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West Coast's First Major League Baseball-Affiliated Wheelchair Softball Team Begins Quest to Win League Title

Sacramento, California, August 15, 2007—The Department of Parks and Recreation's Access Leisure program invites the public and media to attend tryouts for the first ever MLB-affiliated wheelchair softball team on the West Coast. The one day event is being held to recruit local wheelchair softball athletes. Tryouts will take place on **Saturday, August 18th**, from **10a.m. to 3p.m.** at **River Cats Independence Field**.

Access Leisure is an award-winning program that continues to enrich the lives of people with disabilities. The addition of a MLB-affiliated wheelchair softball team provides an exciting, new recreational opportunity for local athletes with disabilities. The team, which has not yet been named, is open to athletes 18 years of age and above. The new team will compete against seasoned wheelchair softball teams like the Courage Rolling Twins, Colorado Rockies, United Spinal Yankees, United Spinal Mets, and Vaughan's PVA White Sox.

Event: MLB-Affiliated Wheelchair Softball Team Tryouts
Highlights: Batting Practice, Infield and Outfield Drills, Scrimmage Game, and Overview of National Wheelchair Softball Rules-of-Play
Date: August 18, 2007
Time: 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
Location: River Cats Independence Field, 2450 Meadowview Road, Sacramento

Media-related questions about this event can be forwarded to Hindolo Brima, Public Information Officer, Department of Parks and Recreation, (916) 808-5972.

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