



2017
Mississippi
T-Ball State
Championship
Tournament

June 22-25, 2017

What does it mean to be a veteran?

Before we can understand what, it means to be a veteran, we first must understand two things, 1) What a veteran is? and 2) What war is.

What is a Veteran?

A person who now voluntarily joins, any of the military branch's Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Reserve or National Guard. After joining that person then served in that particular branch for honorable length of time.

What is War?

A state of armed conflict between different nations or states or different groups within a nation or state. It is an armed conflict, it generally involves aggression, destruction, and usually has with it a high mortality rate which means people will get badly injured or may die.

Now what does it mean to be a veteran?

When a person serves honorable in the military, you become a part of a tightly knitted family. Even after you leave, service members continue to have that bond. You now are considered to be part of a family called veteran, you join tens of millions around the country.

This is such a small thing, yet we often forget the power of a label or title. Many who served want to avoid this public "Veteran Status". They may feel their service to our country was not that important, they may have never been in a combat role or even been deployed out of the United States. In any situation, they have help change not only our country, but other for the better.

Being a veteran brings many good things, so, many people look at veterans on the positive side. They say they are honest, loyal, trainable, dependable, hard-working, team-oriented, good leaders. These things are what people think about you, when you tell you're a veteran. "Thank them for their service, when you meet a veteran."

Do you realize because of veterans long ago, you get to play this game of baseball, that even means we can get together here today. Your right to go to school and have a desk to set at. How about this, we are allowed to have boys and girls in a classroom together, a right to work and have money. There are countries even today that will not let boys and girls go to school together, have money, or let them go to church and believe in God.

Now I would like for you to read something about our United States of America Flag, as you read, think of it our Flag is speaking to you.

You might not even know that a veteran is even around, but by doing this very simple gesture they will know you're saying, "Thank You for your service, and that your honoring those that have gone on or perished in combat". Now when you hear the National Anthem, say the Pledge Allegiance or see the United States of America flag, like in a parade. Stop, stand still don't looking around or talk. Place your right hand over your heart and boys if you're wearing some kind of a hat take it off. That is the biggest thanks you can give a veteran.

May Our Lord Bless Everyone Here Today and Keep You Safe, again God Bless.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.",



**Oh, say! can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming;**

**Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the
perilous fight,**

**O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly
streaming?**

**And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there:**

**Oh, say! does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?**

*****THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE *****

Pascagoula Youth
Baseball Complex
1813 Tucker Avenue
Pascagoula, MS 39567

6u T-Ball
Check-in June 22, 2017

Pascagoula Country Club 2703 Washington Avenue between 4:00-6:00 PM
****Manager and one Coach Meeting at 6:30 PM, for bracket draw****

Games begin: Friday Morning
June 23, 2017

****It is very important to have your binder up to date. Providing birth certificates for ALL your players, a completed tournament team roster, league insurance information and have **medical release forms on each player**. This will be required upon check-in.****



Pascagoula Youth Baseball

President Bob Cochran
1813 Tucker Street
P.O. Box 539
Pascagoula, MS 39568-0539

June 16, 2017

Dear 2017 State T-Ball Tournament Coaches, Players and Parents:

Congratulations, to each and every one of you on your accomplishments this season for being selected to represent your league, city and county.

Parents, thank you for being there for your child, taking them to and from practices and games. Coming up with the funds to pay for their equipment and now getting them here to play in a game they should remember for a long time. Coaches, to you for your time, commitment, patience, love of the game and more important what you are teaching our future leaders. Player's, I hope you realize what you have attained this season. I would hope you think about the hard work you asked of yourself, the things you learned to make you a better person. Lastly, I'm confident you understand what authority is and that you respect it.

Pascagoula Youth Baseball, is very pleased and honored to act as your host for the Cal Ripken 2017 Mississippi T-ball State Championship Tournament. Our city of Pascagoula along with PYB Board Members, welcomes you to Jackson County. We hope you enjoy your visit and wish your team the best of luck in this state tournament. What we hope for is that you enjoy yourself, make new friendships and find time to enjoy a few of the other things that Pascagoula has to offer.

Let's have fun and play some ball!

Sincerely,

Bob Cochran

Helpful Information

- Round Island Lighthouse (228-938-6639)
- Pascagoula Beach Park (south on Market to Beach Blvd)
- Scranton Nature Center/Park, 3828 Nathan Hale, east of Chicot Street
- The La-Pointe-Krebs House 4602 Fort Street (228)471-5126)
- Scranton Museum-River Park 4100 Clark Street
- Pascagoula River Audubon Center (228)475-0825

Hotels

- Hilton Garden Inn Pascagoula
2703 Denny Ave
Pascagoula MS 39567
228-762-7182
- Nola-Goula Inn & Suits (this is a 3-Star hotel **NO POOL**)
2102 Denny Ave
Pascagoula MS
228-762-8210
On site Laundromat & Restaurant
- Studio 6 (this is a 3-star hotel **NO POOL**)
4419 Denny Ave
Pascagoula MS 39581
On site Laundromat, near Wal-Mart and eating places
- Grand Magnolia Ballroom & Suites (this is a bed & breakfast, have six rooms)
NO POOL
3604 Magnolia St
Pascagoula MS 39567
228-696-1894

There are additional hotels and eateries in Gautier & Moss Point MS less than 10 miles away.

- La Quinta Inn 228-474-4488
- Days Inn 228-475-0077
- Hampton Inn 228-246-0777
- Holiday Inn Express 228-474-2100
- Quality Inn 228-475-2477
- Comfort Inn 228-474-3600
- Best Western 228-475-5000

Eateries in Pascagoula

- Bozo's Seafood (Great Sandwiches)
- New York Pizza (Best Pizza)
- Cornerstone Restaurant (Home of the Greater Tater)
- Edd's (Classic Chili Cheese Burgers)
- Lenny's Subs
- Yamato Japanese Steakhouse
- Fast Food McDonalds, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Checker's, Sonic, Cane's, Waffle House

Grocery Stores in Pascagoula

- Wayne Lee's 1317 Telephone Road 5am-10pm
- Walmart Superstore 4253 Denny Avenue (Hwy 90) 24hrs
- Save A Lot 3501 Denny Avenue (Hwy 90)
- Jerry Lee's 1804 Ingalls Avenue 5am-10pm

Laundry Mat's in Pascagoula

- Suds Zone 3802 Hospital Road 7am-9pm
- Spin N Jacks 4404 Amonett Street
- Mayfair 1709 Ingalls Avenue 6am-7pm (Fri) 8am-12pm



Let's have FUN and Play some
Baseball!!!

Mayor Blevins

Dear Coaches, Players and Parents

On behalf of myself, city council & all Pascagoula City Employees, we are excited to be hosting the T-Ball State Tournaments here in Pascagoula. Welcome, we hope you enjoy your time here in our city and take the time to see some of our local sites, for further information on things to do here in our city you can call 228-762-1020. On behalf of our city leaders we wish you the best of luck in the Tournament and look forward to some great baseball

Sincerely,

Jim Blevins
Mayor, City of Pascagoula

A GREAT PLACE TO
Live, Work, & Play

Pascagoula Youth Baseball

Mission Statement

Pascagoula Youth Baseball is an instructional community youth league with a mission to engage the youth of our community through healthy athletic competition, to provide opportunities to learn and appreciate the sport of baseball, to encourage the development of life skills, personal character and to respect authority. Our objectives are to provide quality baseball instruction in the fundamental aspects of the game in a safe, positive, nurturing environment, and expose young people to some of the general life lessons and that being an athlete. We hope through their experience, Pascagoula Youth Baseball, that our athletes will develop an appreciation for physical conditioning, healthy life choices, self-discipline, responsibility, accountability, self-esteem, pride, integrity, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Finally, most importantly, endeavors that each player has an enjoyable and rewarding experience learning and playing baseball while sharing the healthy emotional spectrum of success and failure with their team, coaches, and family.

Core Values

Pascagoula Youth Baseball embraces the historical pillars upon which Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken League was built. Pascagoula Youth Baseball is charged with providing every day examples of Integrity, Character, Accountability, Responsibility and Ethics (iCare), in these core values. As a coach, role model and leader, nothing is more important than that of setting the example for our young people. It is up to us as parents, coaches, umpires and leaders who live in our communities to demonstrate these values "To Our Future". As an organization, we have even greater responsibilities to those we serve. Other core values of our organization are Transparency and Communication. It is by these guiding principles that we endeavor to not only manage Pascagoula Youth Baseball today, but to pass it along to the next generations of volunteer leaders who follow.

Core Purpose

As an organization, our daily purpose is to improve the overall experience for players, parents, and coaches so, as to create a culture that not only attracts player and volunteer participation, but keeps them coming back year after year.

**2017 State T-Ball Tournament
Complex Rules
Pascagoula, MS**

This year we hope to welcome over 15 teams to the 2017 State T-Ball Tournament here in our great city of Pascagoula. You will find, among other things:

- A full concession stand will be in operation, along with various vendors.
- **No Personal Coolers, One Team Cooler**, will be allowed for ice, cooling towels, and for medical supplies.
- Each dugout will be supplied with ice water coolers and cups.
- Teams may have a manager and three coaches they will not be allowed in the outfield and when on defense must be inside the dugout. Manager, shall remain within one arm's length of the dugout.
- Tournament t-shirts will be available for sale.
- No radios or noisemakers will be allowed that includes rocks in the bottle and Cowbells.
- Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams;
- There will be no dogs or pets allowed inside our complex.
- There will be no bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. Not allowed at any time inside the complex.

No spitting, chewing, smoking tobacco products. E-cigs NOT allowed inside the complex.

Team Binders must be complete and turned-in at check-in for inspection.

Prior to the tournament, please direct any questions to Terry Crow at (228) 282-2757. There will be Cal Ripken Officials on the complex during all games.

Please check-in at the Pascagoula Country Club 2703 Washington Avenue Pascagoula, MS **between 4:00-6:00 PM on JUNE 22**. We will have a welcoming committee waiting on you and all players and their family. You be provided with a picnic style meal there, coaches and player free, \$5.00 per person.

****Manager and one Coach Meeting 6:45 PM for bracket draw** at which time, game times and fields assignments will be finalized.

The official Tournament Brackets, will be located outside the press box located near Gibson Field in Plexiglas case.

Our field maintenance are volunteers they work very hard at getting the fields ready for play. Therefore, we respectfully ask that **“No pre-game warm-ups or infield practice shall take place on any game field”**.

There will be a batting cage available and two smaller fields, first come, first served not to exceed 45 minutes, if another team waiting.

In the case of rain or foul weather, please do not leave the complex until the tournaments officials so direct. The umpire in chief may delay the game however, tournament officials will determine whether there will still be play or a delay in play.

We ask all coaches and players family be flexible with game times and weather delays. Teams should be onsite a half hour in advance of scheduled playing time. Being flexible will allow the State Tournament to flow easier for all and minimize delays.

At any time during your stay, please feel free to talk with any of our tournament host officials for more information on any aspect of your stay here with us. We wish you and players a great tournament leaving Pascagoula with a memorable and enjoyable time in south Mississippi.

Unless previously modified by authorized Mississippi Cal Ripken Tournament Official, all games will be played under the rules and regulations covered in the Professional Baseball Rule Book and Regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball.

Brackets for State Tournaments are developed prior to the State Tournament commencing each year. Bottom of the bracket will be Home Team. The on-deck circle closest to your dugout will be the one used by your team

Games will be kept moving at all times. No unnecessary delays or mound conferences etc., will be permitted.

Anyone player, manager or coach acting in an unsportsmanlike manner can be removed from the playing field or ball park immediately. If ejected, suspension shall be for the remainder of that game. If a second ejection of the same individual, during this tournament can be brought before state and league officials who will decide on action to be taken. Please advise your parents that there will be no tolerance for badgering of or toward coach's, umpires or players. They too could be escorted from the Pascagoula Youth Baseball complex.

Managers and coaches **are not** required to be in a team uniform. They should be dressed in likeness. Shorts **are authorized**, as are polo shirts. They shall match and be color coordinated with the team represented. *No denim or cut offs, gray is neutral color. Players shall wear a full uniform according to Baseball Rules. While in uniform, neatness is requested. When you are at the ball park shirt tail must be tucked in and your cap worn properly with the bill in the front. No warm up gear or hitting shirts allowed on the field.

Protective headgear must be worn at bat and on the bases, including the catcher. A batboy or girl shall wear headgear at any time when on the field. Equipment, bats, gloves, helmets, etc.. shall be stacked neatly in a proper place at all times (**inside the dugout**).

Only managers, team coaches, players and bat-person shall be allowed in the dugout.

Pascagoula Youth Baseball Complex has a NO TABACCO of any kind inside the complex at all, smoking is allowed in the parking area and outside the gates no closer than 25 feet.

A Reminder from your child.
I'm a KID!
It's just a GAME!
My Coach is a Volunteer!
The Umpires are HUMAN!
and NO College Scholarship, or contract
will be awarded today.

Thank you and lets us have fun today.

Admission for Friday P/M

Adult: \$5.00

Child:5-12: \$3.00

Under 5 Free

Separate Admission for Saturday A/M & P/M

Adult: \$5.00 or **Weekend Band \$15.00**

Child:5-12: \$3.00 or **Weekend Band \$ 9.00**

Under 5 Free

Separate Admission for Sunday A/M & P/M

Adult: \$5.00

Child:5-12: \$3.00

Under 5 Free

Please remember: No outside coolers allowed, except one Team Cooler ONLY, no outside drinks or glass.