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**Botetourt County Booster Clubs
Working to Offer Spring Recreation Sports
with County Support**

February 8, 2021 (Botetourt County, VA): The Botetourt County Department of Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce that it has reached a conceptual agreement with the County's volunteer Booster Clubs for the clubs to offer youth baseball and softball sports this spring with County support. Booster Club leaders and County staff are currently working out details of the plan.

"Recreation in many and varied forms is critical to one's physical and mental health," said Director of Recreation Mandy Adkins. "That's never been truer than now, a year into the COVID-19 pandemic. It is so exciting to support community volunteers who have come together to develop a creative solution to offering spring sports."

Booster Club leadership will be responsible for planning and running the upcoming season in accordance with the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) Considerations for Recreational Sports. The Department of Parks & Recreation will provide sports fields and facilities free of charge to the Booster Clubs. Registration for spring sports is not currently open but will open in the coming weeks. A public announcement about registration is expected later this month.

"As we come together for the love of our kids and the love of the game, we will make this baseball/softball season a success but only with help of our community and families," said James Garner, President of the Greenfield Booster Club.

The Department of Parks & Recreation will continue to develop and offer new recreational programs to residents and visitors consistent with current COVID-19 orders and guidelines with an emphasis on providing opportunities for all ages and persons of varied interests and abilities.

"We monitor a number of pandemic metrics established by the health department. The overriding priority of the Parks & Recreation Department is to promote the safety and health of the public, participants in its programs, and its employees until the global COVID-19 pandemic subsides," said Adkins.

To stay up to date on all recreation opportunities in the County, be sure to like and follow the Botetourt County Parks & Recreation Facebook page.

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About Botetourt County

Botetourt County (Pop. 33,648) is a 546 sq. mile community in Southwestern Virginia. The rural community is located in the southwestern portion of the state in the scenic Roanoke Valley of Virginia. Strategically located on Interstate 81 and just 20 miles to Interstate 64, Botetourt County is accessible to the markets of the Mid-West and the East. Botetourt County has a five-member elected Board of Supervisors which oversees most of the county's government-related operations. In addition, Botetourt County has a complete administrative staff that works under the direction of a County Administrator who is hired by the Board of Supervisors to run day-to-day operations.