

Softball Magazine's Inaugural Senior Softball Camp



Camp (noun)

1. d: a place usually in the country for recreation or instruction often during the summer. also: a program offering access to recreational or educational facilities for a limited period of time. (Merriam-Webster)

"Camp" is not just about kids in cabins and canoes in the summer. Far from it. Softball Magazine was proud to hold its inaugural Senior Softball Camp in Cocoa Beach, Florida, last December.

Approximately 70 players from 24 states and all four corners of the country participated. (Literally, there were players from New Hampshire, Florida, southern California, and Washington state). The allure was not just to play softball in the Florida sunshine, but also to learn more about the game from some of the best instructors.

The event took place the first full week after Thanksgiving. A Wednesday evening poolside meet-and-greet and a Thursday morning orientation breakfast (with a 3n2 giveaway of head-to-toe apparel) got things off on the right foot.

Fields were reserved for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. On Saturday night at the Cocoa Beach Country Club there was a concluding happy-hour and banquet, where every player received a bat bag with a new bat. Contest winners received prizes, and there



were random drawings for other prizes, including a free pass to the 2016 event. The Saturday night finale allowed the opportunity to travel home Sunday and be back to work (or retirement endeavors) on Monday.

The facility, the Cocoa Beach Sports Complex, was a four-field park about five miles from the host hotel, the Comfort Inn & Suites. A full-sized baseball field was set up with three paths of live batting practice, with screens to protect the

