



TONIGHT'S HOME OPENER KICKS OFF 2019 SEASON

FIRST HOMESTAND OF 2019 FEATURES FIREWORKS, GIVEAWAYS & LOTS OF "AFFORDABLE FAMILY FUN"

(AKRON, OHIO) Apr. 4, 2019 – The Akron RubberDucks kick off the 2019 regular-season with the **Home Opener tonight against the Altoona Curve at 6:35 p.m.** The night kicks off with the **Main St. Festival from 4-6 p.m.** in front of Canal Park and following the game is the first of 26 themed-fireworks shows with **AC/DC fireworks!** The Opening Night pre-game ceremonies include World Series-style introductions and **Mayor Dan Horrigan will throw out the ceremonial first pitch.**

This homestand features plenty of "Affordable Family Fun" at Canal Park, including **two fireworks shows, two giveaway nights**, multiple community-based promotions and groups, and tons of affordable, family fun!

Tickets for the homestand start at \$5 and fans can purchase tickets by stopping at the RubberDucks Box Office at Canal Park. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On gamedays, it is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. through the end of the game, and Sundays it opens at 11 a.m. through game's end. Tickets are also available by calling 330-253-5151 or on www.akronrubberducks.com.

Downtown Akron Construction Update: Because of ongoing construction projects around downtown Akron, parking and driving may be affected. Please visit **DriveAkron.com** and Akronrubberducks.com for more road updates as the downtown construction project continues to progress.

APRIL 4-10 HOMESTAND HIGHLIGHTS

****OPENING NIGHT** - April 4 vs. Altoona (6:35 p.m.) – presented by Budweiser and ESPN Cleveland**

Probables: Altoona – RHP James Marvel vs. Akron – LHP Sam Hentges

Opening Night: Join us at Canal Park as we kick off the 2019 Akron RubberDucks season! The family fun begins early at 4 p.m. with the Main Street Festival and will conclude with the first of 26 fireworks nights this season at Canal Park, featuring classic rock band AC/DC!

- **Main Street Festival** - Come down to the ballpark early and enjoy live music, kids' activities, and much more! From 4-6 p.m.
- **Magnet Schedule Giveaway** – The first 5,000 fans at Canal Park will receive a free 2019 Akron RubberDucks Magnet Schedule!
- **Thirsty Thursday** – Enjoy \$1 draft beer and soft drink specials at every Thursday home game! Thirsty Thursdays are presented by Budweiser, ESPN Cleveland

****FIREWORKS FRIDAY** - April 5 vs. Altoona (6:35 p.m.), presented by Akron Beacon Journal and 98.1 KDD**

Probables: Altoona – RHP Dario Agrazal vs. Akron – RHP Jake Paulson

TGIF Classic Lineup – We're celebrating some of our favorite classic TV shows! Such as Full House, Family Matters, Perfect Strangers, and many more!

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- **TGIF Theme Song Fireworks**
- **Electric Blue Friday** – The RubberDucks normally wear their unique electric blue jerseys and fans will be treated to post-game fireworks after every Friday home game! Presented by FirstEnergy.

****GIVEAWAY SATURDAY** - April 6 vs. Altoona (2:05 p.m.), presented by Northern Ohio Honda Dealers and 97.5 WONE**

Probables: Altoona– RHP Eduardo Vera vs. Akron – RHP Sean Brady

Hot Pockets and Pop Sockets: It's a celebration of everybody's favorite microwaved snack!

- **Pop Socket Giveaway** – The first 1,000 fans will receive a cell phone pop socket!
- **Giveaway Saturday** – Presented by Northern Ohio Hondo Dealers/ 97.5 WONE

****SUNDAY FAMILY FUNDAY** - April 7 vs. Altoona (2:05 p.m.), presented by Akron Children's Hospital and KIDJAM! Radio – powered by The Summit**

Probables: Altoona – LHP Cam Vieaux vs. Akron – RHP Zach Plesac

Candyland: Canal Park will transform into a Candy Wonderland! You might want to bring your sweet tooth for this one!

- **Family FUNday** – Families can come early to play catch on the field, and post-game Kids Run the Bases! Sundays are presented by Akron Children's Hospital / KIDJAM! Radio – powered by The Summit

****CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME MONDAY** - April 8 vs. Trenton (6:35 p.m.), presented by 94.9 WQMX**

Probables: Trenton – TBD vs. Akron – TBD

"This is Way Better Than Macaroni!" – Benchwarmers Night

- **Portage County Reading Program**
- **Charity Begins at Home – Two Men and a Truck:** Fans can get in FREE with a donation for the **Battered Women's Shelter of Summit & Medina Counties**. Details are on twomenandatruckakron.com

****T-SHIRT TUESDAY** - April 9 vs. Trenton (7:05 p.m.), presented by 1590 WAKR**

Probables: Trenton – TBD vs. Akron – TBD

- **Netflix and Chili:** It's a celebration of our fans' favorite Netflix scenes and use of beans!
- **T-Shirt Tuesday** – Every Tuesday home game features a different t-shirt giveaway to the first 1,000 fans! Collect all nine themed shirts!

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****WELLNESS WEDNESDAY** - April 10 vs. Trenton (6:35 p.m.), Presented by Summa Health and Sunny 101.7**

Probables: Bowie – TBD vs. Akron – TBD

National Bookmobile Day – The Bookmobile will be parked right outside of Canal Park, so make sure to bring your library cards!

- **Summit County Reading Program**
- **Craft Beer Night** - Every Wednesday a local craft brewery will feature its products at Canal Park. This week it's **Rhinegeist!**
- **Wellness Wednesday** - Presented by Summa Health / Sunny 101.7

The Akron RubberDucks are the Double-A Eastern League affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. The 2019 season, powered by FirstEnergy, is the franchise's 23rd since moving to Akron. For more information, call 330-253-5151 or visit www.akronrubberducks.com.