For baseball fans, it’s like a dream come true. Imagine a place where, every day for a whole month at 1:00 in the afternoon, you can choose between as many as eight to 10 Major League Baseball games being played by 15 teams in 10 of the most intimate ballparks in the country. This dreamlike scenario unfolds every spring in Scottsdale and the Valley of the Sun metro region, beginning in mid-February when pitchers and catchers report to their respective teams’ spring training camps, and runs through the end of March with more than 200 games on the Cactus League schedule. So, get ready to live the dream and let this guide show you how!
Scottsdale’s longtime home team, the San Francisco Giants, has called Scottsdale Stadium its spring home since 1984, but the squad has roots in the desert dating back to 1947, making it one of the Cactus League’s two founding franchises.

**History**

The New York Giants’ then-owner Horace Stoneham was inspired to move his team’s spring training operation from St. Petersburg, FL to Phoenix in 1947 after a serendipitous dip in the Buckhorn Mineral Baths in nearby Mesa. He found the natural baths’ therapeutic properties and the warm desert climate quite conducive to spring training preparation, and the Giants began playing home exhibition games at the original Phoenix Municipal Stadium at the corner of Central and Mohave near the current Chase Field in downtown Phoenix. Stoneham found a willing spring training partner in Cleveland Indians’ owner Bill Veeck, who agreed to move his team’s spring operation from Clearwater, FL to Tucson that same year.

The Chicago Cubs became the third team to officially conduct spring training in Arizona at Mesa’s Rendezvous Park in 1952. When the Baltimore Orioles landed in Yuma in 1954, Arizona’s spring circuit was officially dubbed the “Cactus League.” The same Orioles would become the first team to play at the original Scottsdale Stadium in 1956.

Scottsdale Stadium was an immediate success and provided a historical cornerstone for the Cactus League. The timing couldn’t have been better as Major League Baseball was beginning its westward expansion with the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers moving to San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively, in 1958. By 2009, the Cactus League had reached its current high-water mark with 15 teams conducting spring training in close proximity to each other across the greater Phoenix metro region.

What began in 1947 with one team in Phoenix and another Tucson has expanded into the west-Valley cities of Peoria, Maryvale, Glendale, Goodyear, as well as Scottsdale, Mesa, Tempe and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

**Scottsdale’s Home Teams**

Scottsdale is home to three of the Cactus League’s heaviest hitters. The two-time World Champion San Francisco Giants take on the competition in the heart of downtown at Scottsdale Stadium. A short drive north, the Colorado Rockies and Arizona Diamondbacks play at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, located on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

**Get Tickets**

San Francisco Giants
877-4SFGTIX
www.sfgiants.com/spring or www.springtraining.com
(for Charro Lodge VIP packages)

Colorado Rockies
888-490-0383
www.coloradorockies.com/spring

Arizona Diamondbacks
888-490-0383
www.dbacks.com/spring

**MOVING FORWARD**

This year brings yet another new ballpark to the Cactus League’s ever-expanding landscape. The spectacular new Cubs Park in nearby Mesa is the latest example in the evolution of spring training stadiums from little wooden bandboxes in almost secret-hideaway locales to state-of-the-art stadiums and hi-tech training and player development centers surrounded by vibrant travel and tourism destinations. The new stadium features touches reminiscent of Wrigley Field, including the brick wall behind home plate and the green scoreboard affixed with a Wrigley-style clock.
Since the earliest days of spring training baseball in Arizona, downtown Scottsdale has been a sought-after destination for Major League players, coaches, executives, umpires and fans. You can literally walk in the footprints of Hall of Famers like Willie Mays, Ted Williams, Ernie Banks and Dizzy Dean by stopping at some of their favorite Scottsdale hangouts along the Cactus League Legacy Trail. The Legacy Trail is a self-guided tour of various hitching posts and watering holes that share a lengthy association with spring training baseball here in town. Learn more at www.ExperienceScottsdale.com/Events/Legacy-Trail

The Coach House
Opened in 1959, this rustic bar remains a popular outdoor party hangout for baseball fans during the spring training season.
7011 E. Indian School Rd., Scottsdale
480-990-3433 / www.coachhousescottsdale.com

Don and Charlie’s
This upscale steakhouse and rib joint houses a baseball and sports memorabilia collection that’s among the most robust private collections in the country.
7501 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale
480-990-0900 / www.donandcharlies.com

Karsen’s Grill
Just a few blocks from Scottsdale Stadium, this cozy hole-in-the-wall bar and grill is a regular hangout for baseball writers, umpires and other baseball insiders.
7246 E. First St., Scottsdale
480-990-7660 / www.karsensgrill.com

The Italian Grotto
The Italian Grotto, a regular lunch and dinner spot for working baseball pros, is a New York-style Italian restaurant that boasts a collection of autographed sports photos on its walls.
3915 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480-994-1489 / www.italiangrotto.restaurantengine.com

Sugar Bowl
Hungry ballplayers have been scarfing down banana splits and tin roof sundaes at the Sugar Bowl’s one-and-only location since the 1950s.
4005 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480-946-0051 / www.sugarbowlscottsdale.com

Scottsdale Historical Museum
Located in the historic Little Red School Schoolhouse, the museum creates a unique and charming spring training exhibit annually with many photographs of the early days at Scottsdale Stadium.
7333 E. Scottsdale Mall, Scottsdale
480-945-4499 / www.scottsdalemuseum.com

Pink Pony
Hailed as the “best baseball restaurant in the land” by New Yorker writer Roger Angell, the Pink Pony reopens in February 2014 with a unique exhibit dedicated to 60 years of Cactus League history.
3831 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480-945-6697 / www.pinkponyscottsdale.com

Scottsdale Stadium
This historic Cactus League ballpark is actually the second of its kind built at the same location and also is home to the Arizona Fall League Hall of Fame.
7408 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale
480-352-2180 / www.scottsdaleaz.gov/stadium
It’s hard to believe that the regal red-brick and green-awning Scottsdale Stadium still sits on the same corner where the original wooden bandbox was built in 1955. Originally opened by the Baltimore Orioles in 1956, Scottsdale Stadium has served as the spring training home for more teams than any other Cactus League facility.

History
Following the Orioles in succession were the Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs and Oakland A’s before the Giants arrived in 1984. Only one of the Cactus League’s 10 current spring training facilities (Phoenix Municipal Stadium) was built before Scottsdale Stadium.

The stadium was remodeled to its current incarnation by the renowned ballpark architectural firm HOK Sport (now Populous) in 1992, bringing Arizona spring training baseball to its modern era and sparking the Cactus League’s renaissance. In recent years, additional stadium renovations have included the construction of a full practice field and infield diamond, an expanded home-team clubhouse, the extension of the concourse breezeway to encircle the ballpark, and the creation of the Charro Lodge party deck behind the bullpen in right field.

Opening Day 2014
The 2014 Cactus League season begins at Scottsdale Stadium on February 26 with a classic matchup between the Bay Area rival San Francisco Giants and Oakland A’s. Cactus League game days create a carnival-type atmosphere for both local and visiting fans strolling through Old Town and Scottsdale Civic Center Park, a lush pedestrian park that houses restaurants, museums and the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts.

The Scottsdale Charros, a non-profit civic organization composed of local business leaders, has helped organize and promote spring training in Scottsdale since its founding in 1961. The Charro Lodge is the ultimate VIP experience with patio-style seating, all-inclusive food and drink, and a commemorative game program included in the price of admission. This party deck also boasts a spectacular panoramic view of the ballgame. Other game-day options include traditional stadium bleachers and lawn seating on the plush outfield berm.

Five Nearby

1. Rusty Spur Saloon
   Enjoy live music and dancing at Scottsdale’s oldest cowboy bar.
   www.rustyspursaloon.com

2. Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art
   Cutting-edge exhibits by renowned national and international artists.
   www.smoca.org

3. Soleri Bridge & Plaza
   A stunning pedestrian bridge designed by Paolo Soleri that tracks solar movement.
   www.scottsdalepublicart.org

4. Scottsdale Fashion Square
   The Southwest’s premier shopping destination boasts more than 240 upscale retailers.
   www.fashionsquare.com

5. Scottsdale Arts District
   An outstanding collection of fine art galleries and renowned restaurants, and home to the Thursday night ArtWalk.
   www.scottsdalegalleries.com

SPRING TRAINING FESTIVAL
The third annual Spring Training Festival takes place from noon to 5 p.m. on Feb. 22 at Scottsdale Civic Center Park. A variety of Cactus League teams will be represented at the festival, where fans can mingle with former big-league legends, play trivia quiz games, collect pocket schedules and souvenirs, participate in “The Science of Baseball” interactive exhibits, and vote in a stadium hot dog-tasting contest.

www.springtrainingfestival.com
The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community borders Scottsdale to the east and is home to one of the newest baseball facilities in the area – Salt River Fields at Talking Stick. Two of Major League Baseball’s more recent expansion franchises, the Colorado Rockies (1993) and Arizona Diamondbacks (1998), spent their spring training histories in Tucson before coming to Salt River Fields when it opened in 2011.

The facility’s name was carefully chosen to represent the culture of the community. “Fields” refers not only to the facility’s 12 practice fields but the community’s long agricultural history. “Talking Stick” is a historical reference to a traditional Pima calendar stick where significant events and milestones were recorded. And the slogan, “Bringing Baseball Back Home,” is a reference to the region’s historical ties to ball and stick games and rituals previously practiced in the region. In fact, ball courts created by Arizona’s indigenous peoples existed within a few miles of where the Salt River Fields ballpark stands today.

The 11,000-seat stadium was created by HKS and features shaded ramadas, a winding concourse, lush lawn seating, stadium seating and two large party decks. A pair of restaurant bars are located in the right- and left-field corner nooks and the Cold Stone Kids’ Fun Field features a whiffle ball field that opens 70 minutes before the first pitch and closes at the end of the seventh-inning-stretch.

Opening Day 2014
The Arizona Diamondbacks take on the Los Angeles Dodgers in their Cactus League season opener at Salt River Fields on February 27. The Colorado Rockies launch their season on March 2 when they host the Milwaukee Brewers.

Five Nearby:
Salt River Fields is located within the Talking Stick Cultural & Entertainment Destination, owned and operated by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Must-see nearby attractions include:

1. The Pavilions at Talking Stick
Home to more than 60 stores, restaurants, Ultra Star Cinemas and Octane Raceway.

2. Butterfly Wonderland
America’s largest butterfly pavilion.

3. Huhugam Ki Museum
Dedicated to the lifestyle, history and culture of the Akimel Au-Authm (Pima) and Xalychidom Piipaash (Maricopa) tribes. www.srpmic-nsn.gov

4. Casino Gaming at Talking Stick Resort
More than 800 slot machines, 50 table games and Arizona’s largest poker room, The Arena.

5. Talking Stick Golf Club
Two full-length, championship courses designed by Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw.

Learn more about most of these attractions at www.talkingstickarizona.com

START YOUR ENGINES
Looking for a little excitement before or after the game? Satisfy your need for speed at Octane Raceway! Located at the nearby Pavilions at Talking Stick, Octane Raceway features high-speed electric karts, a 1/3-mile indoor/outdoor track, trackside bar and grill, billiards, a rock wall, and an arcade. And if you’re near the Pavilions on a Saturday afternoon, check out the free McDonald’s Rock ‘n’ Roll Car Show from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., where you can view classic cars and motorcycles and enjoy 1950s-era music.

602-302-7223 / www.octaneraceway.com
480-443-0080 / www.thepavilionsattalkingstick.com
The average baseball game lasts about three hours, which means you’ll have plenty of time to explore Scottsdale’s stellar line-up of outdoor adventures, championship golf courses, award-winning spas and major-league attractions.

Desert Adventures
Get your adrenaline pumping with desert tours by Jeep, Hummer and horseback. Soar above the Sonoran Desert in a hot air balloon or on a seaplane adventure. Or hit the trail at Scottsdale’s McDowell Sonoran Preserve, which offers hikes from casual strolls to thigh-burning workouts.

The Arts
In the Scottsdale Arts District you’ll find dozens of galleries showing works in a variety of genres, from Western and Native American to contemporary and expressionist. Don’t miss the weekly Thursday night ArtWalk, when galleries stay open late and offer special exhibits, artist demonstrations and entertainment.

Spa Time
Scottsdale is home to more than fifty resort and day spas inspired by healing traditions from around the world. Many incorporate indigenous Sonoran Desert ingredients and ancient Native American healing techniques into their offerings.

Great Golf
Break out your “A” game and take a little cash off your friends with a round at one of the Scottsdale area’s 200 golf courses. Options include lush traditional layouts and desert-style trophy tracks with notable monikers like TPC Scottsdale, Troon North, Grayhawk and We-Ko-Pa.

Museum Magic
Hear and play instruments from around the world at the Musical Instrument Museum. Learn about Native American Culture at the Heard Museum. Or explore cutting-edge creativity at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art. These, and more, experiences await you at Scottsdale-area museums.

After-Dark Diversions
Downtown Scottsdale offers nearly 90 nightlife options, ranging from neighborhood pubs and wine bars to dance clubs. You’ll also find a variety of music, dance and theater productions at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts.

10 to Try: DOWNTOWN DINING

1. THE MISSION
Modern Latin cuisine and handcrafted cocktails.
www.themissionaz.com

2. DON & CHARLIE’S
Prime rib and fresh fish in a sports shrine setting.
www.donandcharlies.com

3. BRAT HAUS
Artisan sausages, house-made pretzels, imported beers.
www.brathausaz.com

4. BARRIO QUEEN
Award-winning traditional Mexican cuisine.
www.barrioqueen.com

5. FNB
Sophisticated comfort food and exclusive Arizona wine list.
www.fnbrestaurant.com

6. AZ/88
Classic cocktails and creative American dishes.
www.az88.com

7. CITIZEN PUBLIC HOUSE
Upscale pub grub and innovative cocktails.
www.citizenpublichouse.com

8. CULINARY DROPOUT
Casual eatery with a $21-or-less menu.
www.foxrc.com

9. OLD TOWN TORTILLA FACTORY
Mexican specialties and Margarita’s Tequilaria lounge.
www.oldtowntortillafactory.com

10. MASTRO’S CITY HALL STEAKHOUSE
Prime steaks, seafood and an extensive wine list.
www.mastrorestaurants.com
Scottsdale’s network of trolley routes makes getting to and from the ballpark free and easy! The trolleys also will take you to several of the city’s most popular attractions. Here are three routes to keep in mind during spring training.

**Getting Around**

Scottsdale Downtown Trolley
*(service to Scottsdale Stadium)*
Downtown Scottsdale is comprised of colorful neighborhoods filled with shops, galleries, museums and restaurants. The free Downtown Trolley departs every 15 minutes from stops located throughout the various districts, and includes a stop at Scottsdale Stadium during spring training season.

**Talking Stick Spring Training Trolley**
*(service to Salt River Fields at Talking Stick)*
With three stops in downtown (Scottsdale Fashion Square, W Scottsdale Hotel, Chaparral Suites Resort), this free trolley is the perfect way to get to Salt River Fields at Talking Stick. The trolley also stops at The Pavilions retail center, Talking Stick Golf Club and Talking Stick Resort.

**Scottsdale Day Tripper**
*(service between north and south Scottsdale)*
When you finally take a break from all the baseball action, let the free Scottsdale Day Tripper take you to some of the city’s most popular shopping destinations. Stops include Scottsdale Fashion Square, The Shops at Gainey Village, Scottsdale Quarter, Kierland Commons and the Scottsdale Promenade, as well as the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess resort.

For detailed trolley route and schedule information, visit www.freescottsdalenet.com.
If you love baseball, you’re in the right place! The Valley of the Sun is home to 10 stadiums and 15 Cactus League Spring Training teams, which means there’s always game nearby in March. And with a Valleywide network of multi-lane freeways, all the stadiums are an easy drive from Scottsdale.
Here it is, baseball fans – your Spring Training line-up for 2014! As you can see, there’s no shortage of MLB action with up to 10 different games taking place on any given day. So, put on your favorite team jersey, slather on some sunscreen and get ready for major-league fun in the sun. We’ll see you at the ballpark!

**Spring Training Schedules**

Games start at 1:05 pm Arizona time unless otherwise indicated.  
Rockies and Diamondbacks home games start at 1:10 pm unless otherwise noted.

**GAME LOCATION:**   
*LAS VEGAS   #PETCO PARK   •AT&T PARK   **CHASE FIELD   * = Split Squad Game
It’s like a who’s who of Major League Baseball – from Chicago to San Francisco, and everywhere in between, 15 of the sport’s most popular teams are on the Cactus League Spring Training roster. Here’s the scoop on where your favorite team plays during spring training and where to buy tickets. Game on!

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