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News and Notes About the A's Upcoming Homestand A's Host Texas, Baltimore and Toronto; A's Fiesta Day Set For August 14

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	TELEVISION
Friday, August 12	Texas Rangers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italian Heritage Night XFINITY Friday Family Pack CSNCA Authentic Fan Friday Pre-game check presentation – March of Dimes Live national anthem – Andrea Rosario Green Stampede Homework Club, sponsored by Service Champions Kids Club member brings water to the umpires (third inning) Seventh inning stretch – Rat Pack impersonators 	7:05 p.m.	CSNCA
Saturday, August 13	Texas Rangers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giveaway – Ray Fosse Bobblehead, presented by Comcast SportsNet California (10,000 fans) Law Enforcement Day Cache Creek Saturday Pre-game visit with UMPS CARE Charities (12:00 p.m.) California Police Youth Charities pre-game visit with an A's player Little A's, sponsored by Bank of America Color guards – Oakland Police Department Honor Guard and Rotary Day Honor Guard Ceremonial first pitch – Ray Fosse will catch the first pitch from a representative of Comcast SportsNet California Live national anthem – Janice Maxie-Reid Kids Club member "steals" third base (third inning) A's Community Fund Silent Auction, behind Section 120 (partner: Rotary Day) A's Dinner on the Diamond, on the field (6:45 p.m.) 	1:10 p.m.	FOX
Sunday, August 14	Texas Rangers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giveaway – Gio Gonzalez Atlético Hat, presented by Chevy (10,000 fans) A's Fiesta Day, sponsored by Chevy Pre-game presentation – Ballet Folklorico Dancers Ceremonial first pitch – Jose Hernandez, one of the first Mexican-American NASA astronauts in outer space Take the Field with the A's, presented by Washington Hospital Kids Club guest public address announcer (third inning) A's Community Fund Silent Auction, behind Section 120 (partner: Hispanic Community Affairs Council) Post-Game Race Around the Bases, sponsored by Chevy 	1:05 p.m.	CSNCA
Monday, August 15	Baltimore Orioles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-game presentation – State Farm Go To Bat Award Green Stampede Homework Club, sponsored by Service Champions 	7:05 p.m.	CSNCA
Tuesday, August 16	Baltimore Orioles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Bailey meet and greet at Lucky Supermarket, 3100 E. 9th Ave. in Oakland (11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) Pitchers Gio Gonzalez and Fautino De Los Santos to sign autographs for children during backpack drive at the Richmond Police Activities League (12:00 p.m.) Chevy Free Parking Tuesday Green Stampede Homework Club, sponsored by Service Champions 	7:05 p.m.	CSNCA
Wednesday, August 17	Baltimore Orioles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BART \$2 Wednesday Food Bank Wednesday Senior Days Live national anthem – Brian Crawford Scott, the Ringmaster of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's "The Greatest Show on Earth" Post-Game Radio Show Remote with Gio Gonzalez from the Holiday Inn Oakland Airport Hotel 	12:35 p.m.	No TV
Thursday, August 18	Toronto Blue Jays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Free Hot Dog Thursday" (10,000 fans receive free hot dog vouchers) Pre-game presentation – Hideki Matsui, Barons Jewelers Player of the Month for July Green Stampede Homework Club, sponsored by Service Champions 	7:05 p.m.	CSNCA
Friday, August 19	Toronto Blue Jays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filipino Heritage Night XFINITY Friday Family Pack CSNCA Authentic Fan Friday A's Amigos program visit, sponsored by Kelly Moore Paints and XFINITY Pre-game presentation – State Farm Go To Bat Award Pre-game presentation – Ethnic dance performance by KARIKTAN Dance Company Ceremonial first pitch – Gloria Caoile, former commissioner of the White House Commission for Asian Pacific Islander Americans Live national and Canadian anthem – Amber Lily Green Stampede Homework Club, sponsored by Service Champions Kids Club member brings water to the umpires (third inning) 	7:05 p.m.	CSNCA
Saturday, August 20	Toronto Blue Jays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-game fireworks show, presented by Chevron (theme: Elvis) Cache Creek Saturday Color guard – Veterans of Foreign Wars Live national and Canadian anthem – Sharla Zuppo Kids Club member "steals" third base (third inning) A's Community Fund Silent Auction, behind Section 120 (partner: Turning Wheels for Kids) 	6:05 p.m.	CSNCA
Sunday, August 21	Toronto Blue Jays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giveaway – Kids exercise mat, presented by Washington Hospital (7,500 kids) Pre-game on-field coaches clinic with various Bay Area little league teams (8:45-9:45 a.m.) Live national and Canadian anthem – Bryan Dyer Little A's, sponsored by Bank of America Take the Field with the A's, presented by Washington Hospital Kids Club guest public address announcer (third inning) Post-Game Race Around the Bases, sponsored by Chevy A's Community Fund Silent Auction, behind Section 120 	1:05 p.m.	CSNCA

All A's games will be carried on SportsRadio 95.7 FM and on the A's Radio Network, with Ken Korach and Vince Cotroneo calling the action. "A's Talk," the A's pre-game and post-game radio shows, is hosted by Chris Townsend.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROMOTIONS OR EVENTS LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE VISIT WWW.OAKLANDATHLETICS.COM.

Homestand Highlights – Promotions and Events

A's Promotional Giveaway Items: On Sunday, Aug. 14, 10,000 fans will receive a Gio Gonzalez Atléticos hat, courtesy of Chevy, and on Sunday, Aug. 21, 7,500 kids will receive an A's exercise mat, courtesy of Washington Hospital.

Ray Fosse Bobblehead: In honor of Ray Fosse's storied baseball history as a player and broadcaster, 10,000 fans will receive a Ray Fosse bobblehead, courtesy of Comcast SportsNet California, on Saturday, Aug. 13. Fifty lucky fans through the gates will find a "golden ticket" attached to their bobblehead which enables the recipient and one guest to attend a special pre-game autograph signing with Fosse. A two-time All Star and Gold Glove winner, Fosse is in his 25th consecutive season on the radio and 23rd season in the television booth covering A's games as an Emmy Award-winning broadcaster. Fosse was the starting catcher for the 1973 and 1974 Oakland Athletics World Champion teams. Visit www.oaklandathletics.com/rayfosse for more information and official rules.

A's Post-Game Fireworks Show: After the game against Toronto on Saturday, Aug. 20, fans will be invited down to the field to enjoy a post-game fireworks show. The Elvis-themed fireworks show was chosen by fans in an online vote and is presented by Chevron. There is one remaining post-game fireworks show this season which is set for Sept. 16 and features songs chosen by A's players.

Italian Heritage Night: The A's will be celebrating their Inaugural Italian Heritage Night on Friday, Aug. 12. Fans that pre-purchased designated tickets will receive an Italian Heritage A's pizza cutter and food item, which will be served in the Westside Club prior to the game. During the seventh-inning stretch, fans will be entertained by Rat Pack impersonators. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.oaklandathletics.com/Italian.

Meet and Greet with Andrew Bailey: On Tuesday, Aug. 16, A's closer **Andrew Bailey** will sign autographs for fans from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lucky Supermarket at 3100 E. 9th Ave. in Oakland. Autographs will be limited to one item per fan and fans are encouraged to bring an item for Bailey to autograph.

Law Enforcement Day: The A's Law Enforcement Day is set for Saturday, Aug. 13, when the A's take on the Texas Rangers at 1:10 p.m. Fans that pre-purchased designated tickets will receive an entry voucher to a pre-game BBQ tailgate in B Lot. Inside the stadium, the Oakland Police Department and Rotary Day honor guards will be featured in a pre-game presentation of colors. The Mission Gold Jazz Band will be performing at Gate D prior to the game and roaming the concourse during the game. Prior to the first pitch, a motorcade will drive around the warning track of the field. In addition, \$2 of each ticket purchased through the link online will be donated back to the Oakland Police Department.

A's Fiesta Day: A's Fiesta Day, presented by Chevy, is set for Sunday, Aug. 14, when the A's play the Texas Rangers at 1:05 p.m. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. in A Lot and will feature mariachi music, interactive booths and games, a Chevy Ride and Drive event, and the chance to win an authentic Atléticos jersey and to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. A's pitchers **Gio Gonzalez** and **Guillermo Moscoso** will be on hand to sign autographs at the Fiesta Day event. One of the first Mexican-American NASA astronauts in outer space, Jose Hernandez, will also be signing autographs at the pre-game event and will be throwing out the ceremonial first pitch of the game. A's players and coaches will don Atléticos jerseys during the game and 10,000 fans in attendance will receive a Gio Gonzalez Atléticos hat, sponsored by Chevy. For more information, visit oaklandathletics.com/fiesta or losatleticos.com.

A's Post-Game Radio Show Remote: The A's post-game radio show, "A's Talk," which is carried on SportsRadio 95.7 FM, will broadcast live on location from the Holiday Inn Oakland Airport Hotel (77 Hegenberger Road) on Wednesday, Aug. 17. Fans are invited to join host **Chris Townsend** and A's starting pitcher **Gio Gonzalez** at the hotel after the game for food and beverage specials and a chance to win prizes during the broadcast. "A's Talk" is presented by Coors Light.

Filipino Heritage Night: The Third Annual Filipino Heritage Night will be staged on Friday, Aug. 19, when the A's meet the Toronto Blue Jays. Fans that pre-purchased designated tickets will receive an A's Filipino Heritage Night t-shirt and a Filipino food item, which will be served in the Westside Club prior to the game. Radio Disney's "Next Big Thing" finalist Amber Lily will sing the national anthem and Canadian anthem and then hold a meet and greet with fans during the first inning in the Westside Club. Gloria Caoile, a breast cancer survivor and former commissioner of the White House Commission for the Asian Pacific Islander Americans, will be throwing out the ceremonial first pitch of the game. Caoile was selected by the Filipina Women's Network as one of the top 100 most influential women in the United States. Heritage Night is presented by Cache Creek Casino. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit www.oaklandathletics.com/Filipino.

Homestand Highlights – Community Relations

Richmond Police Activities League: The Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) will be distributing donated backpacks containing school supplies, in addition to an A's water bottle, to 300 children from the RPAL and Building Blocks for Kids beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16. A's All-Star starting pitcher **Gio Gonzalez** and relief pitcher **Fautino De Los Santos** will sign autographs and meet with the children as they pick up their backpacks at the RPAL gymnasium (2200 Macdonald Avenue) from 12:00-12:45 p.m. Tuesday. RPAL is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1982 to provide a positive alternative to the streets for boys and girls between five and 18 years of age while Building Blocks for Kids supports the development of healthy children and the self-sufficiency of families living in the Iron Triangle area of Richmond.

Dinner on the Diamond: The A's Community Fund will hold their fifth annual Dinner on the Diamond event on the field, which will be hosted by Lew and Kari Wolff on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 6:30 p.m. This dinner brings together sponsors, investors and fans along with the A's owners, players, staff and their families in a casual family environment with the collective goal of making a difference in the community. The proceeds from this year's event will benefit the A's Community Fund and Juma Ventures. This event is closed to the public.

Let's Move! Campaign: On Saturday Aug. 21, A's coaches will participate in a pre-game on-field coaches clinic from 8:45-9:45 a.m. The clinic will be held in partnership with *Let's Move!*, an initiative that was created in 2010 by First Lady Michelle Obama, which is dedicated to solving the challenge of childhood obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams. Children from various Bay Area little leagues will participate in on-field events and A's coaches and *Let's Move!* representatives will talk with the children about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and engaging in physical activity each day. Washington Hospital, the sponsor of the kids exercise mat giveaway item of the day, partnered with *Let's Move!* as the hospital moves to focus on children's health and fitness.

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