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Youth Baseball Champions Return to Branson for National Championships Next Week

Branson, MO (August 11, 2017) – As the Cal Ripken Major 70 Babe Ruth World Series comes to a close this week with Japan taking home the world championship title following a win at Ballparks of America on Thursday night, the next championship series moves in next week. 12U Champions from several national amateur baseball organizations return to Branson, Missouri for the 3rd Annual Youth Baseball Network National Championship.

The Youth Baseball Network (YBN) is a marketing and media company working closely with several national baseball organizations promoting youth baseball across America.

The YBN National Championship will be played August 16-19 at the new, state-of-the-art youth baseball complex, Ballparks of America. Ballparks of America features five MLB replica fields, plus luxurious team suites, which will be home to the Champions for their week in Branson.

The 12U Champions coming to Branson represent the following organizations: American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC); Amateur Athletic Union of the United States (AAU); Continental Amateur Baseball Association (CABA); Dixie Youth Baseball (DYB); Dizzy Dean Baseball (DDB); National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF); and the Jacoby Ellsbury Indigenous Champions. In addition, a host team featuring players from Greater Missouri will round out the tournament.

“We’re thrilled to be returning to Branson for our third year,” stated Gil Vieira, YBNetwork Founder and CEO. “The amateur baseball organizations, City of Branson and Branson CVB have become great partners assisting with the development of this prestigious tournament. Each year, the YBN Championship gets bigger and better – and we look forward to fulfilling our vision of making Branson the new capital of youth baseball.”

Jeff Seifried, President/CEO of the Branson Chamber of Commerce and CVB stated, “The staff of Branson CVB has really enjoyed working with Youth Baseball Network and their partners over the past three years. Happy to have them here and proud to host this world-class tournament in Branson.”

One of the events at the Championship, which players and families have greatly enjoyed, is the special YBN Opening Ceremony that takes place Wednesday, 16 August, at 6:30p at the Branson Landing. Between the fabulous water and fire display at the Landing’s amphitheater, plus Branson entertainers and guests, it’s a fun time for all. For the teams, it all starts with a tour of Branson and a ride to the Opening Ceremony via amphibious Duck Boats, which are provided by “Ride The Ducks” of Branson.

YBN’s Gil Vieira, also stated, “For those living in the Southwest Missouri area, come watch some of the best 12U youth baseball teams in the country - it’s all free. And, you’ll be amazed by the ability of these young players.

You'll also be surprised to see these teams playing 'real baseball', as the fields are bigger and the bases are further apart than other youth baseball games seen on television."

The YBN National Championship will be produced by the Amateur Sports Broadcasting Network and will be streamed via www.YouthBaseballNetwork.com and www.ASBN.tv.

For more information about the YBN National Championship visit: www.YouthBaseballNetwork.com.

Media inquiries related to this content may be directed to Gil Vieira, CEO of Youth Baseball Network at gilv@youthbaseballnetwork.com or by calling City of Branson Communications Manager at 417.337.0017 to schedule an interview.

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