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2011 Oakland A's Spring Training Media Information

Pitchers and Catchers Report on Feb. 15; Full Squad on Feb. 20

Spring Training Quick Facts (as of 1/27/11)

Training Site & Minor League Headquarters (Feb. 21-25)	Papago Park Baseball Complex 1802 North 64 th Street Phoenix, AZ 85008 General Phone: (480) 949-5951; FAX: (480) 945-0557
Training Site & Stadium Headquarters (Feb. 16-20 & Feb. 26-Mar. 27)	Phoenix Municipal Stadium 5999 East Van Buren Phoenix, AZ 85008 General Phone: (602) 797-5630; Public Relations FAX: (602) 225-9473 Press Box: (602) 797-5644
Hotel Headquarters	Doubletree Guest Suites 320 North 44 th Street Phoenix, AZ 85008 (602) 225-0500
Reporting Dates/First Workout	Feb. 15 (Pitchers and Catchers) / Feb. 16 Feb. 20 (Full Squad) / Feb. 21
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Media Credentials	Kristy Fick, Player & Media Relations Manager, (602) 797-5634; (602) 225-9473 FAX
Photo Day	Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7:00 a.m., Phoenix Municipal Stadium
Ticket Information	(510) 568-5600; (877) 493-2255; (602) 392-0074 (also available at Stadium Box Office)
Opening Day	Friday, April 1 vs. Seattle Mariners, Oakland Alameda-County Coliseum, 7:05 p.m. PDT
2010 Record	81-81, 2nd place (AL West)
Top Returnees	Trevor Cahill, RHP, 18-8, 2.97 ERA, 2010 All-Star Andrew Bailey, RHP, 25 saves, 1.47 ERA, 2-Time All-Star Gio Gonzalez, LHP, 15-9, 3.23 ERA Dallas Braden, LHP, 11-14, 3.50 ERA Brett Anderson, LHP, 7-6, 2.80 ERA Daric Barton, 1B, .273, 110 BB, 33 2B, 5 T, 10 HR, 57 RBI, .393 OBP Mark Ellis, 2B, .291, 5 HR, 49 RBI Coco Crisp, CF, .279, 8 HR, 38 RBI, 32 SB Kevin Kouzmanoff, 3B, .247, 32 2B, 16 HR, 71 RBI Kurt Suzuki, C, .242, 13 HR, 71 RBI
Top Newcomers	Hideki Matsui (Los Angeles Angels), DH/OF, .274, 21 HR, 84 RBI Jason Willingham (Washington), OF, .268, 16 HR, 56 RBI David DeJesus (Kansas City), OF, .313, 5 HR, 37 RBI Brian Fuentes (Los Angeles/Minnesota), LHP, 4-1, 2.81 ERA, 24 saves Grant Balfour (Tampa Bay), RHP, 2-1, 2.28 ERA Rich Harden (Texas), RHP, 5-5, 5.58 ERA Brandon McCarthy (Texas), RHP, 4-2, 3.36 ERA with Triple-A Oklahoma City

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Oakland Athletics will open Spring Training in Phoenix, Ariz. Tuesday, Feb. 15, when pitchers and catchers report for duty. The group will stage their first practice the following day, Feb. 16. Position players report Sunday, Feb. 20, with the first full squad workout set for Monday, Feb. 21.

Fifth-year Manager Bob Geren welcomes 57 players to camp this year, including 17 non-roster invitees. The A's christen Cactus League play Sunday, Feb. 27 against the Chicago Cubs at HoHoKam Park in Mesa, Ariz., the first of 35 exhibition games played this year.

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Oakland, the American League West Division's runner-up with an 81-81 mark last season, will make its 2011 regular season debut Friday night, April 1 against the Seattle Mariners at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum. In addition to the Cactus League slate, Oakland will play its traditional three-game Bay Bridge Series against the San Francisco Giants March 28-30. The Giants will host the first (March 28, 7:15 p.m.) and third (March 30, 12:45 p.m.) games at AT&T Park in San Francisco, while the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum will be the site for Game 2 (March 29, 7:05 p.m.)

What follows is pertinent information regarding the Athletics and Spring Training, including basic media policies for clubhouse and field access while the team is in Phoenix. We encourage you to contact the A's PR Department well in advance for interview requests, as Spring Training is always a demanding time for media inquiries. Thank you!

Spring Training Guidelines

Practice Schedule at Papago Park, Phoenix Muni: The first five days (Feb. 16-20) of pitchers and catchers workouts will be held exclusively at Phoenix Municipal Stadium (5999 East Van Buren, Phoenix). Once position players report and full squad workouts begin Feb. 21, daily practice sessions will be held exclusively at the Papago Park Baseball Complex, located at 1802 North 64th Street (at McDowell) in Phoenix. The Papago Park Baseball Complex is approximately a five-minute drive from Phoenix Municipal Stadium. Workouts usually begin at 9:00 am. All A's players on the 40-man roster will dress in the home clubhouse at Phoenix Municipal Stadium from the beginning of camp. No workouts will be held at Papago Park after Feb. 25

A's Clubhouse: The A's clubhouse at Phoenix Municipal Stadium will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning at 8:00 am. The clubhouse may be closed at certain times for team meetings, etc. Please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area. Once the games begin, the clubhouse is open only to those media who need access to players who have completed their work for the day. Please contact Bob Rose if you need additional assistance.

Field Access: During workout sessions at Papago Park, members of the media will be permitted in the dugout areas, in the open area behind the backstop fence and on the grass behind the batting cages. No members of the media will be allowed in any part of fair territory or foul territory down the lines on any of the fields at Papago Park. While at Phoenix Municipal Stadium, members of the media will be allowed in the dugout area and foul territory behind home plate extending down to (but not past) first and third base until the batting cage is removed from the field of play. At that point, all media members must leave the field. The A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time.

Manager Interview Sessions: A's manager Bob Geren will be available to the media each morning at Phoenix Municipal Stadium in the third base dugout at 9:15 a.m. Geren will also be available approximately 20 minutes after the conclusion of the workout session in the first base dugout at Phoenix Muni.

Credentials and Parking

Credentials: All media members covering the A's Spring Training workout sessions and games must possess a credential issued by the Oakland A's, Major League Baseball or the Baseball Writers Association of America (BBWAA). Anyone without proper credentials will be denied access. Please contact Player & Media Relations Manager Kristy Fick of the A's public relations staff.

Parking: The A's provide complimentary parking at the Papago Park Baseball Complex and Phoenix Municipal Stadium to members of the media. Entrance to the main lot, located on the corner of Van Buren and Priest, can be obtained by presenting your credential to the attendant.

Meals: Once home games begin in March, lunch is available for \$8 to members of the media with proper credentials in the patio area in the right field corner of Phoenix Municipal Stadium. The A's are able to provide complimentary lunches to beat writers for Bay Area beat writers, play-by-play broadcasters and designated team officials only. There is no lunch service at Papago Park.

Television/Photography: Still photographers and television camera crews with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times. No roving is permitted. Still photographers or television camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room.

Miscellaneous Information

Spring Training History: This year marks the Athletics' 43rd Spring Training in Arizona and 30th consecutive spring in Phoenix. After relocating from Kansas City in 1968, the A's spent their first Spring Training in Bradenton, Fla. and then moved to Arizona the following season. The A's trained in Mesa from 1969-78 before a three-year stay in Scottsdale (1979-81). The club then moved to Phoenix for the 1982 Spring Training season.

The Spring Schedule: The Oakland Athletics will play 35 Spring Training games in preparation for the 2011 season, including 32 games in Arizona beginning with the Cactus League opener against the Chicago Cubs, Sunday, Feb. 27, in Mesa. The A's will play a total of 16 home games at Phoenix Municipal Stadium, beginning with the home opener against the Cincinnati Reds Tuesday, March 1. The A's and World Champion San Francisco Giants will meet five times during the spring—twice in the desert (March 5 in Phoenix, March 20 in Scottsdale) and three times in the Bay Area (March 28-30). The A's will break camp March 27 following their final Cactus League game against the Colorado Rockies in Scottsdale.

Broadcast Schedule: The A's will televise one Spring Training game from Arizona this year, with Comcast SportsNet California airing the Sunday, March 13 game at Phoenix Municipal Stadium against the Colorado Rockies at 1:05 p.m. PDT. A total of 10 Spring Training games from Arizona will be broadcast on XTRA Sports 860 AM, the 50,000-watt home of A's baseball. All Saturday and Sunday games from Arizona will be aired, along with the Friday, March 18 game against the Chicago White Sox in Glendale beginning at 4:05 p.m. PDT. In addition all three Bay Bridge Series games—March 28 at San Francisco starting at 7:15 p.m. P.D.T., March 29 at Oakland starting at 7:05 p.m. P.D.T. and March 30 at San Francisco starting at 12:45pm P.D.T.—will be broadcast. Ken Korach returns for his 16th year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (sixth) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 26th season in the booth. All Spring Training games not aired on the A's Radio Network can be heard live via the club's website, www.oaklandathletics.com.

Minor League Training Dates: Pitchers and catchers will report to training camp at Papago Park March 8 (first workout March 9), while position players report March 14 (first workout March 15). Extended Spring Training will begin April 7 (first game April 11).

Roster Information

Spring Training Roster Notes: The Athletics will have 57 players in camp this spring. In addition to the club's 40-man roster, the A's will have 17 non-roster invitees in camp.

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Coaching Staff: Manager Bob Geren welcomes three new members to his 2011 coaching staff, as only Tye Waller, Mike Gallego and Ron Romanick return from last season. Gallego remains the team's third base coach, while Waller and Romanick—formerly bench and bullpen coach—have been reassigned to first base coach and pitching coach, respectively. New faces on this year's staff are bench coach Joel Skinner, hitting coach Gerald Perry and bullpen coach Rick Rodriguez. Skinner arrives after managing Cleveland's Double-A affiliate in Akron last season, while Perry served as hitting coach for Boston's Triple-A team in Pawtucket in 2010. Rodriguez was promoted from pitching coach of Oakland's Triple-A franchise in Sacramento.

Non-Roster Players (17): The Athletics will have 17 non-roster invitees to their 2011 Major League Spring Training camp. The players include RHP Joe Bateman, RHP Fernando Cabrera, OF Matt Carson, OF Michael Choice, RHP Vinnie Chulk, RHP Gabe Dehoyos, RHP Willie Eyre, RHP Danny Farquhar, IF Grant Green, IF Josh Horton, IF Andy LaRoche, RHP Yadel Marti, OF Jai Miller, C Anthony Recker, C Max Stassi, IF Wes Timmons and IF Jemile Weeks. Six of the 17 non-roster players have Major League experience (Cabrera, Carson, Chulk, Eyre, LaRoche and Miller).

Signing Update:

Through 2011 (36): RHP Andrew Bailey, IF Daric Barton, LHP Jerry Blevins, LHP Dallas Braden, LHP Craig Breslow, RHP Trevor Cahill, IF Adrian Cardenas, IF Chris Carter, LHP Bobby Cramer, OF Coco Crisp, OF David DeJesus, RHP Fautino De Los Santos, RHP Joey Devine, C Josh Donaldson, IF Sean Doolittle, IF Mark Ellis, LHP Pedro Figueroa, LHP Gio Gonzalez, RHP Rich Harden, OF Conor Jackson, IF Kevin Kouzmanoff, RHP Trystan Magnuson, DH/OF Hideki Matsui, RHP Brandon McCarthy, RHP Guillermo Moscoso, LHP Josh Outman, IF Cliff Pennington, C Landon Powell, IF Adam Rosales, RHP Tyson Ross, IF Eric Sogard, OF Ryan Sweeney, OF Michael Taylor, OF Josh Willingham, RHP Michael Wuertz (includes club option for 2012), RHP Brad Ziegler.

Through 2012 (2): RHP Grant Balfour (includes club option for 2013), LHP Brian Fuentes (includes club option for 2013)

Through 2013 (2): LHP Brett Anderson (includes club options for 2014 and 2015), C Kurt Suzuki (includes club option for 2014)

Oakland A's Major Off-Season Transactions:

Nov. 10 David DeJesus acquired from the Kansas City Royals for Vin Mazarro and Justin Marks.
Dec. 13 Agreed to terms with Brandon McCarthy on one-year contracts.
Dec. 14 Agreed to terms with Hideki Matsui on a one-year contract.
Dec. 16 Josh Willingham acquired from the Washington Nationals for Henry Rodriguez and Corey Brown.
Dec. 21 Agreed to terms with Rich Harden on a one-year contract.
Jan. 8 Guillermo Moscoso acquired from the Texas Rangers for Ryan Kelly.
Jan. 18 Agreed to terms with Grant Balfour on a two-year contract with a club option for 2013.
Jan. 19 Agreed to terms with Brian Fuentes on a two-year contract with a club option for 2013.

How the Athletics 40-Man Roster Was Built

Free Agent Draft (Year; Round): RHP Andrew Bailey (2006, 6th), LHP Dallas Braden (2004; 24th), RHP Trevor Cahill (2006, 2nd), IF Cliff Pennington (2005, 1st), IF Sean Doolittle (2007, 1st compensation), C Landon Powell (2004; 1st), RHP Tyson Ross (2008, 2nd), C Kurt Suzuki (2004; 2nd).

Signed as Non-Drafted Free Agent: LHP Pedro Figueroa,

Signed as Free Agent: RHP Grant Balfour, LHP Bobby Cramer, OF Coco Crisp, LHP Brian Fuentes, RHP Rich Harden, DH/OF Hideki Matsui, RHP Brandon McCarthy, RHP Brad Ziegler.

Acquired Via Trade: LHP Brett Anderson, IF Daric Barton, LHP Jerry Blevins, IF Adrian Cardenas, IF Chris Carter, OF David DeJesus, RHP Fautino De Los Santos, RHP Joey Devine, C Josh Donaldson, F Mark Ellis, LHP Gio Gonzalez, OF Conor Jackson, IF Kevin Kouzmanoff, RHP Trystan Magnuson, RHP Guillermo Moscoso, LHP Josh Outman, IF Adam Rosales, IF Eric Sogard, OF Ryan Sweeney, OF Michael Taylor, OF Josh Willingham, RHP Michael Wuertz.

Claimed on Waivers: LHP Craig Breslow

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ADDING SOME NEEDED PUNCH: When your offense ranked second-to-last among American League teams in home runs (109), extra-base hits (415), slugging percentage (.378) and batting average with runners in scoring position (.241), and you scored the fourth fewest runs (663) in the league in 2010, it became painfully obvious that the A's glaring need this offseason was power in the middle of the lineup. Oakland addressed many those needs by acquiring three bona fide hitters during the winter. In November, outfielder David DeJesus (.313, 5 HR, 37 RBI in 91 games) was obtained in a trade that sent Vin Mazarro to Kansas City. DeJesus, a .289 lifetime hitter in eight big league seasons, batted .358 in his last 54 games last season before missing the final two months with a thumb injury. Then in December, the A's added a pair of hitters with RBI pedigrees in outfielder-designated hitter Hideki Matsui (free agent signing) and outfielder Josh Willingham (trade with Washington). Matsui batted .274 with 21 home runs and 84 RBI last season with the Angels after earning World Series MVP honors with the Yankees in 2009. The Japanese superstar boasts a .290 career average with 161 homers and 681 RBI in eight previous seasons in the majors, and is on the threshold of reaching the 500-home run milestone for his professional career (he has 497 combined homers in Japan and the U.S.). Willingham, who hit .265 with 16 home runs and 56 RBI in 114 games with the Nationals last year before undergoing season-ending knee surgery Aug. 25, has batted 15 home runs or more in each of his last five seasons and has topped the 20-homer plateau three times, including a career-high 26 with the Florida Marlins in 2006. The addition of these three hitters will not only increase the club's power potential, it most likely will move other capable bats (such as Kurt Suzuki, Kevin Kouzmanoff, Mark Ellis and Ryan Sweeney) to more suitable spots in the batting order.

BIG FOUR ARMED AND READY: The A's posted their most wins (81) and first non-losing record since 2006 last season, and much of the credit can be given to Oakland's remarkable young starting rotation, which chiseled out a Major League-leading 3.47 ERA. It was the lowest ERA by an American League rotation in 20 years (Boston, 3.32 in 1990), and what made the feat even more impressive was the fact that the A's starters averaged 23 years of age for most of the season. The top four starters in that group return in 2011, more seasoned and more accomplished than a year ago. Anchoring the rotation is All-Star right-hander Trevor Cahill (18-8, 2.97 ERA), who emerged as a legitimate Cy Young Award candidate after ranking third in the AL in opponents batting average (.220) and fourth in ERA last year. The 22-year-old matched the longest streak in modern Major League history by allowing six hits or fewer and pitching at least 5.0 innings in 20 consecutive starts (Nolan Ryan, 1972-

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73), and also became the youngest pitcher in the American League to win 18 games since Brett Saberhagen went 20-6 in 1985. Joining Cahill are southpaws Gio Gonzalez (15-9, 3.23 ERA), Brett Anderson (7-6, 2.80) and Dallas Braden (11-14, 3.50) in the Big Four. Gonzalez, like Cahill, enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2010, ranking in the American League's Top 10 in wins (10th), ERA (8th) and opponents batting average (10th). He finished last season with a flourish, posting an 8-3 mark and 2.59 ERA in 15 starts after the All-Star Break. Anderson, derailed for much of the season with a sore elbow, returned to form by season's end, notching a 3-1 record and 2.23 ERA in his six September starts. And Braden, of course, burst onto the national scene with his perfect game against Tampa Bay on Mother's Day last year. Beyond that masterpiece, Braden showed real signs of maturity as a rising young pitcher, earning 11 victories despite receiving the fourth lowest run support (3.60) in the American League, and also ranking first in shutouts (tied with two) and fourth in complete game (five) in the league. Eight of his 11 wins also came against some of the better-hitting teams in baseball—Rangers (two), White Sox (two), Angels, Yankees, Blue Jays and Rays.

TAKING THE FIFTH: While Cahill, Gonzalez, Anderson and Braden are fixtures in the 2011 rotation, several intriguing candidates will vie for the remaining fifth starter role. Left-hander Bobby Cramer, a 31-year-old late bloomer who overcame injuries and two years out of baseball to land the A's fifth spot in September last season, will try to reclaim his job this spring after posting a 2-1 mark and 3.04 ERA in four starts in 2010. However, he'll be challenged by four viable pitchers, all of whom are coming off injuries or rehab from last season. They include LHP Josh Outman (4-1, 3.48 ERA, 12 starts in 2009), who appears fully recovered from Tommy John surgery; RHP Tyson Ross (1-4, 5.49 ERA, 26 games), who pitched primarily in relief last year but returned to his starting roots at Triple-A Sacramento before an elbow injury ended his season in mid-August; RHP Brandon McCarthy (7-4, 4.62 ERA with Texas in 2009), who went 2-0 with a 1.96 ERA in the Dominican Winter League for Toro del Estes in dispelling any concerns about his recovered shoulder; and RHP Rich Harden (5-5, 5.58 ERA with Texas), who returns to Oakland where he compiled a 36-19 mark and 3.42 ERA in 97 games from 2003-08. Harden, also a possible candidate in the bullpen, spent two stints on the Disabled List last year with the Rangers (gluteal muscle, shoulder).

OAKLAND'S REHAB HOPEFULS: Some other key A's position players who finished 2010 on the mend but should be near to form for Spring Training include center fielder and leadoff man Coco Crisp (fractured left pinky, .279, 14 doubles, 4 triples, 8 HR, 38 RBI, 32 SB in 75 games), right fielder Ryan Sweeney (knee surgery, .294, 1 HR, 36 RBI in 82 games), outfielder Conor Jackson (hamstring and abdominal strains, .236, 2 HR, 16 RBI in 60 combined games with Arizona and Oakland) and infielder Adam Rosales (stress foot fracture, .271, 7 HR, 31 RBI in 80 games), although Rosales may not be cleared for activity when camp begins. On the pitching slab, there are several promising Oakland arms that should return to form in 2011. Besides Ross and Outman, they include relievers Andrew Bailey (elbow, 1-3, 1.47 ERA, 25 saves in 47 games), Joey Devine (Tommy John surgery, 6-1, 0.59 ERA in 42 games in 2008) and Jerry Blevins (shoulder strain, 2-1, 3.70 ERA in 63 games), plus newcomers McCartney and Harden.

BOLSTERING THE BULLPEN: Last week the A's took major strides in fortifying an already formidable bullpen when they signed two-year contracts with two of baseball's premier back-end relievers in left-hander Brian Fuentes and right-hander Grant Balfour. Fuentes, a four-time All-Star closer, compiled a combined 4-1 record, 2.81 ERA and 24 saves between the Los Angeles Angels and Minnesota Twins last year. He allowed a .181 opponents batting average, which ranked fifth lowest among American League relievers, and also ranked fifth with a .122 average against first batters faced. He saved a career-high and Major League-leading 48 games with the Angeles in 2009 after setting the Rockies' career saves record with 115. Balfour, who owns a 13-7 record and 2.98 ERA with 207 strikeouts in only 181.0 innings over the past three seasons with the Rays, is coming off a brilliant 2010 campaign in which he registered a 2-1 mark and 2.28 ERA in 57 relief appearances with Tampa Bay. With the addition of Fuentes and Balfour—both of whom also agreed to a club option for a third season—the A's feature one of the most talented and deepest bullpens in all of baseball. The veteran duo joins two-time All-Star closer Bailey, other setup candidates Craig Breslow and Michael Wuertz, groundball specialist Brad Ziegler, plus Devine and Blevins, and possibly Harden.

RADIO HOME FOR A'S BASEBALL: For the third straight season, XTRA Sports 860 AM, a 50,000-watt station based in San Francisco, will air every Oakland regular season game, as well as 13 Spring Training games (including the Bay Bridge Series) this year. Ken Korach, Vince Cotroneo and Ray Fosse will provide description on XTRA Sports 860 AM.

SPRING TRAINING TICKETS: Spring Training tickets for all A's home games at Phoenix Municipal Stadium are currently on sale at www.oaklandathletics.com/spring or by calling 1-877-493-BALL (1-877-493-2255). The Phoenix Municipal Stadium Box Office opens Monday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. MST. Office hours of operations are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and during all home games. Individual game ticket pricing will remain unchanged for a third consecutive season. The prices are: \$25 (Field Box), \$22 (Lower Box), \$18 (Upper Box) and \$12 (Outfield Reserved). For Spring Training season tickets, call the A's Tickets Services Office at 510-568-5600, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST Monday through Friday, or log on to www.oaklandathletics.com/spring

FAN APPRECIATION TAILGATE SLATED FOR MARCH 29: On Tuesday, March 29, just before the final pre-season home game vs. the Giants, the Athletics will hold a special fan access event in the Coliseum parking lot. Fans will be given the opportunity to meet and interact with their favorite A's players. A free event to fans, players will be signing autographs and players and staff will be answering fan questions in Q&A sessions. Fans will have the opportunity to take complimentary photos with players and the team's four World Series trophies. Interactive games will be available for kids and adults. A special memorabilia sale will be held. Admission to the event, including the autographs and photos of available players, will be free. It is also the first Free Chevy Free Parking Tuesday, while discounted tickets to the Giants-A's game that night will be available for only \$5. The event will take place from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the North parking lot of the Coliseum, and will give fans the last look at the 2011 team before Opening Night. After a 12:45 p.m. game against the Giants in San Francisco March 30 and an off-day March 31, the A's will open the season against Seattle Friday, April 1, at 7:05 p.m. in Oakland. For more information, go to the A's website, oaklandathletics.com.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for all A's home games can be purchased at all usual ticket outlets, including the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Box Office, online at oaklandathletics.com, or over the phone by calling (877) 493-BALL. Season, group and luxury suite tickets can be purchased by calling (510) 638-GoA's (4627). Individual game tickets for the 2011 season are priced at \$48 (MVP), \$35 (Field Infield), \$32 (Plaza Club), \$30 (Lower Box), \$26 (Field Level), \$26 (Plaza Infield), \$24 (Plaza Level), \$18 (Plaza Outfield), \$13 (Bleachers), \$12 (Value Deck), and \$9 (Plaza Reserved). Individual game tickets for the 2011 Premium Games are priced at \$55 (MVP), \$42 (Plaza Club), \$40 (Field Infield), \$40 (Lower Box), \$32 (Plaza Infield), \$30 (Field Level), \$26 (Plaza Level), \$20 (Plaza Outfield), \$15 (Value Deck), \$15 (Bleachers), and \$9 (Plaza Reserved). Value seating areas include Plaza Club and Value Deck seating. Included in the price of your ticket is additional loaded value (\$10 for Plaza Club, \$6 for Value Deck) which can be used for merchandise and food at the Coliseum on the day of the game.

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Value Deck tickets, for example, are priced at \$12 with \$6 of added value included for use on food or merchandise. The seats are in the Upper Deck above home plate, making it one of the best values in the ballpark.

BASEBALL—A GAME FOR EVERYONE: No professional sport is more family friendly than Major League Baseball, and the Oakland A's are near the top of the class in 2011. Beyond offering the best value of any Bay Area professional sports team, in terms of ticket and concession prices, the Athletics this year offer some remarkable new bargains. The A's will launch a new promotion called Free Hot Dog Thursdays, with 10,000 fans receiving a voucher upon entry on Thursdays, redeemable for a free hot do from concession stands at that day's game. Other popular promotions include Chevy Free Parking Tuesdays, BART \$2 Wednesdays and Xfinity Friday Family Pack. For most Tuesdays, fans will get to park free at the Coliseum. Also, for every Wednesday game, A's fans can purchase \$2 tickets. And the Friday Family Pack offer, which is open to families or any group, includes four Plaza Level tickets and four meals for a cost of only \$50. Each meal includes a hot dog, soda and bag of peanuts. For more information, go to the A's website, oaklandathletics.com.

2011 Spring Training Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sun.	Feb. 27	@Chicago Cubs	Mesa	12:05 pm
Mon.	Feb. 28	@Los Angeles Angels	Tempe	12:05 pm
Tues.	Mar. 1	Cincinnati	PHOENIX	12:05 pm
Wed.	Mar. 2	Cleveland	PHOENIX	12:05 pm
Thur.	Mar. 3	@Milwaukee	Maryvale	12:05 pm
Fri.	Mar. 4	Texas	PHOENIX	12:05 pm
Sat.	Mar. 5	San Francisco	PHOENIX	12:05 pm
Sun.	Mar. 6	@San Diego (SS) Milwaukee (SS)	Peoria PHOENIX	12:05 pm 12:05 pm
Mon.	Mar. 7	Seattle	PHOENIX	12:05 pm
Tues.	Mar. 8	San Diego	PHOENIX	12:05 pm
Wed.	Mar. 9	@Texas	Surprise	12:05 pm
Thur.	Mar. 10	Kansas City	PHOENIX	12:05 pm
Fri.	Mar. 11	Los Angeles Dodgers (SS) @Milwaukee (SS)	PHOENIX Maryvale	12:05 pm 12:05 pm
Sat.	Mar. 12	@Seattle	Peoria	12:05 pm
Sun.	Mar. 13	Colorado	PHOENIX	1:05 pm
Mon.	Mar. 14	@Cleveland	Goodyear	1:05 pm
Tues.	Mar. 15	@Kansas City (SS) Chicago Cubs (SS)	Surprise PHOENIX	1:05 pm 1:05 pm
Wed.	Mar. 16	OFF DAY		
Thur.	Mar. 17	Chicago Cubs	PHOENIX	1:05 pm
Fri.	Mar. 18	@Chicago White Sox	Glendale	4:05 pm
Sat.	Mar. 19	Chicago White Sox	PHOENIX	1:05 pm
Sun.	Mar. 20	Arizona (SS) @San Francisco (SS)	PHOENIX Scottsdale	1:05 pm 1:05 pm
Mon.	Mar. 21	@Los Angeles Dodgers	Glendale	1:05 pm
Tues.	Mar. 22	@Cincinnati	Goodyear	1:05 pm
Wed.	Mar. 23	@Chicago Cubs	Mesa	1:05 pm
Thur.	Mar. 24	@Arizona	Scottsdale	1:05 pm
Fri.	Mar. 25	Los Angeles Angels	PHOENIX	1:05 pm
Sat.	Mar. 26	Colorado	PHOENIX	7:05 pm
Sun.	Mar. 27	@Colorado	Scottsdale	1:05 pm
Mon.	Mar. 28	@San Francisco	San Francisco	7:05 pm
Tues	March 29th	San Francisco	OAKLAND	7:05 pm
Wed	March 30 th	San Francisco	San Francisco	12:45 pm

All times listed are Pacific; (SS) Denotes split squad
Home games at Phoenix Municipal Stadium

AT&T Park, San Francisco

+ Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, Oakland

*games broadcast on XTRA Sports 860 AM Radio

^televised on Comcast SportsNet California

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