



# Press Release

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## **American Legion Central Plains Regional to be Held at Minnetonka's Veterans Field August 6-10**

*Advanced tickets on sale; live webcast available for all games*

The Midwest's best young baseball talent will be on hand August 6-10 in Minnetonka, as the 2009 American Legion Central Plains Regional Baseball Tournament will be held at Minnetonka's Veterans Field. The tournament will be host to championship teams from seven states: Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The Excelsior Post 259 Legion team, by rule of being the host team, gains an automatic berth in the event as well. The winner of the Central Plains Regional will move on to the American Legion World Series, played at Newman Outdoor Field in Fargo, North Dakota on August 14-18.

The Central Plains regional has also created a unique partnership with the Minnesota Sports Broadcast Network, allowing fans to watch each game of the tournament, free of charge. Fans wishing to watch the games can visit MSBN's website at <http://www.MnSportsNetwork.com>. The Central Plains regional is the only regional in the country that will have such an agreement.

During the first day of the baseball tournament on August 6, plans are to have a Blackhawk Helicopter flyover during the final game of the day, which will include the host Excelsior team. The pilot of the flyover will be a native Minnesotan and a Black Hawk Helicopter Mission Coordinator, Specialist Sara Cook.

The four-day, potentially 15-game tournament will be held at Minnetonka's Veterans Field, which is located next to Minnetonka High school. The \$4.4 million facility opened in May 2007 and is hosting their first American Legion regional event since inception.

Presale tickets for the American Legion Central Plains regional are now on sale, with a 10-session "flex-pass" available for \$40. With the flex-pass, fans can use the pass for any combination of games or any

combination of number of people that equals 10. (Two fans for five games, one fan for 10 games, etc.) Tickets will also be available at the gate. Contact Frank Kuzma at 612-363-8133 for more information, or visit our website at <http://minnetonkadiamondclub.org/> for more information on advanced tickets.

<b>Game</b>	<b>Pairings</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Thursday - August 6</b>		
Game 1	MO Champ - SD Champ	9:30 a.m.
Game 2	NE Champ vs. IA Champ	Doubleheader
Game 3	ND Champ vs. MN Champ	4:30 p.m.
Game 4	KS Champ vs. Minnetonka, MN	Doubleheader
<b>Friday - August 7</b>		
Game 5	Loser Game 1 vs Loser Game 3	9:30 a.m.
Game 6	Loser Game 2 vs. Loser Game 4	Doubleheader
Game 7	Winner Game 1 vs. Winner 3	4:30 p.m.
Game 8	Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4	Doubleheader
<b>Saturday - August 8</b>		
Game 9	Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7	12:30 p.m.
Game 10	Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 8	4:30 p.m.
Game 11	Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8	Doubleheader
<b>Sunday - August 9</b>		
Game 12	Winner Game 9 vs. Loser Game 11 <b>(See Note 1 below)</b>	1:00 p.m.
Game 13	Winner Game 10 vs Winner Game 11 <b>(See Note 1 below)</b>	7:00 p.m.
<b>Monday - August 10</b>		
Game 14	Winner Game 12 vs Winner Game 13 <b>(See Note 2 below)</b>	1:00 p.m.
Game 15	<b>(If necessary)</b> Thirteen Games will be needed if Winner Game 11 loses Game 13 or Winner Game 12 wins Game 14	7:00 p.m.

Note 1: Pairings for Game 12 & 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary. (Tournament Director has further instructions).

Note 2: If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 automatically draws the Bye for Game 14.