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**VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, TO HOST
LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL WESTERN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT**

**More than 500 players, families and friends expected to visit Vancouver
as 10 teams compete in week-long playoffs**

VANCOUVER, Wash.—For the seventh year in a row, Vancouver, Wash., has been selected as the host city for the Little League Girls Softball Western Region Tournament, which will draw teams from eight western states. Girls, ages 11 and 12, all who have won their district and state tournaments, will now be competing for one of ten spots in the Little League Softball World Series.

“Vancouver is the perfect setting for the Little League Tournament and for family sports of all kinds,” said Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office President Kim Bennett. “When not involved in the games, there is so much for families to do and see including historic sites, walking and hiking, wildlife viewing, kayaking and canoeing, and so much more. We are delighted that Vancouver was once again selected to host these games.”

The Regional Tournament will be held at Fort Vancouver Little League Field, located in the heart of the city. The week-long tournament will be kicked off with opening ceremonies starting at noon on Saturday, July 31, and will wrap up on Sunday, August 8.

Tournament officials estimate there will be 170 children and adults directly involved with the games including the players, coaches and umpires. It also is estimated that there will be another 300 families and friends traveling with the teams. These teams have all won their district and state tournaments and will be coming from Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon,

Utah, and Washington. The Little League Softball World Series will be held the following week just across the Columbia River in Portland, Ore., at Alpenrose Dairy Field.

When not participating in the games, players and their families will be filling local hotel rooms, dining at local restaurants and enjoying the historic sites and outdoor activities the city has to offer. The host hotels for the tournament are the Red Lion Hotel Vancouver at the Quay and the Comfort Inn and Suites.

For more information on attending the games, visit www.wad4llb.org. For more information on visiting the Vancouver area, visit www.VisitVancouverUSA.com.

About Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office

Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office (formerly Southwest Washington Convention & Visitors Bureau) is an economic development organization responsible for competitively marketing Vancouver and the surrounding area as a destination for meetings, conventions, and group and leisure travelers. The organization's mission is to promote Vancouver and Clark County by increasing convention and visitor business. For more information call 360-750-1553, or log on to www.VisitVancouverUSA.com.