

To All Current and Prospective Diamond Club members,

We are getting close to that time again. The 2011 Florida Diamond Club weekend will return to Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland, Spring Training home of the Detroit Tigers. The dates of the event are October 14th through the 16th, with a similar schedule as in years past.

There is no Scout Day scheduled before the first game of the event, so registration for this year will begin at 3:30 at the stadium. Registration sheets are available on the Florida Diamond Club website to expedite the process. There will be one game on Friday evening, followed by a hospitality night at “The Gym” in downtown Lakeland. Food and drink are complimentary for members.

Saturday will feature two more games, morning and afternoon. Lunch will be served to all members between games. Immediately following the second game, the Diamond Club banquet will be held at the Tigertown banquet hall. Dinner will be served, along with the awards presentation and general fellowship.

Sunday will feature a single game in the morning, concluding the event.

Rosters for the event will consist of 20-25 players representing the four geographical regions of the state as well as players from Puerto Rico. Underclassmen may be used if needed.

Membership will include admission to all games, lunch on Saturday, the hospitality night at “The Gym”, and Saturday night’s banquet.

Once again, I would like to thank all those that give their time and efforts to putting this weekend together. The Florida Diamond Club continues to give amateur players the opportunity to be educated on the professional game of baseball and as a result, 37 players that participated in the 2010 event were drafted in the 2011 MLB First Year Player Draft.

I look forward to seeing everyone again in October.

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