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# Oakland A's to Host Marvel Super Hero™ Day May 5 during Upcoming Homestand

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – To celebrate Oakland-born Black Panther director Ryan Coogler, the Oakland A's will host Marvel Super Hero™ Day on Saturday, May 5, when the team hosts the Baltimore Orioles. Local "superhero" Angel Flores, a student at Aspire Golden State College Prep, will throw out the ceremonial first pitch, and 15,000 fans will receive a Black Panther bobblehead, presented by Comerica Bank.

The six-game homestand begins on May 4 and features youth baseball and softball days (Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6), a Town Cookoff event (Monday, May 7), and the debut of a Home Run Virtual Reality gaming experience in The Treehouse (Tuesday, May 8).

## Friday, May 4 | Baltimore Orioles | 7:05 p.m.

TV: NBC Sports California

Radio: 1550AM and the A's Radio Network

Parking: 4 p.m.

Season Ticket Member Gate opens at 4:35 p.m. | All stadium gates open at 5:05 p.m.

**PRSA event:** The A's will host members from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) for a panel discussion on sports public relations and journalism. The 5:30 p.m. event in the Eastside Club will feature Catherine Aker, A's vice president of Communications and Community; Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle A's beat writer; and Jim Kozimor, San Jose Earthquakes play-by-play announcer.

Oakland A's Community Fund Silent Auction: The Oakland A's Community Fund Silent Auction can now be accessed digitally through the MLB Ballpark App. The Silent Auction will open at the start of the game on home Fridays and end at 5 p.m. PT on Sundays. The auction features signed and unsigned A's memorabilia as well as game-used items. Items will be displayed during the game until the 5<sup>th</sup> inning at the Community Corner at Section 218. For more information and to bid on items, visit <a href="mailto:mlb.com/apps/ballpark">mlb.com/apps/ballpark</a> to download the MLB Ballpark App and select Oakland A's.

Oakland A's Community Fund 50/50 Raffle: At select home games throughout the 2018 season, fans can participate in the Oakland A's Community Fund 50/50 Raffle, presented by Sutter Health. One lucky fan will win half of the gross proceeds raised at each game, with the remaining proceeds benefitting the Oakland A's Community Fund. Visit the Community Corner at Section 218 or look for designated Raffle Team Members around the ballpark.

National Anthem: Delaine Eastin Elementary Choir Ceremonial First Pitch: Season Ticket Member

Saturday, May 5 | Baltimore Orioles | 6:05 p.m.

TV: NBC Sports California

Radio: 95.7 FM The Game and the A's Radio Network

Parking: Noon

Season Ticket Member Gate opens at 3:35 p.m. | All stadium gates open at 4:05 p.m.

**Black Panther bobblehead giveaway:** 15,000 fans will receive a Black Panther bobblehead, presented by Comerica Bank.

**Cal Ripken Baseball/Babe Ruth Youth Night:** The A's will host Northern California Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Baseball Day. The event is open to Cal Ripken Baseball youth players, as well as coaches, families, and friends. More than 2,000 children will participate in a pregame festival and on-field parade.

Chevrolet Youth Baseball Clinic: Prior to the game, the A's coaching staff will host 150 young athletes from around the Bay Area for a baseball workshop on Rickey Henderson Field. Courtesy of Chevrolet and Bay Area Chevrolet dealers, participants will receive instruction in pitching, hitting, baserunning, and other skills, followed by an autograph session, photo opportunity, and lunch.

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National Anthem: Serene Wheelwright

Ceremonial First Pitch: Local superhero Angel Flores. Flores is a student at Aspire Golden State College Prep and will be attending UC San Diego in the fall to study Computer Science. She has a goal of receiving her PhD in Computer Science and wants to be a Software Engineer.

Nonprofit of the Game: Katalis Foundation

### Sunday, May 6 | Baltimore Orioles | 1:05 p.m.

TV: NBC Sports California

Radio: 1550AM and the A's Radio Network

Parking: 8 a.m.

Season Ticket Member Gate opens at 10:35 a.m. | All stadium gates open at 11:05 a.m.

Stomper socks giveaway: 10,000 fans will receive Stomper socks, presented by Black Bear Diner.

Youth Baseball and Softball Day: The A's will host Youth Baseball and Softball Day, presented by Black Bear Diner. This event is open to all Little Leagues, youth baseball and softball leagues, as well as coaches, families, and friends. More than 4,500 children will participate in Youth Baseball and Softball Day, which includes an onfield parade. For more information or to secure a group of 15+ tickets, contact 510.563.2281 or visit athletics.com/littleleague.

Race Around the Bases: Race Around the Bases invites children ages 14 and younger onto the field to run the bases after most Sunday games.

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National Anthem: Raven Barbiran

Ceremonial First Pitch: Representative from Black Bear Diner

Nonprofit of the Game: Thingamajigs

# Monday, May 7 | Houston Astros | 7:05 p.m.

TV: NBC Sports California

Radio: 95.7 FM The Game and the A's Radio Network

Parking: 4 p.m.

Season Ticket Member Gate opens at 5:05 p.m. | All stadium gates open at 5:35 p.m.

**Town Cookoff:** Four local chefs will battle for a chance to serve their dish at the ballpark this season in the inaugural Town Cookoff event. The competition will begin at 5 p.m. in The Treehouse and is open to all fans.

National Anthem: Holy Names University Prep Music Band

Ceremonial First Pitch: Season Ticket Member; Eric Nelson; Town Cookoff winner

# Tuesday, May 8 | Houston Astros | 7:05 p.m.

TV: NBC Sports California

Radio: 95.7 FM The Game and the A's Radio Network

Parking: 3:30 p.m.

Season Ticket Member Gate opens at 4 p.m. | All stadium gates open at 4:30 p.m.

**Virtual Reality gaming:** The A's will debut a Home Run Virtual Reality experience in The Treehouse. Fans can swing for the fences with a custom bat controller that tracks movement and force. Users will be able to play for free. Users must be 13 years or older and sign a waiver to participate.

**Nurses Appreciation Night**: The A's will host the inaugural Nurses Appreciation Night. Fans who purchase this special event ticket will receive an A's badge holder. Tickets are available at athletics.com/specialevents.

National Anthem: College Park High School Choir

Ceremonial First Pitch: To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Catfish Hunter's perfect game (May 8, 1968),

teammate Bert 'Campy' Campaneris will throw out the ceremonial first pitch

# Wednesday, May 9 | Houston Astros | 12:35 p.m.

TV: NBC Sports California

Radio: 95.7 FM The Game and the A's Radio Network

Parking: 8 a.m.

Season Ticket Member Gate opens at 10:35 a.m. | All stadium gates open at 11:05 a.m.

**Sports Career Education Day:** The A's, along with the nonprofit AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), will host Sports Career Education Day for local students before the game at 9 a.m. Nearly 5,000 students will hear from a sports industry panel with A's staff members and attend a pregame college fair.

Community Impact Wednesday: Every Wednesday home game, fans can pick their price for tickets in Section 322. All ticket proceeds will benefit the Oakland A's Community Fund. For more information, please visit athletics.com/impact.

National Anthem: David Longoria Ceremonial First Pitch: Peggy Lindsey

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