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Dixie Softball Comes To Town

Laurinburg / Scotland County becomes the epicenter of girls' softball this month when 59 teams descend on the city for the 2018 Dixie Softball State Championships. Teams from throughout the state will join 3 local teams for the tournament. The tournament runs from Friday, July 13 through Wednesday, July 18.

Dixie Softball is played in seven states – mostly in the southeast — participating states include: Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas. Girls ages five to 19-years-old will compete in eight divisions. This tournament marks the first time a single city has been selected to host all of the divisions in a single setting.

The event is the culmination of over 18 months of effort and preparation. The journey began in January of 2017 when Scotland County Parks and Recreation and the Scotland County Tourism Development Authority teamed up to pitch their application to the North Carolina Dixie Softball Association. The original field was pared down to two finalist, Laurinburg and Cherryville.



Bryan Graham, the Director of Scotland County Parks and Recreation was then invited to deliver a final presentation, outlining the communities' plans and capabilities. Key parameters included field availability, hotel accommodations, experience in managing large sporting events, and community "buy-in." The latter deliverable was emphasized with the endorsement and support of numerous local organizations and entities including Scotland County Board of Commissioners, Laurinburg City Council, and St. Andrews University.

With over 100 games being played across the 5 days, games will be played at both the James L. Morgan Complex and Optimist Park. Admission to the Dixie State Tournament is \$7 for those in the community interested in catching a game.

For more information visit www.scdixiesoftball.com



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An Overview of the Tournament

The 2018 North Carolina Dixie Softball State Championships kick-off on Friday night, July 13th at the Morgan Complex in Laurinburg. A pizza dinner will take place at 3:30 with the opening ceremony and team introductions scheduled for 5:30. The opening ceremony will be highlighted by keynote speaker UNC-Pembroke head softball coach Brittany Bennett and a drone delivering the "first pitch."

Following the ceremonies, the Laurinburg Scotland County Area Chamber of commerce will host a special "Laurinburg After Five" concert featuring Bantum Rooster. Additionally, water slides and inflatables will be on site to add to the community fun. The concert is free.

The tournament kicks into high gear Saturday morning with games being played across 8 fields at 2 different sites:

Facility Location
Morgan Complex
1206 State Turnpike Road
Laurinburg, NC 28352

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Optimist Park
9961 State Turnpike Road
Laurinburg, NC 28352

Teams participating by division include:

Dixie Sweetees: West Lincoln, Central Columbus, West Stanly, Duplin County and East Columbus.

Dixie Darlings: Dunn, North Stanly, East Columbus, East Rowan, West Chatham, Duplin County Americans, Cherryville, Scotland County, West Stanly, Central Columbus and Lumberton.

Dixie Angels Traditional: Topsail, Dunn, Lumberton, Cherryville, Hope Mills and Sampson County

Dixie Angels X-Play: Montgomery County, Richlands, South Stanly, Central Columbus, Mt. Olive, West Chatham, Cape Fear and Duplin County.

Dixie Ponytail Traditional: Scotland County, Dunn, Moore County, Topsail, Hope Mills and Sampson County

Dixie Ponytail X-Play: Cape Fear, Montgomery County, South Columbus, Pembroke, Boger City, Burgaw, West Chatham, Duplin County, West Lincoln, Lumberton and East Rowan.

Dixie Belles: Pembroke, Sampson County, Cape Fear, West Lincoln, Hope Mills, Richlands, Scotland County and Anson County.

Dixie Debs: West Stanly, White Oak, West Chatham and Brunswick County North.

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Soul of the Carolinas

**The Carolinas have more than a few places of singular beauty.
But they have only one soul.**

The soul of the Carolinas is a place where the still-living spirit speaks of all the cultures that have moved across the face of the land from the time before the white man right down to the present day. It's a place where these cultures trade and mingle, where they acknowledge their past, and where they share their stories and knit their hopes for the future.

How did Scotland County become such a cultural crossroads? The answer may lie in the area's proximity to both Wilmington and to the ancient native trading trails further west.

Whatever the reason, waves of settlers have augmented the original Lumbee Tribe, including Scots Highlanders, African slaves and their descendants, antebellum farmers, and veterans of the War Between the States.



To these traditional elements, new cultures have been added: equestriennes drawn by St. Andrews University, African-American educational leadership at Laurinburg Institute, thrill-seekers trying for land speed records, and men and women of the U.S. Special Forces.



Together, these cultures in Scotland County provide a rich mixture of heritage, food, traditions, and experiences. The county is a cultural sampler that represents the true flavor of the rural South, its hospitality and its hope. And while other parts of the Carolinas may bend to the winds of modernity and change, the special spirit of Scotland County remains vibrant, true and real.

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Laurinburg Welcomes Our Visitors

The City of Laurinburg and Scotland County look forward to welcoming you to our community and showing our Southern hospitality. For more information on where to stay, please visit the **Scotland County Tourism Web site** at www.visitnc-soul.com

Hotels

Comfort Inn	910-277-7788	Pine Acres Lodge	910-276-1531
Hampton Inn	910-277-1516	Scotland Inn	910-276-0632
Holiday Inn Express	910-291-3300	Oasis RV Park	910-266-8372
Quality Inn	910-277-0080		

Casual Dining

215 on Main	910-361-4474
Captain Larry's Seafood House	910-276-1880
Champs Steak House	910-276-4386
Mi Casita Restaurante Mexicano	910-276-0032
The Main Table	910-361-4273
Wooly McDuff's Neighborhood Grille	910-276-6632

Quick Serve Dining

Dawg Haus Express	910-277-9303	Great Wall Chinese Food	910-276-9199
General McArthur's	910-276-1498	Jin Jin Chinese Food	910-277-1616
Golden Corral	910-277-1620	Little Fuji Grill	910-277-9922
Greek Village	910-277-7700	Miyako	910-506-4081
Jerry's Deli and Grill	910-266-9020	Taki Japanese Restaurant	910-291-9908
Huddle House	910-610-4100	Jesse's Pizza & Hot Sub	910-277-8538
Smithfield's Bar-B-Q	910-266-8700	Pizza Hut	910-276-1770
Waffle House	910-277-9259	Pizza Inn	910-276-6565
China Garden	910-266-8885	Moe's Chicken	910-506-2325
Golden Run	910-277-7734		