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Youth and Women's Baseball at Gijang: The Strongest in the Nation

2019 U-12 National Youth and National Women's Baseball Games Opening on July 13 **The 29th Gijang World Youth Baseball Championship (Under 18s) To Be Held**

The National Youth and National Women's Baseball Championships kicked off on the 13th and will be held at the Gijang-Hyundai Motors Dream Ballpark, World Cup Village and Changancheon Baseball Stadium until August 1. A total of 230 teams are participating in this tournament, consisting of women's teams, elementary school teams and little division teams. The competition, co-hosted by Gijang County and the Korean Baseball Softball Association, is the largest in the nation and will be held for 3 consecutive years in Gijang County. Gijang is putting utmost efforts into ensuring the safety and success of the players during the hot summer tournaments.

The 29th Gijang World Youth Baseball Championship (under 18s) will be held next month on the 30th at the Gijang-Hyundai Motors Dream Ballpark, and will consist of youth teams representing 12 countries. In the preliminary round, Team A will consist of teams from South Korea, Australia, Canada, The Netherlands, Nicaragua and China. There are high hopes for Korea's national team, who came second place in the last game, to get good results in this competition. About 600 athletes and related personnel from 12 countries including Korea, Japan, the United States and Australia will participate in the 10-day event. The championship has seen the debut of many stars such as Shin-Soo Choo, Dae-ho Lee and Lee Seung-yuop, and it is hoped a future sports star who will be responsible for the future of baseball, like Kang-in Lee of the U-20 Soccer World Cup, will arise from the contest. All games at the tournaments will be free of charge to watch.

The Opening of Ilgwang and Imrang beaches in Gijang



Gijang's popular tourist spots Ilgwang and Imrang beaches opened on July 1. The two beaches will greet vacationers for 62 days until August 31. During the period, the 17th Ilgwang Romantic Song Contest will be held from July 31 to August 1, and the 23rd Gijang Gaetmaeul Festival(Gijang Fishing Village Festival) will be held from August 2 to 4. The Gijang Fishing Village Festival will provide a range of events and activities, such as 1-day fisherwoman and fisherman experiences, and various exciting performances. At the Ilgwang Romantic Song Contest, amateur singers will perform and show their musical talents. The 2019 Gijang Imrang Summer Music Festival will be held from August 17 to 18 at Imrang Beach.

Busan's First National Mount Dareum Natural Recreation Forest: Offering Experience and Exploration Programs



The Mount Dareum Natural Recreation Forest is located to the west of Mount Dareum, the first of the 8 sights of Gijang. It provides indoor education and experiences and at the central lawn open space there are facilities to learn about familiar animal characters and the forest. It particularly specializes in helping infants and children's intellectual, emotional and physical development.

Mount Dareum Natural Recreation Forest opened in September 2018, and can be found 3.2km up the mountain from the parking lot of the Gijang Youth Training Center. The recreation forest facility consists of 7 accommodation buildings, 1 meeting room with a capacity to hold 50 people, as well as a central lawn square. The accommodation includes 7 rooms for 4 people and 7 rooms for 5 people, making a total of 14 rooms. Room reservations can be made through the booking site www.foresttrip.go.kr.

From March to November, a forest explanation program is being held to provide knowledge of forests and the natural environment. It will run twice daily at 10:00am and 2:00pm. Depending on the program, there is also a paid-for experience. There are two trails at the lower part of the resort forest. One route takes about 20 minutes, while the other leads to Yongcheon Reservoir and takes a longer 60 minutes there and back.

Mount Dareum is 588m in altitude and, along with Mount Bulgwang, is considered one of the two famous mountains of Gijang County. At the summit there is an oddly-formed rock which resembles the shape of a chicken's comb which is said to be the first spot to be hit by the dawn sunlight from the East Sea. It is a steep mountain that has an upward climb from the starting point, and it is becoming a popular training place for mountaineers who want to prepare for climbing high mountains overseas.



Gijang County Starts Running of Forest Prenatal Classroom



Last June, Gijang County Public Health Center operated a forest prenatal classroom for expectant couples in the 'Busan Healing Forest' for a month. Seven couples participated in the class and spent the 3 weeks taking walks in the forest, writing letters to their babies, declaring promises as parents, reading fairy tales to the baby and such activities to communicate with the fetus. The beautiful scenery and the sounds of the forest, phytoncide and anions can help increase the feelings of attachment to the fetus and improve the expectant mother's health. The forest prenatal classroom will be held for three weeks every Saturday in September in the second half of the year. Inquiries to be made to the Mother and Baby Health Department at the Jeong-gwan Health Center (051-709-2955).