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## Parkway program to host Little League state championship for first time in 15 years

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The Guy Cammarata Complex in West Roxbury will host the 2012 9- to 10-year-old Little League State Championships this coming summer. The complex includes three fields - Bunker, McDonough and Praught (pictured above).

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

For the first time in 15 years, the Parkway Little League will host a state championship tournament when some of the top youth baseball teams from across Massachusetts square off at the Guy Cammarata Complex in West Roxbury this summer.

The Parkway program, celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, announced last week that it was chosen to host the 2012 9- to 10-year-old Little League State Championship, which will begin on Thurs., July 19 at the complex along Baker Street and conclude with the championship game on Sun., July 22.

“This is the first time that Parkway Little League will host the 9-10 year old State Finals and it is the perfect way to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Parkway Little League,” Parkway Little League president Joe Castellano said in a statement. “It will be a great chance for teams and communities from around

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the state to visit the West Roxbury and Roslindale area and play on the great fields we have at the Guy Cammarata Complex.”

A chartered member of Little League International, the local program has served West Roxbury and Roslindale families since 1952 and last hosted a state championship in 1997.

“We have been eager to host a state championship and we are thrilled that we were chosen after a very competitive process,” the Parkway program’s vice president John Fitzgerald said in as statement in which he also thanked, “everyone who helped make this happen, especially Mayor Thomas M Menino, City Councilor John Connolly, State Representative Ed Coppinger and State Senator Mike Rush.”

“Parkway Little League strives to add value to not just the Parkway community, but also the City of Boston,” Fitzgerald continued. “We believe these championship games will enable us to bring the City together to celebrate our neighborhoods and our national pastime.”

Throughout its history, Parkway Little League has fielded a number of impressive teams, including seven state champions – 2010’s 9-10 year old state champions and 11-12 year old state champions in 1968, 1970, 1993, 1995, 1996 and 2008, according to league leaders.

In 2008, the 12-year-old Parkway National team won the state championship and advanced to the regional finals in Connecticut, program officials said. And, after the 9- to 10-year-old Parkway American team won the state championship in 2010, the team advanced to the state championship game again last summer.

“Parkway Little League’s tradition of great baseball is matched by its history of giving back to the community and we at Parkway Little League are eager to show off our community and our organization to the rest of the state,” Castellano said. “We are looking forward to July.”

For more information about the program go to [www.parkwaylittleleague.org](http://www.parkwaylittleleague.org).

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