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## The 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SNOWBIRD BASEBALL CLASSIC HEADS BACK TO CHARLOTTE COUNTY FEB. 18 – MAR. 19, 2022

**Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach, Fla (Feb. 4, 2022)** – One of the country's largest collegiate spring baseball tournaments returns to Charlotte County Feb. 18 – Mar. 19, 2022, when the Snowbird Baseball Classic comes back to Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach. In its 14-year running, the tournament welcomes all NCAA Baseball Division 1 & Division III schools.

Schools from across the country will compete during the five-week event. Top teams include Ohio State, University of Pittsburgh, Indiana State, Brigham Young University, and St. John's University, to name a few. A complete list of teams and the full schedule is available at 2022 SCHEDULE - Snowbird Baseball Classic.

"Fans, alumni, residents, and anyone else who appreciates baseball is encouraged to come out and support their favorite team. With the support of the community and the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, we have grown the Snowbird Baseball Classic to be one of the top tournaments in the country. This is an opportunity to see some of tomorrow's major league stars," said Steve Partington, president of Snowbird Baseball LLC.

"Both the Snowbird Baseball Classic and the Tampa Bay Rays Spring training games provide you the opportunity to get up close and personal with emerging and established high-level athletes," stated Sean Walter, Business Development Director of Sports for the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau. "This is a great opportunity for both our residents and visitors to enjoy baseball in beautiful Southwest Florida."

Games will be played at <u>Centennial Park</u> (1185 Centennial Blvd., Port Charlotte) and <u>South</u> <u>County Regional Park</u> (670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda).

Tickets are \$10.00 at the gate and residents are free every Tuesday with an ID or utility bill showing a local address. Wednesday is Military Day, and all military and veterans get in free with their current ID. Parking is free.

For additional information about the Snowbird Baseball Classic visit the <u>2022 Snowbird</u> Baseball Classic.

## ABOUT PUNTA GORDA/ENGLEWOOD BEACH

**Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach** is Florida's best-kept secret of a charming natural paradise located on the idyllic Southwest Gulf Coast. This coastal community surrounding the state's second-largest harbor sits conveniently between Tampa and Naples. Outdoor enthusiasts will find a haven of vibrant experiences in the sun-soaked oasis of the Southwest Florida islands, characterized by almost year-round sunshine and sub-tropical weather. Relaxation and discovery await miles of waterways and inland exploration trails filled with unspoiled natural beauty. From beaches to boating, hiking to harbor tours, fishing to nature paths; to the sun, shelling and fossilized sharks' teeth, Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach immerses lively locals and active adventurers in a pure island experience. Most notably known for its 830 miles of pristine unparalleled shoreline, including captivating river passages, a mangrove-edged aquatic preserve, and more than a dozen miles of natural Gulf beaches, the Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast includes the areas of Boca Grande, Don Pedro Island, El Jobean, Englewood-Cape Haze, Little Gasparilla Island, Manasota Key, Knight Island, Placida, Babcock Ranch, Port Charlotte, and Punta Gorda.

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