# 2018 SPRING TRAINING GUIDDE CACTUS LEAGUE FUN IN THE SUN

SCOTTSDALE

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!

GET TICKETS



San Francisco Giants 877.4SF.GTIX sfgiants.com/spring or springtraining.com (for Charro Lodge VIP packages)



Colorado Rockies 888.490.0383 coloradorockies.com/ spring

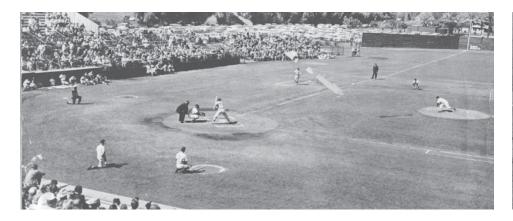


Arizona Diamondbacks 888.490.0383 dbacks.com/spring

## CACTUS LEAGUE HISTORY



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 three-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.



#### NEW IN 2018! INNINGS FESTIVAL

The inaugural Innings Festival debuts at Tempe Beach Park March 23-25, 2018. This three-day music festival features 36 performers across three stages. In addition to continuous live music, guests can enjoy culinary demonstrations, family activities and appearances by professional baseball players.

inningsfestival.com



## SCOTTSDALE 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.



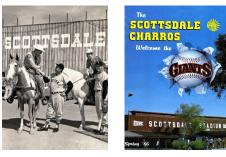


#### **HISTORY**

Following the Orioles in succession were the Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs and Oakland A's before the Giants arrived in 1984.

Scottsdale 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.

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 patiostyle 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.



#### **OPENING DAY 2018**

The 2018 Cactus League Season begins at Scottsdale Stadium on Feb. 23 with a classic matchup between the San Francisco Giants and Milwaukee Brewers.

#### **FIVE NEARBY**:

Scottsdale Stadium is located in the heart of historic downtown, which means an all-star line-up of restaurants, shops, art galleries, museums and nightclubs is just a short walk or trolley ride away. Here are five don't-miss attractions just a fly ball's distance from the stadium:

#### 1. Rusty Spur Saloon

Enjoy live music and dancing at Scottsdale's oldest cowboy bar. rustyspursaloon.com

#### 2. Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art

Cutting-edge exhibits by renowned national and international artists. smoca.org

#### 3. Soleri Bridge & Plaza

A stunning pedestrian bridge designed by Paolo Soleri that tracks solar movement. scottsdalepublicart.org

#### 4. Scottsdale Fashion Square

The Southwest's premier shopping destination boasts more than 250 upscale retailers. fashionsquare.com

#### 5. Scottsdale's Museum of the West

This 40,000-square-foot museum made its debut in winter 2015 and features five galleries depicting the ever-evolving American West. scottsdalemuseumwest.org

View the Giants Full Schedule



#### SCOTTSDALE GIANT RACE

Lace up your running shoes and enjoy Scottsdale's gorgeous spring weather during the annual Giant Race on March 3, 2018! The 10K & 5K races tour scenic Scottsdale before finishing on the field at Scottsdale Stadium, the Spring Training home of the San Francisco Giants. All finishers receive a commemorative shirt and medal!

race-sfgiants.com/scottsdale

### SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK

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.



#### **HISTORY**

The first Major League facility to be built on Native American land, Salt River Fields set an all-time spring training attendance record in its first season and has consistently been in the top three in Cactus League attendance ever since. 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 2018**

The Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies compete in their Cactus League season opener at Salt River Fields on Feb. 23.



#### 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. Mustsee nearby attractions include:

#### 1. The Pavilions at Talking Stick

Home to more than 60 stores, restaurants, Road House Cinemas and Octane Raceway.

#### 2. OdySea in the Desert

Scottsdale's new entertainment destination consisting of Butterfly Wonderland, Dolphinaris and OdySea Aquarium.

#### 3. Huhugam Ki Museum

Dedicated to the lifestyle, history and culture of the Akimel Au-Authm (Pima) and Xalychidom Piipaash (Maricopa) tribes. 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 talkingstickarizona.com

View the Diamondbacks Full Schedule

View the Rockies Full Schedule >



#### A FUN TWIST ON GOLF

Golfers and non-golfers alike have been singing the praises of Topgolf Riverwalk. The 65,000-square-foot venue features three levels of semi climate-controlled golf bays from which players hit micro-chipped golf balls at darboard-like targets that track each shot's distance and accuracy. Take the free Talking Stick Trolley from Salt River Fields to Topgolf, just a quick, five-minute drive away. 480.240.2402

topgolf.com/us/riverwalk

## **OFF-THE-FIELD ACTION**

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 helicopter tour. Or hit the trail at Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve, which offers hikes from casual strolls to thigh-burning workouts.



#### **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.





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



#### 2. DON & CHARLIE'S Prime rib and fresh fish in a sports-shrine setting. donandcharlies.com



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

4. BARRIO QUEEN



Award-winning traditional Mexican cuisine barrioqueen.com



### fnbrestaurant.com

#### 6. AZ/88

Classic cocktails and creative American dishes. az88.com

#### 7. CITIZEN PUBLIC HOUSE

Upscale pub grub and innovative cocktails. citizenpublichouse.com

#### 8. CULINARY DROPOUT

Casual eatery with a \$21-or-less menu foxrc.com



#### oldtowntortillafactory.com **10. BOOTLEGGERS MODERN** AMERICAN SMOKEHOUSE

TORTILLA FACTORY Mexican specialties and Margarita's Tequilaria lounge.

Meaty menu that includes the signature Bacon Board. bootleggersaz.com



#### 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.



#### MUSEUM MAGIC

Hear music from around the world at the Musical Instrument Museum. Experience Native American Culture at the Heard Museum. Feel the pioneer spirit at Scottsdale's Museum of the West. Or explore cutting-edge creativity at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art. It's all available at Scottsdale-area museums.



#### SPA TIME

Scottsdale is home to more than 50 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.



#### AFTER-DARK DIVERSIONS

Downtown Scottsdale offers nearly 100 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.

## **GETTING AROUND**

With a tip-to-toe length of just over a mile and a half, downtown Scottsdale is easily walkable. But, if you'd like to get around a little more quickly (and, dare we say, more colorfully), you've got several options from which to choose.

#### **DOWNTOWN TROLLEY**

The free Downtown Trolley is a fun and easy way to explore all of downtown. The trolley stops in all of downtown's colorful neighborhoods (just check out the map at the right) and runs from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. The trolley is available year round. getaroundscottsdale.com



#### **BIKE SHARE**

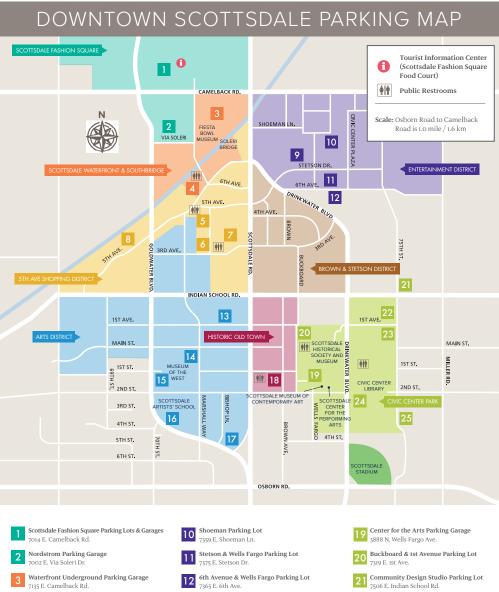
LimeBike cruisers are now available in downtown Scottsdale! LimeBike costs \$1 per halfhour or 50 cents for students. Get the app and ride "green" anytime! limebike.com



#### **GOLF CARTS & PEDICABS**

When the sun goes down, the golf carts and pedicabs come out! These people-powered rides are a great way to get from club to club during a night on the town. Fees vary by company (check with the driver when you hail your ride).





- Southbridge Underground Parking Garage 7106 E. Stetson Dr
- Craftsman North Parking Lot 4252 N. Craftsman Ct
- Craftsman South Parking Lot 4212 N. Craftsman Ct
- 3rd Avenue Parking Garage 7143 E. 5th Ave
- Rose Garden West Parking Lot 860 E. 5th Ave
- Galleria Parking Garage 4394 N. Wells Fargo Ave.

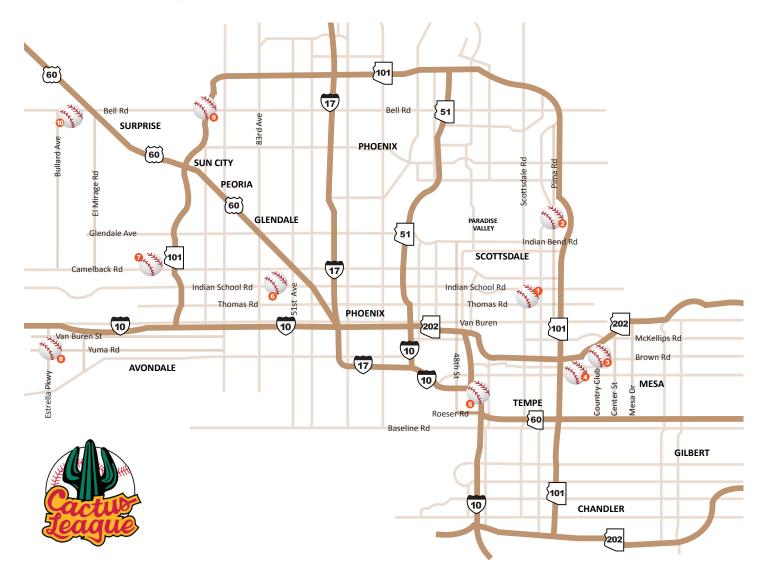
- 1st Avenue Parking Lot 7126 E. 1st Ave
- Main Street Underground Parking Garage 14 3880 N. Marshall Way
- Transit Station Parking Lot 15 7084 E. 2nd St
- Loloma Parking Lot 16 7007 E. 2nd St.
  - Goldwater & Scottsdale Parking Lot 3602 N. Scottsdale Rd.
- 2nd Street & Brown Parking Lot/ 18 Underground Garage 3806 N. Brown Ave.



25

## **CACTUS LEAGUE STADIUM LOCATIONS**

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 Valley-wide network of multi-lane freeways, all the stadiums are an easy drive from Scottsdale.



#### ESTIMATED MILEAGE & DRIVE TIME FROM DOWNTOWN SCOTTSDALE (SCOTTSDALE & INDIAN SCHOOL ROADS) TO:

1	SCOTTSDALE STADIUM (San Francisco Giants)	.76 mile	2 minutes
2	SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK (Arizona Diamondbacks & Colorado Rockies)	5 miles	9 minutes
3	HOHOKAM STADIUM (Oakland A's)	7.5 miles	13 minutes
4	SLOAN PARK – MESA (Chicago Cubs)	8 miles	14 minutes
5	TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM (Angels Baseball)	10 miles	18 minutes
6	MARYVALE STADIUM (Milwaukee Brewers)	18 miles	28 minutes
7	CAMELBACK RANCH – GLENDALE (Chicago White Sox & Los Angeles Dodgers)	26 miles	34 minutes
8	GOODYEAR BALLPARK (Cleveland Indians & Cincinnati Reds)	32 miles	43 minutes
9	PEORIA SPORTS COMPLEX (San Diego Padres & Seattle Mariners)	36 miles	42 minutes
10	SURPRISE STADIUM (Kansas City Royals & Texas Rangers)	44 miles	53 minutes

# CACTUS LEAGUE TEAMS



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!



### SCOTTSDALE STADIUM

San Francisco Giants 7408 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale Stadium: 480.990.7972 | scottsdaleaz.gov/ scottsdale-stadium Tickets: 877.4SFGTIX | sfgiants.com/spring



#### MARYVALE BASEBALL PARK

Milwaukee Brewers 3600 N. 51st Ave., Phoenix Stadium: 623.245.5500 | phoenix.gov/parks Tickets: 800.933.7890 | brewers.com/spring



#### SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK

Arizona Diamondbacks & Colorado Rockies 7555 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale Stadium: 480.362.9467 | saltriverfields.com Tickets: 888.490.0383 | saltriverfields.com



#### CAMELBACK RANCH - GLENDALE

Chicago White Sox & Los Angeles Dodgers 10710 W. Camelback Rd., Glendale Stadium: 623.302.5000 | camelbackranchbaseball.com Tickets: 800.745.3000 | ticketmaster.com



### HOHOKAM STADIUM

Oakland A's 1235 N. Center St., Mesa Stadium: 480.644.4451 | hohokamstadium.com Tickets: 877.493.2255 | mlb.com/athletics/ spring-training



#### GOODYEAR BALLPARK

Cleveland Indians & Cincinnati Reds 1933 South Ballpark Way, Goodyear Stadium: 623.882.3120 | goodyearbp.com Tickets: 800.745.3000 | ticketmaster.com



#### SLOAN PARK - MESA Chicago Cubs

2330 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Mesa Stadium: 480.668.0500 | cubs.com/mesa Tickets: 1.800.THE.CUBS | cubs.com/mesa



#### PEORIA SPORTS COMPLEX

San Diego Padres & Seattle Mariners 16101 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria Stadium: 623.773.8720 | peoriasportscomplex.com Tickets: 800.677.1227 | tickets.com



### TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM Angels Baseball

2200 W. Alameda Dr., Tempe Stadium: 480.350.5205 | tempe.gov/diablo Tickets: 800.745.3000 | ticketmaster.com



#### SURPRISE RECREATION CAMPUS

Kansas City Royals & Texas Rangers 15960 N. Bullard Ave., Surprise Stadium: 623.222.2222 | surprisespringtraining.com Tickets: 800.745.3000 | ticketmaster.com

## LEGACY TRAIL BRINGS BASEBALL HISTORY TO LIFE

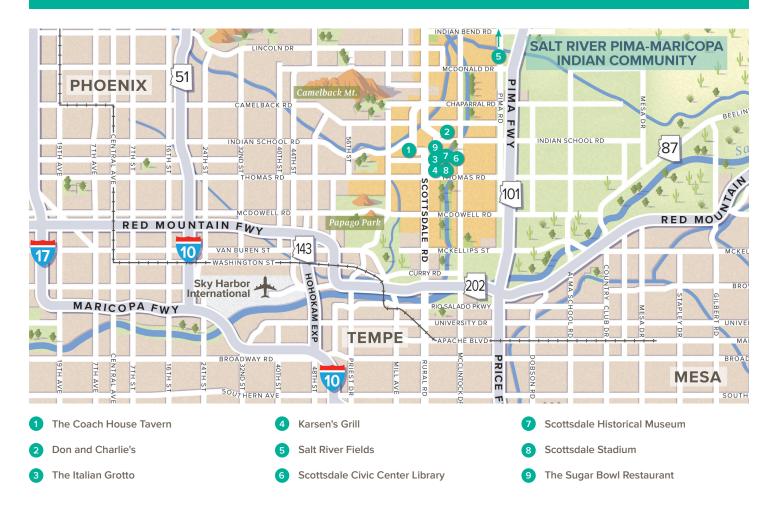
From the Buckhorn Baths to Ernie Banks and Buster Posey, Arizona's Cactus League has a history steeped in sun, fun, phenoms and Hall of Famers.

That colorful past comes to life this spring in a series of exhibits collectively called the Cactus League Legacy Trail. Collections in Scottsdale make up the trail, a must-see journey for even casual baseball fans.

Together, these exhibits tell the story of the Cactus League from its barnstorming beginnings to the state-of-the-art complexes of today. They also present the remarkable stories, photos and memorabilia of the ballplayers who, through the years, created "America's Pastime."

The Cactus League Legacy Trail is a collaborative project of the Arizona Spring Training Experience and the city of Scottsdale that celebrates the history and culture of the Cactus League and Arizona baseball. Learn more at azspringtrainingexperience.com

### CACTUS LEAGUE LEGACY TRAIL MAP



### CACTUS LEAGUE LEGACY TRAIL EXHIBITS

THE COACH HOUSE TAVERN

7011 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 480.990.3433 | facebook.com/coachhousetaveren/

This rustic landmark remains almost unchanged from the 1950s when cowboys tied up at the hitching post and the Boston Red Sox were Scottsdale's spring training home team.

#### DON AND CHARLIE'S

7501 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 480.990.0900 | donandcharlies.com

With walls brimming with jerseys, shoes and autographs, plus a display case filled with baseballs signed by Hall of Famers, Don and Charlie's restaurant is a sports museum in its own right.

#### THE ITALIAN GROTTO

3915 North Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 480.994.1489 | italiangrotto.com/

Another player's favorite located just a short walk from Scottsdale Stadium, the Italian Grotto's memorabilia collection reflects Scottsdale's deep ties to the Cactus League.

#### **KARSEN'S GRILL**

7246 East 1st St. #101, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 480.990.7660 | karsensgrill.net

This unassuming bar and grill has become a gathering spot for Cactus League sportswriters and umpires...and fans seeking the latest scoop on their favorite teams.

#### SALT RIVER FIELDS

7555 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85258 480.270.5000 | saltriverfields.com

This stadium is the spring home to both the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies. It is the only spring training complex located on Native American lands and boasts some of the most beautiful mountain views in all of baseball. Guests can experience the rich history of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community through a Stewardship Trail and History Trail. Daily facility tours offered Tuesdays and Sundays.

9

SCOTTSDALE CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY 3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 480.312.7323 | scottsdalelibrary.org

This exhibit of the Legacy Trail, this installation features display panels highlighting members of the Cactus League Hall of Fame.

SCOTTSDALE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

7333 E. Scottsdale Mall, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 480.945.4499 | scottsdalemuseum.com

Scottsdale's rich spring training history comes to life with this exhibit featuring a variety of items relating to the Cactus League and baseball greats. The exhibit will run through March.

#### SCOTTSDALE STADIUM

7408 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 480.312.2586 | scottsdaleaz.gov/stadium

The spring home of the San Francisco Giants is the Cactus League's only stadium located in a downtown setting. It's also home to the Arizona Fall League Hall of Fame and the Scottsdale Sports Hall of Fame. Scottsdale Stadium's intimate confines, historic feel and park-like setting make it one of America's five iconic sports venues, according to San Francisco Chronicle columnist Gwenn Knapp. The stadium is open to the public daily and tours are available by advance appointment, except during spring training.

THE SUGAR BOWL RESTAURANT 4005 North Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 480.946.0051 | sugarbowlscottsdale.com

Rookie ballplayers have been stopping by the Sugar Bowl for a "double frosted" ice cream treat since the 1950s. Bill Keane immortalized the Sugar Bowl in his "Family Circus" cartoons - many of which adorn the restaurant's walls.

The Cactus League Legacy Trail is a collaborative project of the Arizona Spring Training Experience and the city of Scottsdale to celebrate the history and culture of the Cactus League and Arizona baseball. Learn more at AZSpringTrainingExperience.com.



Please note that dates, prices and other details published in this guide are subject to change without notice. Updated: 12/2017