we've got plenty of hot dogs, cold drinks, and good old Southern hospitality to keep everyone energized and smiling.

Our grounds are prepped, the bases are shining, and the only thing missing is your athlete's incredible talent and enthusiastic spirit. Whether she's sliding into home, catching that game-changing fly, or cheering on her teammates, we're excited to see her in action. And if she happens to hit a home run or master that tricky pitch, just remember—Ozark's hospitality is just as warm as our weather!

So, buckle up and get ready for a week of fun, friendship, and maybe some well-earned bragging rights. We're grateful you've entrusted us with hosting your athletes in this exciting chapter of their softball journey. Let's make this tournament one to remember—full of laughs, cheers, and a few hilarious sliding overlaps.

Once again, welcome to Ozark! We're glad you're here, and we can't wait to see what your girls will accomplish. Here's to a fantastic week of softball and memories that will last a lifetime.

Play ball!

Warm regards,

Colby Reid

Ozark Parks and Recreation Sports & Grounds Manager

Information Sheet

WEBSITES:

For Diamond Youth information, please visit the website at:

https://app.teampass.com/DYS/

HOTELS:

Each team is responsible for booking rooms for players, coaches, and parents.

CREDENTIALS MEETING:

The credential meeting will take place promptly at 8:00 AM on June 19, 2025 in Eastgate Park Millennial Hall room 25, which is the 3rd door on the left. Please make sure that you have all of the required documents in an organized binder for review.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Opening ceremonies will take place on Field 2 at Eastgate Park at 9:30 AM. Ceremonial order: Call Teams, National Anthem, Mayors Speech, DYS Speaker Emily Hayes, First Pitch, Prayer, and PLAY BALL!

PARK ADDRESSES:

Eastgate Park: 406 Ben Street, Ozark, AL 36360 https://maps.app.goo.gl/9F13jt8p7CHDyrBD7

Steagall Park:

https://maps.app.goo.gl/rMedWFREcaueMLhr9

T-SHIRTS:

T-shirts will be available for presale starting May 19th with deadline to preorder no later than June 1st. Cost is \$20.00 per t-shirt. Please visit <u>ozark.recdesk.com</u> Shirts will be available onsite first come first serve.

ADMISSIONS:

Admission charges for tournament games are: CASH ONLY!!

- 6 years to 12 years old \$5.00 PER DAY

- 13 and up are \$10.00 PER DAY

Fans will receive a different colored wrist band each day. These wrist bands must be worn at all times inside the complex or to re-enter if you leave. Players, coaches, and spouses will be supplied with ID badges. Each must wear ID badges daily to be admitted to the park without charge. Lost or misplaced ID badges cannot be replaced. To enter or re-enter the complex, you must have an ID badge.

PARK POLICIES:

Outside food and drinks are not allowed inside the complex. One team cooler will be permitted and will be marked with a band. We will be operating full concession stand throughout the tournament. All Diamond tournaments prohibit the use of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages and its related events. No smoking, vaping, etc. will be allowed inside the park. ANIMALS ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE THE PARK, unless they are service animals. If you should need assistance during the tournament, please look for the Ozark Parks and Recreation staff members. We will be happy to assist you.



406 Ben Street P.O. Box 789 Ozark, AL 36360 334-774-2523



Lodging



Group Booking Code: **Diamond**Double 2 Bed \$108+ Tax
Single Bed \$98 + Tax

Microtel Inn & Suites 1140 N Hwy 231 Ozark, AL 36360 334-774-2771



Group Booking Code: Softball \$129+ Tax

Hampton Inn 235 N Hwy 231 Ozark, AL 36360 334-443-6669



Group Rate \$105.00 Must Call to book

1360 US HWY 231 Ozark, AL 36360 334-774-0233



Coaches: Teams must make their own reservations, please make sure you let them know you are with Diamond State Softball for the rates in Ozark. We request that you fill up our area locations first. Once these rooms have been reserved, overflow rooms are available in Enterprise & Troy.



RV Lodging



Wiregrass RV Park 5625 Andrews Ave Ozark, AL 36360 334-733-0059



KOA Journey 2414 N US HWY 231 Ozark, AL 36360 334-774-3219



Call 334-733-0059 to book directly.
Daily rate of \$30.00 per night
Weekly rate \$150.00

Mention you are with Diamond youth softball for 10% OFF! Daily rate will be \$63.13, which includes all amenities.

Lake Lodging at Fort Novosel is available for military, retired, and DOD contractors



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Places To Eat In Ozark

3 Scoops Ice Cream 158 E Broad Street 334-443-1134 231 Seafood 1148 US 231 334-443-1155 American Deli 200S US Hwy 231 334-443-0125 Applebee's 414 S US Hwy 231 334-445-0098 Arby's 3771 S US Hwy 231 334-445-0323 Bean Bro 584 US 231 Blue Agave 173 S Union Ave 334-774-1040 Captain D's 1116 S Hwy 231 334-774-3363 Checkers 1090 S US Hwy 231 334-774-2807 **Crowes Chicken** 1164 Andrews Ave 334-443-3005 Dairy King 964 E Broad Street 334-774-2056 Dairy Queen 1958 Hwy 231

Difilippo's Pizza & Pasta 2245 S Hwy 231 334-774-8236 Domino's Pizza 18 S Hwy 231 Suite B 334-774-6767 El Palacio's 1396 US Hwy 231 334-774-2077 **Firehouse Subs** 1177 Andrews Ave Ste R 334-443-1250 **Great Wall Chinese** 1212 S Hwy 213 334-445-1605 **Gold Fingers** 1328 Andrews Ave Ozark, AL 36360 334-443-1119 Hardee's 1333 Andrews Ave 334-774-4812 Hoppergrass 129 East Ave 334-774-4404 **Jamesons** 276 N Union Ave 334-443-1080 Lee's Buffet Martindale Plaza 334-774-6668 Little Caesar's Pizza 1485 Andrews Ave 334-774-1001 Loose Brick 128 W Court Street 334-443-0434 McDonald's 1009 US Hwy 231

334-774-4996

Minako 2704 S US Hwy 231 334-443-0888 Our Place Diner 2751 Hwy 231 334-445-2777 Popeye's 1314 S US 231 334-733-0146 Rodeo's Mexican Restaurant 1177 Andrews Ave 334-445-2379 The Farmers Daughter 4126 N US HWY 231 334-443-0432 The Smoke Ring BBQ 322 Andrews Ave Ste 2 334-443-0793 Sonic 946 S US Hwy 231 334-774-1150 Subway 1344 S Hwy 231 334-774-1150 Waffle House 970 S Hwy 231 334-445-4390 Wendy's 1532 S US Hwy 231 334-774-0208 Wild Honey 1548 US 231 A6 334-443-1194 Zaxby's 1622 S Hwy 231 334-443-0208



334-774-5350



Batting Cages

Ozark Parks and Recreation Ozark, AL 36360

Ozark Parks and Recreation will be providing 2 batting cages at Eastgate Park (406 Ben Street Ozark, AL 36360) The cages are available for all ages and are open an hour and a half from first pitch of first game until the start of the last game. Cages are first come first serve and are not reserved.

Ozark Parks and Recreation has 3 cages at Strike Zone (523 Faust Avenue Ozark, AL 36360) The cages are available for all ages and are open from sunup to sundown everyday first come first serve basis.



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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & PHARMACIES

Dale Medical Center	366 James Street	334-774-2601
Claybank Family Medicin	e 1519 Andrews Ave	334-774-7610
Stat Med	633 S Union Ave	334-774-7572
Buy-Rite Drugs	635 S Union Ave	334-774-8505
CVS	176 Andrews Ave	334-774-2654
WalMart Pharmacy	1537 Hwy 231	334-774-5508

MISCELLANEOUS

Barefield's Clothing Outeredge Clothing	20 E Court Square 120 N Court Square	334-774-0422
South and Grace	151 E Broad Street	334-443-1020
Jim Whaley's	1352 Andrews Ave	334-445-0560
Logan's All Pro	171 N Union Ave	334-774-0059
Merle Norman	122 W Court Square	334-774-8309
Palm Beach Tan	1548 Hwy 231 Ste. F	334-774-8269
Southern Reflection	122 W Court Square	334-774-8309
The Flower Shoppe	147 E Broad Street	334-774-0037
The Market on Main	125 N Court Square	334-443-0289

LAUNDRY

Laundry Center Open Daily Wash/Dry/Fold Service	184 S Union Ave	334-443-0214 7am -9pm
Logan's Cleaners	618 S Union Ave	334-774-8012



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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Ozark Parks and Recreation Ozark, AL 36360

Ozark Pickleball & Sports Complex 270 North Union Ave 334-445-1055 Ozark, AL 36360 Dale County Lake 861 Myrtle Drive 334-774-0588 Ozark, AL 36360 Ozark Community Swimming Pool 453 Martin Street 334-733-8191 Ozark, AL 36360 Happy Times 124 W Court Square 334-701-2477 Ozark, AL 36360

> 523 Faust Ave Ozark, AL 36360



KidZone Splash Pad

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ATHLETIC FIELD RULES

We ask for your cooperation and compliance with the following rules related to the City of Ozark athletic fields. Your use of the athletic fields means that you voluntarily consent to abide by the following:

NO, pets, scooters, bicycles, skates, or skateboards

NO profanity

NO tobacco products allowed

NO glass containers

NO alcoholic beverages

NO "soft toss" on fences

NO climbing fences

Place all trash in receptacles

Shirts and shoes must be worn or at all times

Only players, coaches, and umpires/referees are allowed on the field or in the dugouts.

Adult supervision of all children is required.

All participants and spectators are expected to be on their best behavior at all times.

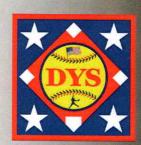
Participants and spectators assume all risk of injury, damage, or loss sustained on the premises.

Proper conduct is expected. Participants or spectators not complying will be asked to leave, and the City reserves the right to pursue more formal action if necessary.

This list is not meant to be an exhaustive list or prohibited or permitted activities. The City of Ozark reserves the right determined by its employees and staff of Parks and Recreation, to terminate or suspend any person's use of any athletic field at any time for wrongful conduct as stated above or otherwise.



406 Ben Street P.O. Box 789 Ozark, AL 36360 334-774-2523



Ozark Parks and Recreation Park Rules

- Use of City Park and equipment is at your own risk and adult supervision is required
- City Park hours are dusk to dawn daily except for special events approved by the city
- Unauthorized use of closed areas of City Park, including trails, may be considered criminal trespass
- No overnight camping, parking or sleeping is permitted in City Park
- Use of firearms or weapons of any kind is prohibited
- Parking or driving is prohibited on grass, off roadways and on paved or unpaved jogging or bike paths. Parking is designated for City Park users only. Please adhere to all parking signs in City Park
- Overnight vehicle parking is prohibited
- Electric scooters, electric bikes, skateboards, hoverboards and the like are not permitted. Only medically necessary scooters are permitted.
- Pavilions are for rent only. Contact 334-774-2523 to inquire.
- Structures of any kind, including tents, may not be erected on City Park property. Bounce houses and water slides are prohibited.
- Pets must remain on leash at all times and in possession by the owner. Owners must pick up after their pets and properly dispose of waste.
- No littering and dumping please take out what you bring in
- Visitors to City Park shall adhere to all posted signage at all sports fields
- City Park reserves the right to cancel permitted events, including sports events, should it be determined that conditions are unsafe or that damage may result to City Park property
- Fireworks, noisemakers, confetti, silly string, glitter are not allowed in City Park
- No alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and no smoking/vaping
- No horseplay or fighting



ANYONE DAMAGING PROPERTY OR VIOLATING PARK RULES WILL BE PROSECUTED.



DYS State Softball Tournament Health and Safety Tips

The weather in south Alabama is hot and humid! This type of weather puts players at a high risk for heat related illnesses. Listed below are some tips on how to prevent heat related illnesses.

- 1. Know your players and identify players that are susceptible.
- Begin early acclimating players to the weather through planned workouts to start, and of short durations gradually increasing in length and intensity.
- 3. Intake of fluids should start prior to, during, and after practices and games. Fluid breaks should be every half hour when playing in the heat. Water and sports drinks are both acceptable forms of hydration.
- 4. FLUID REPLACEMENT IS MOST IMPORTANT IN PREVENTION OF HEAT ILLNESS.

Electrolyte replacement in the form of bananas replenishes potassium, potato chips for salt, fruits and vegetables should be included as well.

DO NOT USE SALT TABLETS!





STEAGALL PARK 665 Peakcock Way Ozark, AL 36360



15U and 18U Locations

Eastgate Softball Complex 406 Ben Street Ozark, AL 36360



6U Field 4

8U Field 3

10U Field 1

12U Field 2