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Reminder: Fireworks, Detroit Mayor Bing part of Saturday's World Series opening ceremonies

The opening ceremonies of the 30th annual Junior League Baseball World Series are scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday at Taylor's Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee Road. Some highlights:

- A colorful parade of champions featuring all 10 teams of 13- and 14-year-old baseball players from around the world. Players will be carrying their national or state flag. National anthems and patriotic music will be played.
- Speeches by dignitaries, including Detroit Mayor Dave Bing and Taylor Mayor Jeffrey P. Lamarand -- two of the region's newest mayors. Both Mayors will participate in the ceremonial first pitch as well.
- Fireworks.

The opening ceremonies are open to the public at no charge. A great turnout will get the 2010 Junior League World Series off to a great start.

Taylor's World Series is the big brother of the Little League World Series played in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. When you're 12 years old, you play in Williamsport. When you turn 13 and 14, you play in Taylor.

Teams arrive as regional champions from all parts of the world. This year, the International Pool includes Chinese Taipei (Taiwan), Guatemala, the Ukraine, Mexico and British Columbia. The five American teams come from Indiana, California, Texas, New Jersey and Virginia.

Games begin at noon on Sunday at Heritage Park. The World Series games run from noon to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5 and 8 p.m. next Friday and the championship game at 4 p.m. next Saturday, August 21.

The world championship game will air live on ESPN2.

Tickets are \$5 per carload per day or \$10 for the entire week.

For more information, visit www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries.

Sunday's Games:

Tyler, Texas vs. Jeffersonville, Indiana, Noon
 Coquitlam, British Columbia vs. Kirovograd, Ukraine, 2:45 p.m.
 Freehold Township, New Jersey vs. El Monte, California, 5:30 p.m.
 Taipei City, Chinese Taipei vs. Guatemala City, Guatemala, 8:15 p.m.

Regional Report:

The last three teams to qualify for the World Series -- British Columbia, New Jersey and Indiana -- had their hands full on Thursday.

The Coquitlam, B.C., all-stars had to go to extra innings to defeat Orleans, Ontario, 7-6, in the final game of the Canadian national tournament held in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Freehold Township, New Jersey, was the host site for the USA East region and the host team was pushed to the limits in the double-elimination tournament. Freehold was the only team that stayed out of the losers' bracket and stunned the other undefeated team, Johnston, Rhode Island, 13-0, on Tuesday. But the Rhode Island state champs defeated Wall Township, N.J., 5-4, on Wednesday to earn a rematch with Freehold on Thursday. Rhode Island won that game, 6-2, forcing another game for all the marbles. Freehold won the championship game in an 11-10 thriller.

Jeffersonville, Indiana, also had its hands full in the USA Central region played in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In the semifinals, Jeffersonville held off Urbandale, Iowa's come-from-behind attempt and won 5-4. In the other semifinal game, the Michigan state champs from Midland overcame a 7-1 deficit to defeat the Kentucky state champs, 11-10. Indiana won the regional championship game, 9-5, but Midland left the bases loaded in the seventh and final inning.

Photo Highlight: Chinese Taipei team arrives at Detroit Metropolitan Airport

