

World Series opening ceremonies and fireworks are Saturday night at Heritage Park

The colorful and moving opening ceremonies of the 31st annual Junior League Baseball World Series are scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, August 13, at Taylor's Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee Road. Admission is free.

The evening will include a parade of champions, a welcome by dignitaries, a unique ceremonial first pitch and fireworks. Professional singer Rosella LoDuca will perform the United States National Anthem. LoDuca most recently performed at Joe Louis Arena, the Royal Oak Music Theater and the Magic Box.

Ten teams have qualified for the World Series:

International Pool

Asia-Pacific Regional Champions: Taoyuan, Chinese Taipei
Latin America Regional Champions: Maracaibo, Venezuela
Europe, Middle East, Africa (EMEA) Champions: Emilia, Italy
Puerto Rico National Champions: Yabucoa, Puerto Rico
Canadian National Champions: Surrey, British Columbia

USA Pool

USA Central Regional Champions: North Canton, Ohio
USA East Regional Champions: Johnston, Rhode Island
USA Southeast Regional Champions: Tampa, Florida
USA Southwest Regional Champions: Rosenberg, Texas
USA West Regional Champions: Tucson, Arizona

Games get under way at noon Sunday and continue through the world championship game at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 20.

Admission is just \$5 per carload per day or \$10 for the entire series. Both fees include parking.

For more information on the World Series, visit www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries.