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Lee County Parks and Recreation cordially invites you and your team to play in the Gene Cusic Collegiate Baseball Classic in the “City of Palms” Fort Myers, Florida. If you have not decided where to play your spring break baseball games next year, Lee County Parks and Recreation would like for you to consider the “Cusic.”

Since 1990, we have welcomed college and university baseball teams to southwest Florida. The “Cusic” will host teams from February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup>. Our prices are the lowest in the state at \$100 per game and there is not a registration fee. In addition, we provide all of the game balls and provide each team with one two-hour practice free of charge. For the fans that come and support your team, there is never a fee for parking or admission to the games. The “Cusic” baseball games are played at the Lee County Player Development Complex and Terry Park.

The Player Development Complex is the former training and practice home of the Boston Red Sox (1993-2011). The Red Sox made the move to a new facility, jetBlue Park, which opened in 2012. The Lee County Player Development Complex includes: five baseball fields with bullpens and eight batting tunnels.



Terry Park began in 1921 when the Terry Family donated approximately 25-acres of cow pasture to Lee County. Amidst nothing but bulls and heifers, a small wooden grandstand, seating no more than 600 fans was erected. Starting with Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics in 1925 and ending with George Brett's Kansas City Royals in 1987, Terry Park has hosted some of the game's greatest teams and players. Hall of Famers Jimmy Foxx, Bob Feller, Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, and Roberto Clemente are just a few of the great players that have graced the field at Terry Park.



The Philadelphia Athletics were the first major league team to play at Terry Park and were followed by the Cleveland Indians, Pittsburgh Pirates and the Kansas City Royals. In 1995 the ball field was placed on the National Register of Historical Places by the United States Department of the Interior. The memorial stadium was dedicated to Park

T. Pigott (1914-1972) in recognition of his lifetime of service, through sports, to the youth of this community. Lee County Parks & Recreation celebrated the 100 year anniversary of Terry Park in 2006.

It is requested that all teams stay in approved lodging reserved through Lee County Sports Organizing Committee to ensure a great hotel experience. Lee County Sports Organizing Committee offers a hotel hotline to make reservations easy. They work with all types of accommodations from economy style motels and inns to full service hotels, suites or even beachfront condos. You can call toll free **1-888-529-6588** or at <https://www.leecountysportshousing.org/> to reserve your rooms. They will work with your team's budget, preferences and game sites to find the best hotel fit for you.

Please consider coming down next spring and enjoy the beautiful weather, beaches, and shops southwest Florida has to offer. Register now at <http://www.leegov.com/parks/athletics/cusic/registration>. The registration deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>. The payment deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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