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**Glendale Hosts National Softball Tournament;
Hundreds Expected to Visit City**

GLENDALE, Ariz. -- The city of Glendale Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department in conjunction with the Arizona Amateur Softball Association (ASA) will be hosting the 2011 Men's Class "E" Slow-Pitch Western National Softball Tournament at Glendale's Sahuaro Ranch Sports Complex, 9895 N. 63rd Ave.

Approximately 40 teams will be competing in the tournament, which will be held Friday, Sept. 2, through Monday, Sept. 5, with 20 to 30 of those teams traveling to Glendale from outside the Valley and state.

Host hotels for the tournament are The Springhill and Residence Inn Suites just northwest of 91st and Glendale avenues. Approximately 600 room nights will be utilized from tournament officials, staff and players/spectators.

"Tourism is one of Arizona's top industries, and Glendale is thrilled to host amateur sporting tournaments that attract athletes and their families to the West Valley," said Glendale CVB Manager Lorraine Pino. "The Convention & Visitors Bureau is looking forward to assisting these out-of-town visitors by providing visitor information and recommendations on what to do while in Glendale."

Below is a tentative schedule of events:

Friday, September 2

- 2 p.m. Managers Meeting/Luncheon held at the Residence Inn Suites
- 6:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies at Sahuaro Ranch Sports Complex
- 7 – 11 p.m. Tournament Games

Saturday, September 3

- 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Tournament Games
- 7 – 11 p.m. Player's Social at the Springhill Inn Suites

Sunday, September 4

- 8 a.m. – 10: p.m. Tournament Games and Final Games

Monday, September 5

- Tournament Games – If rain delays tournament on Friday - Sunday

For information, visit the ASA website at www.azasa.org, click on the adult slow pitch link and then the 2011 Men's Western Nationals link.

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