SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK – QUICK FACTS

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) partnered with the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies to build the award-winning Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, which opened in 2011 as the first Major League Baseball Spring Training facility to be built on Indian land in the nation.

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick includes an 11,000-seat capacity ballpark, a total of 12 practice fields and office buildings that include Major and Minor League clubhouses, training facilities, and offices for each team.

The complex is spread throughout 140 acres of scenic landscape that has unmatched views of Camelback Mountain, the McDowell Mountains, Four Peaks, Red Mountain, and the Superstition Mountains. The stadium design immerses fans in the game of baseball while using Native American influence and regional architecture to offer fans the ultimate Spring Training experience. The design allows fans multiple observation areas, allowing glimpses into the players’ daily lives and training routines.

The stadium is at the heart of the complex, with batting cages, practice fields and clubhouses radiating around it. A traditional Native American ramada shade is incorporated into the venue as a way to shade fans from the hot southwestern sun. According to solar path studies conducted by HKS, virtually all fans attending Spring Training games in March and sitting above the cross aisle will be in the shade for the entire game, while approximately 85 percent of the fans in the 7,000 fixed seats will be shaded as the game progresses.

Designed to also serve as a symbol within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, promoting and encouraging environmental stewardship, the facility earned prestigious LEED Gold Certification for New Construction from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). Salt River Fields is the first LEED Gold-certified sports venue of its kind in the United States.

CONSTRUCTION FACTS:
- Architect: HKS (AT&T Stadium, Camelback Ranch, Minnesota Multi-Purpose Stadium, Phoenix Children’s Hospital)
- Contractor: Mortenson Construction (Camelback Ranch, Coors Field, Target Field, SunTrust Park)
- Groundbreaking: November 16, 2009
- Construction Duration: 14 months
- First Official Game: February 26, 2011 (D-backs vs. Rockies)

STADIUM NAME & LOGO DEVELOPMENT
- The name Salt River Fields at Talking Stick defines the location of the Spring Training complex and speaks to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s cultural heritage
- “Salt River Fields” alerts baseball fans that they are visiting the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- “Fields” refers to the 12 practice fields located within the facility and also the Community’s rich agricultural history
- “Talking Stick” is a historical reference to the traditional Pima calendar stick on which carvers recorded historical events and milestones
- The Salt River Fields at Talking Stick Logo was designed by local Pima artist Royce Manual and refined by Dallas-based design firm, FocusEGd. Manuel incorporated a rattlesnake to symbolize the Arizona Diamondbacks and the role the rattlesnake plays in Native American legend. The logo emphasizes a mountain to symbolize the Colorado Rockies and the scenic mountain ranges that surround Salt River Fields.

FEATURES & ATTRACTIONS:
- Pepsi Patio – unique rooftop hospitality space with 360-degree view located above press box
- Miller Lite Loft / American Airlines Deck – large hospitality space located on 3B/1B sides of press level
- Cold Stone Kids Fun Field – free whiffle ball field located down RF concourse
- D-backs LF Autograph Station – free autographs from two players prior to each D-backs home game
- Scoreboard – High-definition 24 X 48 foot high video board featuring LED (Light Emitting Diode) technology, one of the largest boards at any Spring Training facility in baseball
UNIQUE QUOTES:
"Everyone told me Salt River Fields was remarkable. It's even better than that."
-Bud Selig
The 9th Commissioner of Baseball

"It is gratifying to see how, in this modern and developed world, the indigenous values of adaptation to the desert and conservation are still strong and vital. Salt River Fields expresses a living connection to our traditional ancestral place in this Valley."
-Diane Enos
Former President of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

ACCOLADES:
1. 2011 7th Annual RED Awards // Most Challenging Project
2. 2011 BaseballParks.com // 12th Annual Ballpark of the Year Award
3. 2011 Digital Ballparks // Ballpark of the Year
4. 2011 Ballpark Digest // Ballpark of the Year
5. 2011 Phoenix New Times // Best of Phoenix // Best Place to See a Spring Training Game
6. 2011 ENR Southwest // Best Sports & Entertainment Project // Best of 2011 Projects
7. 2011 United States Green Building Council // LEED Gold Certification
8. 2011 Recognized in National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum as first MLB facility on Native American land
10. 2012 REEmmy Awards // Leadership for an Innovative Project
11. 2013 Stadium Journey Magazine // Top Stadium Experiences of the Year
12. 2013 Arizona Foothills Magazine // Best of Our Valley // Best Spring Training Field
13. 2013 Architectural Record Magazine // Good Design is Good Business
15. 2013 USGBC Heavy Medal Awards // Community & Transportation Award
16. 2013 Site of first-ever instant replay challenge in MLB history
17. 2013 AZCentral's Best // Best Live Music Venue
18. 2014 Stadium Journey Magazine // Best Cactus League Ballpark
19. 2014 Site of first-ever use of “pitch clock” in MLB history
20. 2014 Arizona Foothills Magazine // Best of Our Valley // Best Spring Training Field
21. 2014 USA Today // 10Best Readers’ Choice // Best Spring Training City
22. 2014 Stadium Journey Magazine // Top Stadium Experiences of the Year
23. 2015 Arizona Foothills Magazine // Best of Our Valley // Best Spring Training Field
24. 2015 Arizona Foothills Magazine // Best of Our Valley // Best Culinary Event (Arizona Taco Festival)
25. 2015 TripAdvisor // Certificate of Excellence
26. 2015 Phoenix Magazine // Best of the Valley
27. 2016 Phoenix New Times // Best of Phoenix // Best Place to See a Spring Training Game
28. 2016 Arizona Foothills Magazine // Best of Our Valley // Best Spring Training Field
30. 2017 Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation Evening on the Diamond
31. 2017 Arizona Foothills Magazine // Best of Our Valley // Best Spring Training Field
32. 2017 Stadium Journey Magazine // Top Stadium Experiences of the Year
33. 2017 Arizona Fall League (Salt River Rafters)
34. 2017 2011 MLB All-Star Game Jr. RBI Classic and Fantasy Camp
35. 2017 World Baseball Classic (Team USA Workouts and Game 1 (Mexico vs. Italy))
36. 2017 World Baseball Classic (Team Puerto Rico and Netherlands Workouts)
37. 2017 Arizona Foothills Magazine // Best of Our Valley // Best Culinary Event (Arizona Taco Festival)
38. 2017 Stadium Journey Magazine // Top Stadium Experiences of the Year
39. 2018 Best Spring Training Ballpark in Arizona // Chicago Tribune

EVENTS HOSTED:
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ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS: THROUGH 2018
- SRF & ARI Record Crowd: CHC vs ARI // March 23, 2017 // 14,002
- COL Record Crowd: SEA vs. COL // March 27, 2018 // 13,825
- 369,393 fans (2012) is the MLB record for total complex attendance
- SRF total attendance marks #1 in MLB since opening in 2011
- Only MLB complex to ever welcome over 300,000 fans in a season (done eight times)
- 141 sellouts in eight seasons

“"The fascinating part is how Arizona and Colorado have put their own organizational personalities onto their halves of the complex. Salt River Fields redefines state-of-the-art by leaps and bounds. Nothing else comes close to Salt River Fields when it comes to design, functionality, resources, luxuries and sheer size.”

-Tom Verducci
Sports Illustrated Columnist

“‘I’ve never seen anything like this in a major league place, much less a Spring Training facility.”

-Joe Torre
Hall of Fame Manager