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## Knox County to Host Free Jr Home Run Derby at SportsPark in Karns

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Batter up!

The Knox County Parks and Recreation Department will host a MLB-sponsored Jr. Home Run Derby on Friday, May 20 at 6 p.m.

The grassroots program offers both baseball and softball players the chance to compete in a contest like the one they see their favorite sluggers participate in during MLB All-Star Week.

The event is free and open to the public and walk-up registration is permitted. The regional event starts at 6 p.m. at the Sportpark in Karns (8050 Oak Ridge Highway) and finishes once every hitter has the opportunity to take a swing.

The derby features prizes, including T-shirts and plaques, for first place in each division. Winners also have a chance to move to the state HR Derby and then possibly on to Dodgers Stadium in Los Angeles where this year's All-Star Game takes place.

The regional derby is limited boys and girls ages 8 to 14.

For more information or to register, go <u>here</u> or contact Brandon Gann at brandon.gann@knoxcounty.org or call 865-228-2401.

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