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## **Oakland A's to Host Root Beer Float Day During Upcoming Homestand** ***Five-game homestand will also feature annual Bark at the Park, Military Appreciation Day***

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's will host their 19<sup>th</sup> annual Root Beer Float Day, presented by A&W, at the Coliseum on Sunday, July 1, when the team plays host to the Cleveland Indians for a 1:05 p.m. matchup. Celebrity scoopers, including A's coaches, players, and alumni, will serve root beer floats to fans for a donation to the Oakland A's Community Fund.

The homestand begins with Bark at the Park, presented by AvoDerm Natural & Nylabone, during the Friday, June 30, game. Fans can bring their furry friends to the ballpark for a pregame party and Pup Parade on the field. The homestand will also include a Dave Stewart action figure giveaway (June 30), Military Appreciation Day with patriotic fireworks (July 3), and an Independence Day afternoon game (July 4).

**Friday, June 29 | Cleveland Indians | 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 4:35 p.m. | All stadium gates open at 5:05 p.m.**

**Bark at the Park:** The A's will host their annual Bark at the Park, presented by AvoDerm Natural & Nylabone. All dogs and owners who have purchased a special ticket are invited to a pregame party in A Lot and a Pup Parade on the field. A portion of proceeds will benefit Dogs4Diabetics and the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF).

**Chevrolet Youth Baseball Clinic:** Prior to the game, the A's coaching staff will host 220 young athletes from North Oakland and South Oakland Little League (NOLL/SOLL) for a baseball workshop on Rickey Henderson Field. Courtesy of Chevrolet and the Bay Area Chevrolet dealers, participants will receive instruction on pitching, hitting, baserunning, and other skills, followed by an autograph session, photo opportunity, and lunch.

**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 5 p.m. on Friday, June 29, and end at 5 p.m. PT on Wednesday, July 4. 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 [mlb.com/apps/ballpark](http://mlb.com/apps/ballpark) 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:** Diablo Vista Chorus

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Kiran Raghunathan; Draft Kings representative; Central Garden & Pet representative

**Nonprofit of the Game:** Friday Night Out

### Saturday, June 30 | Cleveland Indians | 1:05 p.m.

**TV:** NBC Sports California

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

**Parking:** 9 a.m.

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

**Dave Stewart action figure giveaway:** To celebrate the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dave Stewart's no-hitter, 15,000 fans will receive a Dave Stewart starting lineup action figure, presented by Ashby Lumber & Humboldt Redwood Co.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team presentation:** As part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the A's will present Dick Green with his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team jersey at home plate before first pitch.

**Vida Blue autograph session:** The A's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book will be sold on Championship Plaza from the time gates open until the end of the game. Vida Blue will sign books purchased by fans that day from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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**National Anthem:** Teana Boston

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Dave Stewart

**Nonprofit of the Game:** Rocket Dog Rescue

### Sunday, July 1 | Cleveland Indians | 1:05 p.m.

**TV:** NBC Sports California

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

**Parking:** 9 a.m.

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

**Root Beer Float Day:** The A's will host the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Root Beer Float Day, presented by A&W, from 10:30 a.m. until the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning in the Eastside Club and on Championship Plaza. A's manager Bob Melvin, current players – including Khris Davis, Sean Manaea, Marcus Semien, and Blake Treinen – and A's alumni are scheduled to appear and serve root beer floats to fans. Root beer floats and sugar-free floats will be sold for \$5. A 32-ounce mug option will also be available for \$20. A limited supply of 32-ounce mugs signed by Rickey Henderson will be sold for \$50. All mug options come with unlimited refills. Additional funds will be raised through "tips" in exchange for autographs and pictures with the celebrity scoopers. All proceeds benefit the Oakland A's Community Fund. Rickey Henderson will also participate in a separate ticketed photo session for \$30 during the event.

**Pros vs. GI Joes:** Following the game, A's players will meet military members and compete in a video game challenge.

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**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.

**National Anthem:** Jessica Johnson

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Dr Pepper Snapple Group representative

**Nonprofit of the Game:** American Cancer Society

**Tuesday, July 3 | San Diego Padres | 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 3:05 p.m. | All stadium gates open at 3:35 p.m.**

**Military Appreciation Day:** All fans with a Military Appreciation Day special event ticket will receive an A's patriotic cap. To purchase a special event ticket, visit [athletics.com/military](http://athletics.com/military).

**Operation Care and Comfort volunteer event:** Chris Hatcher, Jonathan Lucroy, Blake Treinen, fans, members of the A's front office, and PG&E employees will team up for a volunteer event from noon to 2 p.m. at the Coliseum. The group will put together care packages that will be sent to military members in Afghanistan.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team presentation:** As part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the A's will present Mark McGwire with his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team jersey at home plate before first pitch.

**Bob Feller Act of Valor Award recognition:** Prior to the game, A's pitcher Chris Hatcher will be recognized as a nominee for the Bob Feller Act of Valor Award, which recognizes players who demonstrate exemplary efforts in support of our servicemen and servicewomen. Hatcher works closely with Combat Warriors Inc., an organization that honors and provides emotional and financial relief for combat veterans.

**Check presentation:** The A's will present USO Bay Area, Operation Care and Comfort, and Swords to Plowshares each with a \$5,000 grant ahead of the game.

**Military Swear-In:** The A's will host a swearing-in ceremony for 75 United States Army and United State Air Force recruits at 5 p.m. on Championship Plaza. After taking the oath of enlistment, the recruits and a guest are invited to enjoy the A's game.

**Patriotic Fireworks:** Following the game, fans are invited to enjoy the postgame Patriotic Fireworks, presented by Chevrolet, from the outfield grass.

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**National Anthem and God Bless America:** Retired Naval Petty Officer Steven Powell; active military members and veterans will line the base paths during the anthem

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Season Ticket Member Ruben Tilos; Chevrolet representative

**Nonprofit of the Game:** USO

**Wednesday, July 4 | San Diego Padres | 1:05 p.m.**

**TV:** NBC Sports California

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

**Parking:** 9 a.m.

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

**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](http://athletics.com/impact).

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**National Anthem and God Bless America:** Senior Airman Stephanie Allen

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Congresswoman Barbara Lee; military veteran

**Nonprofit Partner of the Game:** Alameda County Food Bank

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