

CINCINNATI REDS™

News Release

media contact: Michael E. Anderson • Reds Public Relations • 513.765.7333 • manderson@reds.com

Homestand Highlights • June 30-July 5

\$7 Kroger Meal Deal this homestand: Hot dog, 16 oz. Coke, chips and Kozy Shack rice pudding

Tuesday, June 30 - Cincinnati Reds vs. Arizona Diamondbacks, 7:10 pm

- **Mike McConnell:** 700WLW radio host Mike McConnell will meet and greet with fans from 6:45 to 7:10pm at the Community Corner.
- **Los Amigos del Béisbol de Los Rojos:** 100 guests from Su Casa Hispanic Center of Cincinnati are attending tonight's game for free thanks to the ticket program created by Alex Gonzalez and Ramon Hernandez called "Los Amigos del Béisbol de Los Rojos" (Friends of the Reds Baseball). Five times this season, Alex and Ramon will donate game tickets plus Reds caps, \$10 concession vouchers and transportation for groups of Hispanic children and families.

Wednesday, July 1 - Cincinnati Reds vs. Arizona Diamondbacks, 7:10 pm

- **Check prezo:** Local representatives from KPMG will present a \$5,000 check to the Reds Community Fund in support of the Greater Cincinnati RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) program. The donation will be earmarked for the RBI East Regional tournament, which takes place in Cincinnati July 31-August 3. KPMG is the national partner of RBI, which is MLB's primary outreach initiative.
- **First Pitch:** NASCAR Truck Series driver Rick Crawford will throw out the ceremonial first pitch and sign autographs in the Fan Zone. On July 18, Rick will drive in the "Built Ford Tough 225 Presented by the Greater Cincinnati Ford Dealers" at Kentucky Speedway.
- **Ball Delivery:** Sherri Friedman of Amberley Village will be delivering tonight's official game ball. Sherri was voted as the Reds "All-Star" of the PEOPLE "All-Stars Among Us" campaign...and will travel to St. Louis and be honored on the field at the 2009 MLB All-Star Game.

Thursday, July 2 - Cincinnati Reds vs. Arizona Diamondbacks, 12:35 pm

- **Mario Lopez:** Mario Lopez, actor and host of NBC's "Extra" TV show will serve as the Honorary Captain of today's game.
- **Senior Citizen Specials:** Fans 60 and older may purchase select tickets at 1/2 price in advance. Presented by Hill Hear Better.
- **Business Day Specials:** Drop your business card in the container at a Fan Accommodation Station and you could win tickets to the next Business Day Game on July 30. Presented by Paycor.
- **Check Prezo:** MLB's Baseball Tomorrow Fund will present a \$5,000 check to the Fairfield Community Foundation. The donation will help support the Bob Evans *Reds Rookie Success League* of Butler County, hosted by the Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund.

Friday, July 3 - Cincinnati Reds vs. St. Louis Cardinals, 7:10 pm - Cardinals series presented by Kroger

- **Fireworks Friday:** Post-game fireworks show with soundtrack starting approx. 15 minutes after the end of the game.
- **Zoo Night:** 25 animals from the Cincinnati Zoo will participate in a pre-game parade on the field...and be in the Fan Zone from 6-6:30pm and during 1st inning.
- **Bald Eagle Flight:** "Sam" the Bald Eagle from the Cincinnati Zoo will perform a flight from the riverboat to the pitcher's mound during the singing of the National Anthem. "Sam" the Bald Eagle trading cards will be given out to the first 20,000 fans in attendance.
- **Pre-game concert:** "The Mystics" will perform a pre-game concert in the Fan Zone...and will also sing the National Anthem.
- **Parachute Team:** Prior to the fireworks, the 101st Airborne Parachute Demo team will descend upon GABP and land on the field.
- **Fireworks Ignitor:** Eddie Fingers from 700WLW will be the honorary starter of the post-game fireworks.

Saturday, July 4 - Cincinnati Reds vs. St. Louis Cardinals, 1:10 pm - Cardinals series presented by Kroger

- **Jay Bruce Bobblehead:** Free bobblehead to first 30,000 fans of the Reds right fielder. Presented by U.S. Army
- **eReach.com Family Games:** One member of the family pays full price and the rest of the immediate family may purchase select non-premium tickets at half-price in advance of game day only.
- **Stars and Stripes Caps:** All MLB teams playing on July 4th will be wearing blue "Stars & Stripes" caps. The caps are part of series of national initiatives over the July 4th weekend for Welcome Back Veterans, which addresses the mental health and job needs of returning veterans.
- **Flyover:** F-16s from the 178th Fighter Wing of the Ohio Air National Guard based in Springfield will perform a pre-game flyover.
- **4-ALS Awareness Day:** Today is the 70th anniversary of Lou Gehrig's famous farewell speech at Yankee Stadium. To raise awareness for organizations leading the fight against ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), aka "Lou Gehrig's Disease," the video of Gehrig's farewell speech will be shown on the HD scoreboard during the 7th Inning Stretch.

Sunday, July 5 - Cincinnati Reds vs. St. Louis Cardinals, 1:10 pm - Cardinals series presented by Kroger

- **Trading cards giveaway:** Free card set featuring Disney's new movie *G-Force* to the first 10,000 kids 14 and younger.
 - **Vintage Baseball Game:** At Noon, fans can watch how the game was played in the early years as the Cincinnati Red Stockings square off against the Cincinnati Buckeyes in an exhibition of 19th century baseball.
 - **Equipment Drive:** For the third consecutive summer, the Baseball Tomorrow Fund and the Reds Community Fund will collaborate on an "Equipment Day" drive, encouraging fans to bring new or gently used equipment to the July 5th game. Fans that make a donation will receive a complimentary ticket to the Sept. 20 Reds vs. Marlins game. Look for volunteers near the Crosley Terrace entrance.
 - **Aaron's Aces:** For the third year in a row, Reds ace Aaron Harang hosts a free ticket program for military families.
-

Reds Hall of Fame and Museum

- **White Glove Station:** Visitors can put on a pair of archival gloves and hold a unique relic from the Big Red Machine commemorating the 40th anniversary of the first time the name was used in print. Free with Hall of Fame admission. July 4th from 11am to 1pm.
- **Hall of Fame Cornhole Challenge:** For a \$2 donation to the Reds Hall of Fame, fans of all ages can take a shot at mastering the Reds Hall of Fame's spin on the popular game. Discounts on Reds Hall of Fame admission, memberships and merchandise are just a few of the great prizes top performers can win. July 4th and 5th from 11:40am to 1:10pm.
- **Vintage Photo Day:** Members of Cincinnati's vintage baseball teams, the Red Stockings and Buckeyes, will be on hand to mingle with fans and pose for pictures prior to the start of the Vintage Baseball Game. July 5th from 11 to 11:30am.

Reds Community Fund

- **Community Corner:** Visit the Reds Community Corner each game for the opportunity to bid on autographed, game used memorabilia. Daily raffles to win an authentic autographed baseball. Play the Reds Rally bingo style game or spin the "Mystery Wheel" to win great prizes. All proceeds benefit the outreach programs of the Reds Community Fund. Located near Gapper's Alley, behind section 120.

###

Updated: June 30, 2009