



**Grayson Invitational
Tournament
14U Only, 8 Team Limit
June 20-22, 2014**



This is your chance to come and play in Savannah, Georgia at historic Grayson Stadium, home to the New York Mets Single-A Minor League Affiliate, the 2013 South Atlantic League Champions. Your hosts are the Ninth Inning Royals and the 643 Jaguars 14U Teams.

TOURNAMENT FEATURES



INCLUDED IN YOUR TOURNAMENT FEE OF \$795:

- A picnic for all team members and coaches Friday night;
- Fireworks show at the stadium Friday night;
- Discounted hotel rates in Savannah's River District;
- Your players featured on the video board in centerfield;
- Professionally manicured playing surface;
- 3 game minimum, 2 pool play into single elimination bracket.

GRAYSON STADIUM INFORMATION

Grayson Stadium is, by most accounts, the oldest ballpark in full season professional baseball. It was originally built in 1926, and then in August, 1940, it was largely destroyed by a hurricane. During its re-construction in 1941, workers were rebuilding the ballpark the day the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The workers essentially dropped their tools and stopped work to enlist.

Over the years, it has hosted many, many famous ball players:

- Babe Ruth hit a home run there in 1935
- Satchel Paige “very likely” played there during his barnstorming days in the South.
- Jackie Robinson stole home in an exhibition game.
- Mickey Mantle hit two home runs.
- Hank Aaron played there, and his younger brother, Tommy Aaron, became the first black manager of a AA club there in 1973.
- Cal Ripken broke his finger avoiding a tag at first base, and still has the mis-shapen finger to prove it.
- John Smoltz pitched in a rehab stint drawing huge crowds.

More recently, the Sand Gnats' roster contained the names of such future major leaguers as Adrian Beltre, Eric Gagne, Hank Blalock, and Travis Hafner. Current major leaguers who have played in Grayson Stadium include Johan Santana, Cesar Puello, Jordany Valdespin, Josh Satin, Ryan Zimmerman and Ian Desmond.

The first 6 teams to pay their tournament fee to join the 14U Ninth Inning Royals and the 14U 643 DP Jaguars will secure their spots in the event.

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