



# News Release

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## **Shawnee County Parks + Recreation contracts with Midwest Sports Productions for youth baseball and softball tournaments**

TOPEKA, KAN. – Shawnee County Parks + Recreation has contracted with Midwest Sports Productions for the third consecutive year to provide youth baseball and softball tournaments at the state-of-the-art Bettis Family Sports Complex, Lake Shawnee Girls Softball Complex and other county-owned facilities. In 2017, MSP scheduled 24 baseball tournaments and seven softball tournaments for SCP+R producing an economic impact of \$5 million by bringing visitors to Shawnee County where they spent money on food, gasoline, lodging and other entertainment. The impact is based on a tourism industry estimate of the average amount spent daily by adults and children attending multi-day tournaments.

Midwest Sports Productions is the world's largest fastpitch softball and baseball event company, providing world class events for more than 8,000 teams annually. Last year in Shawnee County, MSP sponsored tournaments drew 743 teams, 504 in baseball and 239 in fastpitch softball.

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Shawnee County Parks + Recreation includes nearly 60 miles of trails, 2,625 acres of parks and 320 annual days of sporting activities. In addition, the department offers recreation programs, educational programs and golf. A combination of tax dollars, user fees and private donations enables Shawnee County Parks and Recreation to offer parks, sporting and aquatic facilities with state-of-the-art features, and beautiful, nationally recognized gardens.

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