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A's Announce "2009 A's Holiday Caravan Tour"

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics today announced the "2009 A's Holiday Caravan" schedule, which takes place from December 3-6 with a number of public and community appearances around the Bay Area by A's outfielder Rajai Davis, pitcher Brad Ziegler and the team mascot Stomper. In addition, former American League Cy Young winner and MVP Vida Blue along with the A's second-round pick in the June, 2008 Draft and Oakland native, pitcher Tyson Ross, will attend the A's annual Community Fund holiday party on December 11.

Davis began the season as the A's fourth outfielder but played himself into a starting role in center field and ended up hitting .305 in 125 games. He ranked fifth in the American League with a career-high 41 stolen bases, becoming the ninth player in Oakland history to steal 40 bases in a season and the first to do it since Rickey Henderson had 66 in 1998. Ziegler posted a 3.07 ERA with seven saves in 69 relief appearances this season. He made his Major League debut in 2008 and started his career with a 39.0 inning scoreless streak, which is a modern Major League record to start a career.

General information for the "2009 A's Holiday Caravan" is listed below. All participants and locations are subject to change.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:00-9:00 pm – Davis, Ziegler and Stomper to attend Walnut Creek Holiday Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting

Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek --- [OPEN TO THE PUBLIC]---

A's players and team mascot Stomper will ride in the Walnut Creek holiday parade down Broadway Plaza Street. After the parade, they will be at the A's ticket information table, signing autographs and taking photos with fans. The Walnut Creek Parade of Lights event features a merchant open house, live holiday entertainment, a grand parade down Broadway Plaza Street, caroling and a community tree lighting led by Santa Claus.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

11:00 am to 12:00 pm – Davis and Ziegler take Oakland children holiday shopping at Stoneridge Shopping Center

1 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton --- [MEDIA EVENT ONLY]---

The A's Community Fund and Stoneridge Shopping Center will treat 10 children from the Henry Robinson Multi-Service Center in Oakland to a shopping event. Five boys and five girls from the shelter will each receive a \$200 gift card to Stoneridge Shopping Center to purchase items of their choice off their "Santa's wish lists" from any store in the mall. Children will be escorted by the A's players and Stomper, in their shopping experience. Each child will also receive a \$50 gift card to purchase an item (or items) for a family member or person of their choice. After the shopping event, each child will be treated to lunch courtesy of P.F. Changs, where they will receive autographs and take photos with the players.

The Henry Robinson Multi-Service Center is a transitional housing program that serves 54 homeless families for up to two years. The children from this center were chosen to receive this special experience by the Lend A Hand Foundation, a foundation that offers youth in transition (shelters, foster care, and other low income youth) the opportunity to experience educational, sporting, and cultural activities not otherwise available to them. www.lendahandfoundation.org

2:00-3:00 pm – Davis and Ziegler sign autographs at Kelly-Moore Paints store

2050 San Ramon Valley Boulevard, San Ramon --- [OPEN TO THE PUBLIC]---

A's players will pose for photographs and sign autographs at the Kelly-Moore Paints store in San Ramon for shoppers who make a donation to the Oakland A's Community Fund. The A's Community Fund supports charitable organizations in improving the quality of life for people throughout the Bay Area. Specifically, the Fund supports endeavors to improve educational programs, aid the underprivileged, assist in crime and drug prevention, promote health awareness, and champion children and senior welfare.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:30-11:30 am – Davis and Ziegler visit with kids at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center’s adolescent substance abuse treatment center, Thunder Road, in Oakland

390 40th Street, Oakland --- [MEDIA EVENT ONLY] ---

A’s players will sign autographs and pose for photos with kids and staff at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center’s adolescent substance abuse treatment center, Thunder Road. Thunder Road is a nationally-recognized non-profit program that has specialized in substance abuse treatment since 1987, supporting more than 6,000 young people and their families through the challenges they face (many of whom have no insurance and are unable to pay for care). It is the only program of its kind in Northern California. Most of the young people in this program are without role models or career paths so the support, self-esteem building and life skills training skills received are invaluable.

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center offers comprehensive services designed to meet the health care needs of the diverse communities of the greater East Bay Area. A Tertiary referral center, the medical center is the East Bay’s largest private, not-for-profit medical center and an affiliate of Sutter Health. www.altabates.com.

2:00-3:00 pm – Davis and Ziegler sign autographs at Verizon Wireless store to promote HopeLine Program

3990 Hollis Street, Emeryville --- [OPEN TO THE PUBLIC] ---

A’s players will pose for photographs and sign autograph for shoppers at the Verizon Wireless store in Emeryville to help promote Verizon Wireless’ HopeLine program. Exclusive to Verizon Wireless, HopeLine puts the nation’s most reliable and largest 3G network to work in communities by turning no-longer used wireless phones into support for victims of domestic violence, and helps protect the environment by disposing of wireless phones in an environmentally sound way.

4:00-6:00 pm – Davis, Ziegler and Stomper meet with shoppers at Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton

1 Stoneridge Mall, Pleasanton --- [OPEN TO THE PUBLIC] ---

A’s players will pose for photographs and sign autographs at the Santa set in Grand Court for shoppers who make a \$5 or more donation to the Simon Youth Foundation. The Simon Youth Foundation fosters and improves educational opportunities, career development, and life skills for at-risk youth through focused programs and initiatives. The A’s mascot Stomper will also be on hand to pose for photos and hand out candy canes to shoppers.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00-8:30 am – Stomper to make appearance at Mrs. Claus’ Breakfast Nook Prior to San Jose Holiday Parade

The Tech Museum (Venture Hall) 201 South Market Street, San Jose --- [OPEN TO THE PUBLIC] ---

A’s mascot Stomper will take photos with kids at a special meet-and-greet at the Mrs. Claus’ Breakfast Nook, which kicks off the 28th Annual San Jose Holiday Parade. For ticket information, please visit www.sanjoseholidayparade.com.

8:30-11:00 am – Davis, Ziegler and Stomper will ride in the 28th Annual San Jose Holiday Parade

HP Pavilion to Plaza de Cesar Chavez, San Jose --- [OPEN TO THE PUBLIC] ---

A’s players and Stomper will ride along in this year’s San Jose Holiday Parade, the largest parade of its kind in Northern California and one of the largest in the state. The 28th Annual San Jose Holiday Parade will showcase approximately 90 entries with 5,000 marchers, including giant soaring helium balloons, top marching bands, colorful floats, drill teams, equestrians, clowns and special guest celebrities.

The parade will begin on Santa Clara Street and Delmas Avenue, near the HP Pavilion, proceeding east on Santa Clara Street. It will turn right on Market Street marching south past Plaza De Cesar Chavez and ending at San Carlos Street. For more information, please visit www.sanjoseholidayparade.com.

11:00-11:30 am – Davis and Ziegler autograph session at San Jose Holiday ParadeFest

Plaza de Cesar Chavez, San Jose --- [OPEN TO THE PUBLIC] ---

The A’s players will sign autographs for fans during the San Jose ParadeFest at Christmas in the Park. For more information, please visit www.sanjoseholidayparade.com.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

11:00 am to 1:00 pm – Vida Blue, Tyson Ross and Stomper to attend A's Community Fund Party at Oakland Zoo

9777 Golf Links Road off Highway 580, Oakland --- [MEDIA EVENT ONLY] ---

The A's Community Fund, Round Table Pizza and the Oakland Zoo will host a holiday party for up to 200 children from kindergarten through fifth grades from Civicorps Elementary School. Children attending this holiday party are being rewarded for reaching attendance goals set by Civicorps administrators. A's former American League Cy Young winner and MVP Vida Blue along with the A's second-round pick in the June, 2008 Draft and Oakland native, pitcher Tyson Ross, will sign autographs, take pictures with the students and each child will receive a wrapped gift, compliments of the Good Tidings Foundation. The A's holiday party will include an animal presentation in the Wildlife Theater by the Oakland Zoo, lunch for the children courtesy of Round Table Pizza, plus face painters, arts and crafts, and a visit by the A's mascot Stomper.

The award-winning Oakland Zoo is home to over 440 native and exotic animals. Nestled in the Oakland Hills, in 525 acre Knowland Park, the Zoo is located at 9777 Golf Links Road, off Highway 580. The East Bay Zoological Society (Oakland Zoo) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization supported in part by members, contributions, the City of Oakland and the East Bay Regional Parks. www.oaklandzoo.org.

Season ticket plans for the 2010 Oakland A's season start at just \$9 per game and are available by calling (510) 638-GoA's (4627). Single-game tickets will go on sale at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Box Office, online at oaklandathletics.com, by calling (877) 493-BALL or all Tickets.com outlets on Saturday, January 30 at 9:00 am PT. For additional ticket information, please visit oaklandathletics.com/2010 or call (510) 638-GoA's (4627).

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