



PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS PLAYS HOST TO 2015 BABE RUTH 14-YEAR-OLD WORLD SERIES

The 2015 Babe Ruth 14-Year-Old World Series will be hosted by Pine Bluff, Arkansas and played at Taylor Field, August 15-22.

Taylor Field is owned by the City of Pine Bluff and was built in 1940 by the WPA (Works Progress Administration). This administration helped the unemployed find construction work during the New Deal era.



In the 1940s and '50s, the field was home to the semi-professional Pine Bluff Judges and Cardinals of the Cotton States League. Taylor Field hosted the Babe Ruth League 13-15 World Series in 1972, 1975, 1994, 1998 and 2000. And in 2003 it hosted the 13-Year-Old World Series.

The 1972 tournament was attended by Jerome "Dizzy" Dean, a 1953 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, and Claire Ruth, Babe Ruth's widow. In 1995, then President Bill Clinton threw out the first pitch of the National Amateur All-Star Baseball Tournament (NAABT) which was televised on ESPN.

The NAABT also brought in other big names in baseball to Taylor Field such as 10-time MLB All-Star and 1974 National League MVP Steve Garvey and 1983 Baseball Hall of Famer and 16 time Gold Glove Award Winner, Brooks Robinson.

In 1996, the Pine Bluff Locomotives of the Big South League played at Taylor Field. Other local ballplayers that grew up playing at Taylor Field and have had successful careers in MLB: Heavy hitter and nine time Gold Glove Award winner Torii Hunter and former pitcher for the Texas Rangers, Mike Jeffcoat.

Today, Taylor is the home field for the Pine Bluff High School Zebras baseball team and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in January, 2010.

In addition to its deep roots in the game of baseball, Pine Bluff offers a diversity of opportunities for families to enjoy. Visit the Arkansas Entertainers Hall of Fame—imagine having Johnny Cash greet you as you walk in the door. That's just what happens—an animatronics version of the country music star sits at the front door and with the push of a button, he comes to life. Also while in town, visit the Arkansas Railroad or Plantation Agriculture Museums; or take the family to the Saracen Landing, Aerospace Education Center, Gator Park Fun Center, Mystic Caverns, Jack and Jill Fun Zone, Little Rock Zoo, or the Delta Rivers Nature Center.



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