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NCSA to Host TWO 2017 Regional Tournaments in Elkhart, Indiana!

The National Club Softball Association is excited to announce that they will be putting on two Regional Championship tournaments in Elkhart, Indiana at the Riverview Softball Complex! This past Fall, the city of Elkhart saw its first NCSA tournament with the Fall Invitational, but this will be the first time for the city to see Regional match ups. The top 4 teams from each of the Great Lakes and the Great American Regions will be arriving April 21st with the Champions decided on Sunday the 23rd. The winner of each Great Lakes and Great American Regionals will get an automatic bid to the NCSA World Series in Columbus, GA at the end of May.



The city of Elkhart is situated along the St. Joseph and Elkhart Rivers where visitors often explore the nearby Amish region. The city contains numerous major parks including the popular Island Park which hosts the Rhapsody in Green Festival each year. The South Bend metropolitan region is close by, giving visitors easy access to those attractions. Elkhart county is known as the "RV capital of the world" which can be attributed to the numerous recreational vehicle manufactures that are located in Elkhart. The Robert Young Rail Yard is recognized as one of the biggest freight classification yards in the entire world. In addition, Elkhart county hosts one of the biggest county fairs in the nation every year in late July early August.

Ed Bellows, Elkhart Softball Director (and recent Indiana Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame Inductee) says, "Riverview Softball Complex, celebrating its 50th year, is excited to host the NCSA Tournament on April 22-23, 2017. Riverview is a unique park situated in a residential neighborhood close to an elementary school with four fields that has hosted many local, state and national tournaments." Tracy Reardon, Great American Regional Director, echoes his excitement: "Sami Michaelis (Great Lakes Regional Director) and myself are excited to be back in Elkhart again after both of us had worked the Indy Invitational this past October. We were thrilled with how things turned out in Elkhart this fall that the two of us thought it would be great to hold our Regionals together at this amazing complex. This will be the NCSA's second event at the complex but the staff simply can't be beat. Ed has been a huge asset to both Sami and myself in getting our tournaments set up this month. We are really happy to be holding another NCSA event in Indiana!"

The NCSA would like to thank the city of Elkhart for their hospitality this past Fall and is looking forward to playing some great softball later this month!