

Digital Brochure & Game Schedule





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Welcome to Lee County

Lee County Parks and Recreation proudly hosts the Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic. We have made this an annual softball and baseball event, and will continue the tradition we have established 30 years ago. We take great pride in our reputation and dedication to providing service throughout our area with events such as the "Cusic." We hope you enjoy your stay here in beautiful Lee County.

Good luck and best wishes to all of the teams and thank you for supporting the Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic.

Sincerely,

Jesse Lavender

Director, Lee County Parks & Recreation



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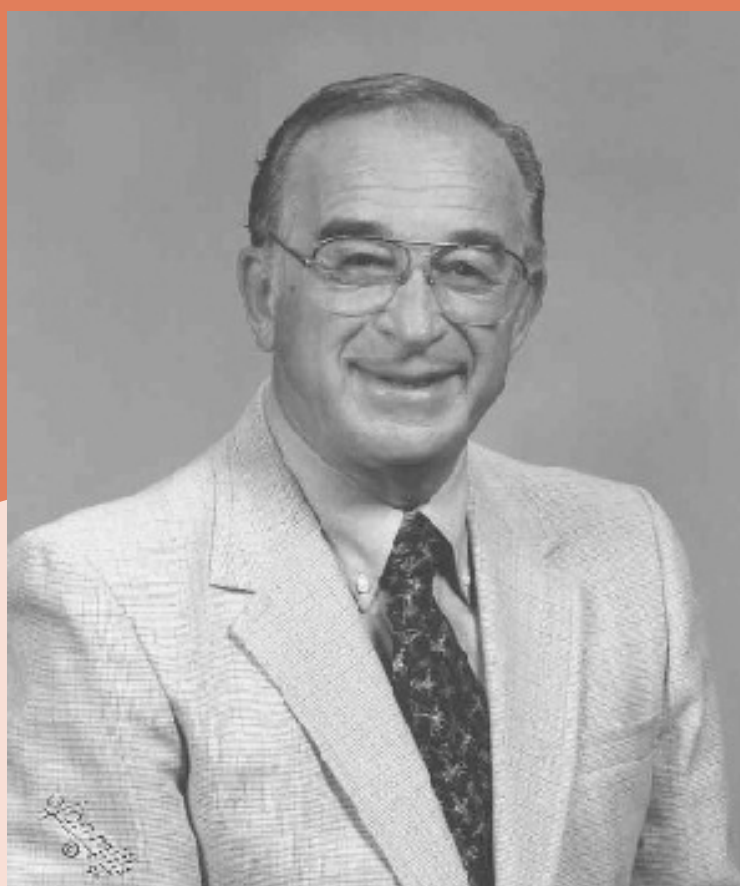
Parks & Recreation

Lee county Parks & Recreation was first organized in the early 1970's. Prior to that time, there were very few parks being maintained and almost no programming being provided. The department actually began with the completion of four community swimming pools, three of which were built on the School District of Lee County's property. Thus began the longstanding relationship between Parks & Recreation and the School District. Our goal is maximize our combined resources to provide the residents of Lee County with the best possible facilities and programs with the least possible expenditure of public funds.

Today we manage more than 3,500 acres of developed parkland and provide for hundreds of programs throughout the County. This growth reflects the 63 percent population growth experienced by Lee County in the last decade alone. We serve the community by providing health, inspiration and recreation opportunities through quality programming, facilities and community events. In addition, the department furthers the preservation and enhancement of the environment through conservation 20/20 preserves, open spaces and natural habitat areas.

Lee county Parks & Recreation has 263 positions, a \$36.4 million budget and more the 31,500 acres of Parks, preserves, facilities and other sites. The department oversees four recreation centers, 10 community centers, community parks, conservation 20/20 lands, greenways, the Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail, four year-round pools, seven boat ramps, sport complexes including Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins spring training facilities, dog friendly facilities and pristine Gulf-of-Mexico beach parks.





Gene Cusic

1928-1995

Gene was born and raised in Aurora, Illinois. He graduated from East Aurora High School in 1964 and graduated from Aurora University-class of 1952. He was an outstanding Aurora Spartan Football athlete, and was inducted into Spartan Hall of Fame in 1991, having achieved numerous Conference awards, in addition to being named team MVP three consecutive years. Gene also played one year of varsity baseball at Aurora University and in 1950-1951 was selected Athlete of the year. After graduation, Gene's career was in education. Upon retirement in 1988, he moved to Florida and soon joined the staff at Lee County Parks and Recreation as an Athletic Program Manager. Gene established the collegiate Classic 20 years ago with only softball teams participating.



It all 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 on the site about a mile east of downtown Ft. Myers. The little “diamond in the rough”, located “out in the boonies” was really just the beginning of a priceless lifetime of Ft. Myers baseball lure.

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, Tris Speaker, Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, and Roberto Clemente are just a few of the great players that have graced the Terry Park Field.

The Philadelphia Athletics were the first major league team to play at Terry Park. They were followed by the Cleveland Indians, Pittsburgh Pirates and the Kansas City Royals. Today, over 160 college baseball teams from around the country use Terry Park in the month of March to begin their college season.

On May 11th, 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 as Park T. Pigott (1914-1972) in recognition of his lifetime of service, through sports, to the youth of this community.

About the Cusic

The Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic® is an event that offers men's and women's NCAA Division III softball and baseball teams, as well as NAIA softball teams an opportunity to participate in regular season games during their respective "Spring Breaks." More than 100 teams come from many of the "cold winter climate" states and represent the National Collegiate Athletic Association - Division III, and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The event was established by Gene Cusic 28 years ago. It began with only 11 teams competing and now serves as a memorial to Gene's legacy.

The event competition starts the end of February and continues through March. In addition, game umpires from all over the United States come to the area to provide their expert services for the event. The athletes, umpires and their families stay at our local hotels, visit our local restaurants, attractions/entertainment and beaches daily, creating a great economic impact for Lee County.

Results

Softball
Baseball

Rain-Out Hotline

Call after 7:30 am

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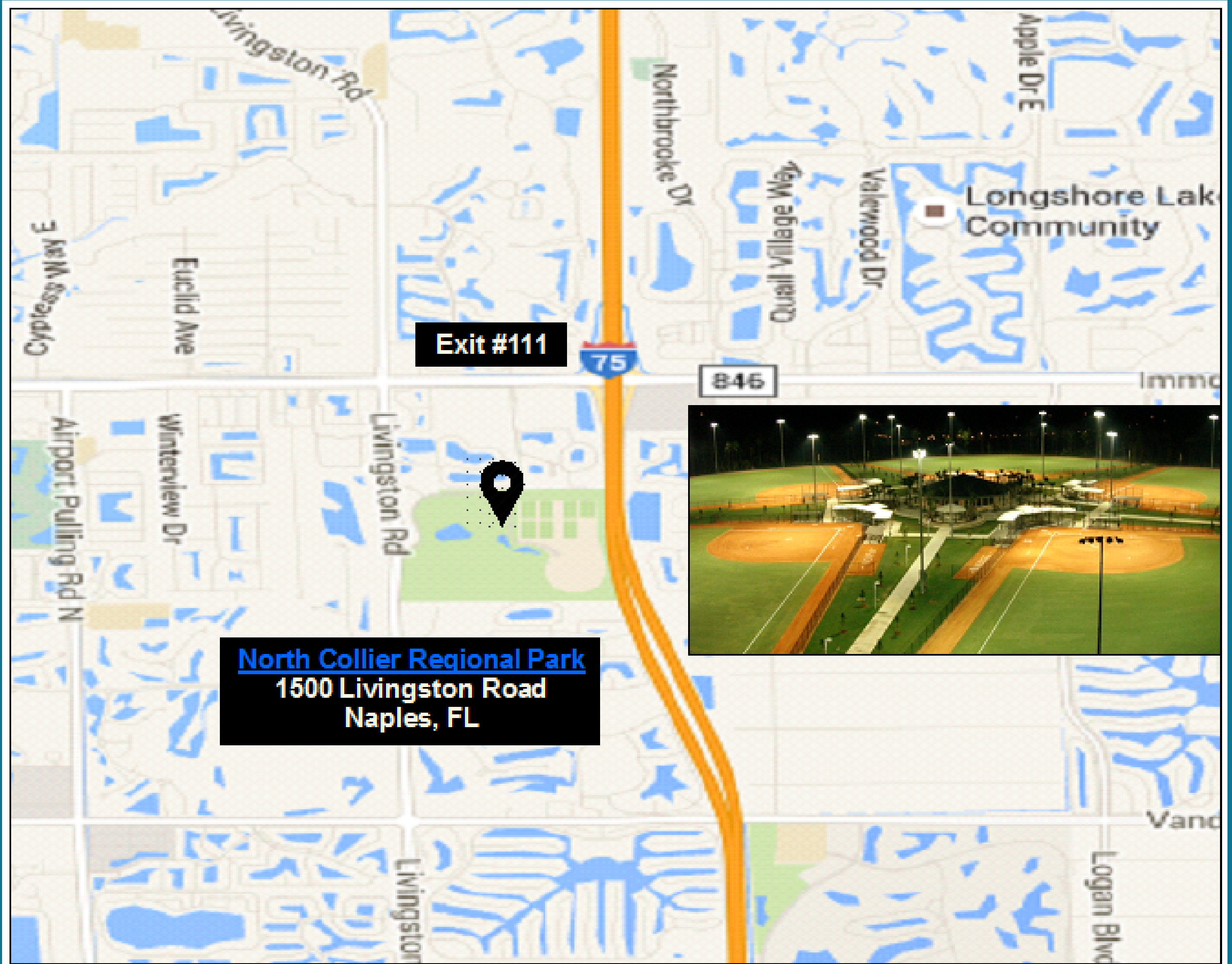
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Hotel Information

Visit the Lee County Sports Organizing Committee website or call 1-888-529-6588.

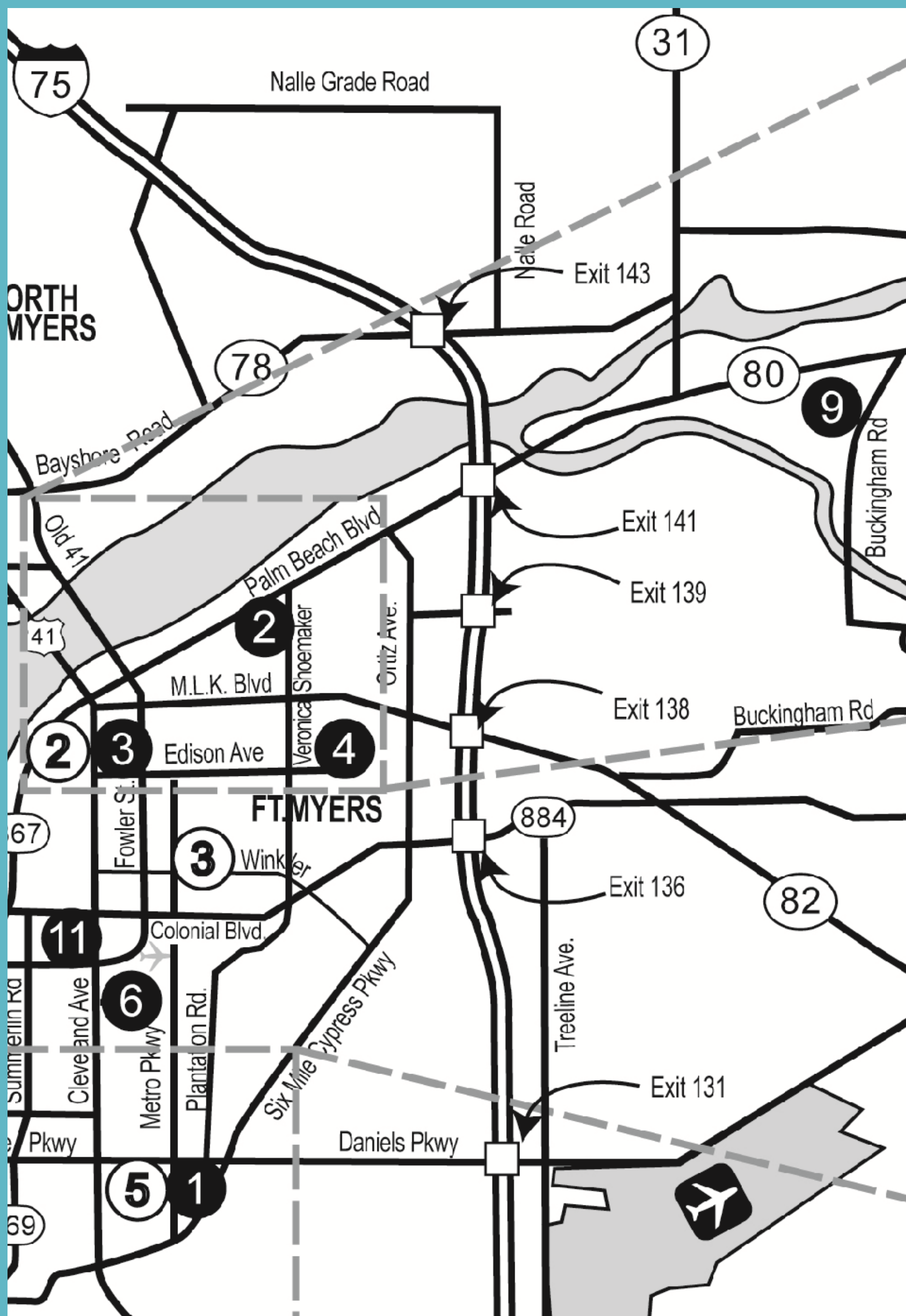


Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic Venues



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Venues



[Terry Park](#)
3410 Palm Beach Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL



[Lee Co. Player Development Complex](#)
4301 Edison Ave.
Fort Myers, FL



[Lee County Sports Complex](#)
14100 Ben C. Pratt/Six Mile Cypress
Pkwy.





Spring Training

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Elms College

Lesley University

Rochester Institute of Technology

Drew University

Albion College

Kenyon College

New Jersey City University

Pitt-Bradford University

Immaculata University

Rockford University

SUNY Delhi

Western Connecticut State University

SUNY Brockport

University of Wisconsin -Superior

Martin Luther College

Wilmington University

SUNY Canton

Nazareth College

Alfred State College

Skidmore College

University of Maine Presque Isle

Central College

SUNY Oneonta

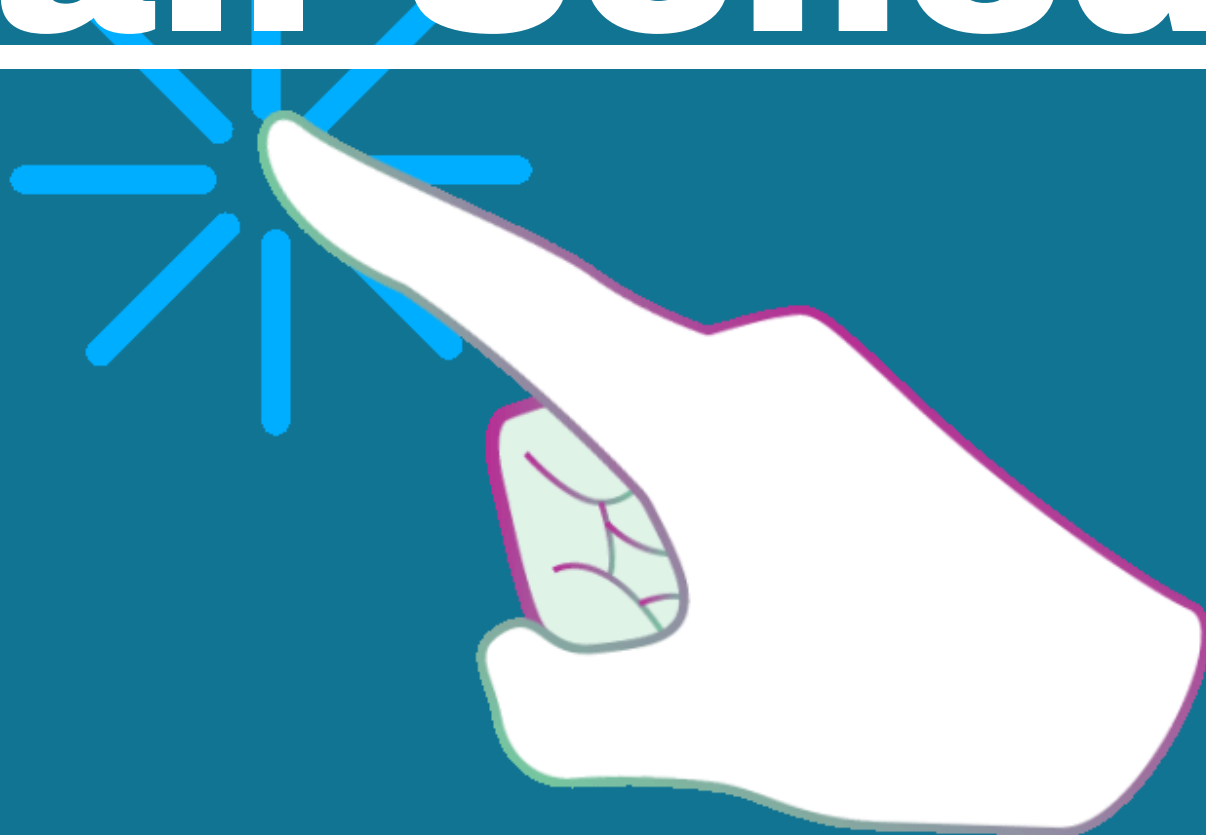




Softball Schedule



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Baseball Teams



Bluffton University

Alvernia University

Thiel College

Otterbein University

St. John's University

Augustana College

Plymouth State University

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Skidmore College

Hiram College

Defiance College

St. Elizabeth University

Bethel University

St. Michael's College

Lasell College

University of Wisconsin Stout

Rockford College

Muskingum University

University of Pittsburgh-Bradford

United States Merchant Marine Academy

Haverford College

Baldwin Wallace

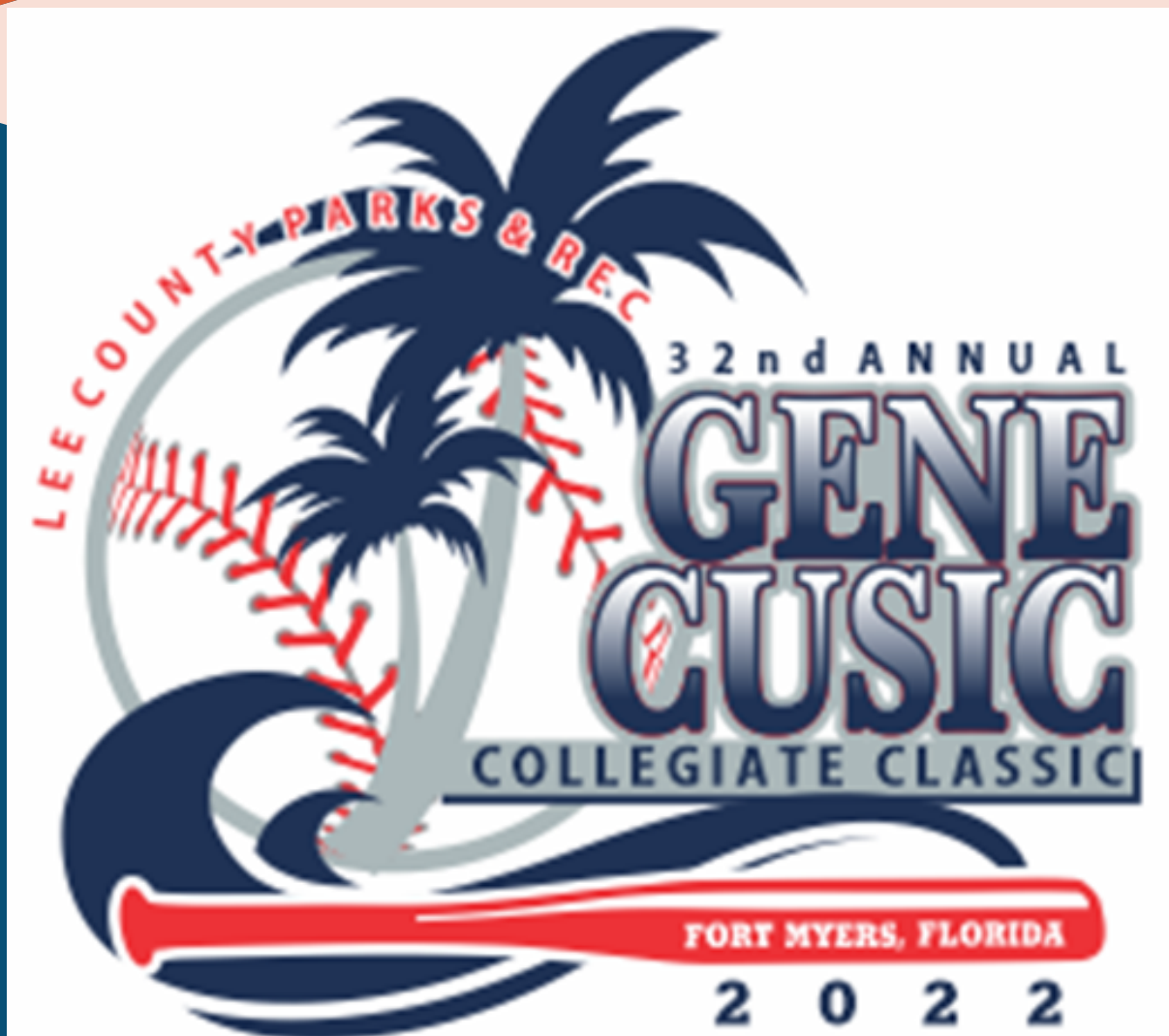
Eastern Connecticut State University



Baseball Schedule

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Stop by our merchandise Stations

We'll have three stations set up, one at each of the following sites:

Terry Park—3410 Palm Beach Blvd. Fort Myers, FL

Lee County Sports Complex —14100 Ben C. Pratt/Six Mile Cypress Pkwy

North Collier—1500 Livingston Road. Naples, FL



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MLB Spring Training Information



JetBlue Park

11500 Fenway South Drive
Fort Myers, Fl. 33913

1-877-RED-SOXX (Tickets)

[Online Schedule and Tickets](#)



CenturyLink Sports Complex

14100 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy.

Fort Myers, Fl. 33912

1-800-33-TWINS (Tickets)

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