

**For Immediate Release**

## **Polk County Visitor Center Celebrates Spring Training With Event on Saturday, Feb. 16**

*BOGO Ticket Specials: Buy one LEGOLAND® Florida Resort or Bok Tower Gardens ticket and get one free, for tickets purchased at the event.*

**Davenport, FL (Feb. 4, 2019)** – Central Florida’s Visitor Information Center (CFVIC) will celebrate baseball by hosting its 12th Annual Spring Training Celebration day on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019. This free, family-friendly event will take place from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., featuring prize giveaways, a batting cage game and a pitching booth with speed timer. CFVIC will be giving away commemorative event T-shirts to the first 300 visitors, once the event begins at 8 a.m. (one per person, while supplies last). Attendees will have the chance to register for a grand prize: four tickets to see the Tigers play a Spring Training game at Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium. In addition, visitors who bring canned goods (for donation to local food banks) will have the chance to enter a special drawing for attractions tickets. Attendees will receive one free LEGOLAND® Florida Resort or Bok Tower Gardens ticket for each one (of the same) purchased at CFVIC on the day of the event. Note: the “buy one, get one” special on tickets is limited to the first 200 tickets sold. CFVIC attraction ticket prices are already discounted, making this an especially attractive offer.

Spring training fans can pick up the latest information on the 2019 Spring Training season such as schedules and Spring Training guides. The Detroit Tigers are celebrating their 83<sup>rd</sup> Spring Training season at TigerTown in Lakeland, extending the longest-standing relationship between a major league team and a current Spring Training host city. The 2019 spring season marks the club’s 54<sup>th</sup> consecutive season of exhibition play at Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium.

Baseball fans looking for additional action will be pleased to know that Polk County will also host the RussMatt Baseball Central Florida Collegiate Invitational from mid-February through late March. For more information on the invitational, please visit [www.centralfloridasports.com](http://www.centralfloridasports.com). For more information on the Spring Training Celebration day, call 863-420-2586.

Something else for CFVIC visitors to enjoy is the Florida Sports Hall of Fame (FSHOF) Preview Center. The FSHOF Preview Center showcases many of the notable sports figures that have excelled as an athlete, coach, broadcaster or sports executive. The FSHOF has inducted 260 Hall of Fame members since its founding in 1961. Such sports legends as George Steinbrenner, Fred McGriff, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Chris Evert, Rowdy Gaines, Curt Gowdy, Otis Birdsong, Michael Irvin and Tim Tebow are among those that have been inducted. For more information on the FSHOF please visit: [www.flasportshof.org](http://www.flasportshof.org).

In addition to assisting visitors, and residents (by providing tourism information about Polk County), CFVIC also sells discounted attraction tickets for many Central Florida attractions (including LEGOLAND Florida Resort) and hosts a seasonal Farmers Market on Thursdays, through the end of April. The information center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week (excluding major holidays), and is located at 101 Adventure Court, Davenport, FL 33837 (along U.S. Highway 27), a half-mile south of I-4 at Exit 55.

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