



Big turnout for state tournament

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NORTHPORT | The hot temperature, sounds of children playing and parents sitting back and watching over their kids describe what many consider a picturesque Fourth of July setting.

Instead of the loud bangs of fireworks exploding, however, an observer of the Dizzy Dean State Tournament at Kentuck Park is likely to be greeted by a chorus of bats connecting with baseballs as Little Leaguers try to help their teams win.

The tournament combines Dizzy Dean Little Leaguers from ages six, seven and 12 from around the state on July 3 — 9. Warrior Baseball director Joe Fendley says the tournament will attract more than a thousand people to Kentuck Park throughout the weekend.

“We’ve got about 48 teams (out here today) and I would say that’s about 550 — 600 families,” Fendley said. “Obviously they’ll bring about three to four people per family, so

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From left, David Malone, Corina Malone and Megan Malone, 10, cheer on their son and Megan’s brother, Tucker Malone, as he scores for the Limestone Nationals at the Dizzy Dean Tournament at Kentuck Park in Northport.