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PIRATES ANNOUNCE 2010 SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND TICKET PRICING

-- Season Tickets To Go On Sale On Monday, November 16 --

The Pittsburgh Pirates today announced their 2010 Spring Training schedule and ticket pricing for games at McKechnie Field in Bradenton, Florida. The 33-game schedule consists of 16 home games, including the annual exhibition charity game against State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (formerly Manatee Community College).

The Pirates will open their 2010 Grapefruit League season against the World Champion New York Yankees in Tampa on Wednesday, March 3. The Pirates will host the National League Champion Philadelphia Phillies in their spring training Home Opener at McKechnie Field on Saturday, March 6 at 1:05 p.m.

The Pirates are scheduled to play a night game for the third straight year at McKechnie Field when they host the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:05 p.m. The game will mark the first time the Pirates have played the Orioles at McKechnie Field since 1993.

Highlights of the home schedule include:

Two games against the World Champion New York Yankees (Monday, March 8 and Sunday, March 14)

Two games against the Boston Red Sox (Friday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 24)

Two games against the National League Champion Philadelphia Phillies (Saturday, March 6 and Monday, March 15)

The annual charity game against SCF (Thursday, March 2)

Season Tickets

Pirates Spring Training Season Tickets, which go on sale Monday, November 16, remain one of the lowest priced in the Grapefruit League. They are available for the following pricing categories:

<u>Seat Type</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Box	\$232.00*
Reserved	\$217.00*
Grandstand	\$142.00*

* Price includes tickets for every game played at McKechnie Field, including the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota game ticket. Proceeds from the game against SCF will benefit the Wakeland Elementary School and the Manatee Education Foundation.

Pirates Spring Training season ticket holders will also have the first opportunity to purchase their same seating location for the 70-game home schedule of the Pirates new Florida State League affiliate that will begin playing at McKechnie Field in 2010. Season tickets to watch the Florida State League team will cost \$210 for reserved seats and can be secured for a \$25 deposit.

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Special Two-Game Packages

Prior to the individual ticket on-sale, fans will have the opportunity to purchase special packages that will guarantee tickets for the Red Sox and Yankees games. These special packages will be available via box office and internet only from Saturday, January 16 to Tuesday, January 19. The two game packages are for the following games:

Package 1

Sunday March 7—Minnesota Twins
Monday March 8—New York Yankees

Package 2

Thursday March 11—Tampa Bay Rays
Sunday March 14—New York Yankees

Package 3

Friday March 19—Boston Red Sox
Sunday March 21—Tampa Bay Rays

Package 4

Tuesday March 23—Houston Astros
Wednesday March 24—Boston Red Sox

Below is the pricing for these two game packages:

<u>Package Type</u>	<u>2 Game</u>
Box	\$36.00
Reserved	\$34.00
Grandstand	\$21.00

Individual Game Tickets

Individual Spring Training game tickets will go on sale on Saturday, January 23 at 10:00 a.m. Once again individual game tickets are designated as Gold Level and Red Level games. This season's matchups against the Philadelphia Phillies, Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees will be Gold Level games and all other games are Red Level games.

Individual game ticket prices will be as follows:

Red Level Games (9):

<u>Seat Type</u>	<u>Price</u>
Box	\$17.00
Reserved	\$16.00
Grandstand	\$10.00

Gold Level Games (6):

<u>Seat Type</u>	<u>Price</u>
Box	\$19.00
Reserved	\$18.00
Grandstand	\$11.00

For more information or to purchase season tickets beginning Monday, November 16, please call (941) 747-3031. Fans can also log onto to www.pirates.com for complete Spring Training schedule and McKechnie Field information.

The Pirates complete Spring Training schedule is attached. Media requesting more information should contact Media Relations Director Jim Trdinich at (412) 325-4728 or jim.trdinich@pirates.com.

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