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BASEBALL FANS GO BEHIND THE SCENES AT SPRING TRAINING WITH ROAD SCHOLAR

BOSTON (February 14, 2012) — Baseball has a special place in the hearts of Americans and many fans can't get enough of the game. For those who can't wait for Opening Day, Road Scholar offers baseball learning adventures throughout March for an insider's look at spring training in Arizona and Florida.

Fans can choose the Cactus League, centered in the Phoenix Valley of Arizona, or Florida's Grapefruit League, spanning Fort Myers, Deland, Sarasota and St. Petersburg, to experience a five-night adventure that offers opportunities to hear from baseball experts, professional players, coaches, historians, sports medicine staff and more. Highlights include exploring baseball's controversies, the rules of the game, how the game impacts American culture and, of course, watching your favorite team play at their spring home.

Cactus League

San Francisco Giants: Arizona Spring Training Baseball

Cheer on the 2010 World Series champion San Francisco Giants in Arizona's Cactus League, spring training home of 15 teams. Before the Giants hit a single home run into McCovey Cove, they prepare for the season at Scottsdale Stadium.

Los Angeles Dodgers: Arizona Spring Training Baseball

Watch one of baseball's great franchises up close as the Los Angeles Dodgers prepare for the 2012 season at the beautiful Camelback Ranch complex.

Seattle Mariners: Arizona Spring Training Baseball

Get into the swing of things with the Seattle Mariners as they prepare for the 2012 season at the Peoria Sports Complex. Hear the crack of the bat and soak up the atmosphere of the Cactus League.

Colorado Rockies: Arizona Spring Training Baseball

The Colorado Rockies' goal is to make it to "Rocktober," but the journey starts in March in Arizona. Watch the Rockies play at the beautiful Salt River Fields complex at Talking Stick, where you study with the Society for American Baseball Research and hear stories of great players and moments, including the Rockies' 2007 National League title.

Grapefruit League

Spring Training: Baseball with the Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins

Experience and explore America's pastime and the rich legacy of the Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins in sunny Fort Myers, Florida. These perennial American League powers have totaled four World Series championships in the last 24 years. Explore Red Sox history — Ted Williams, Carlton Fisk's 1975 home run and the 2004 miracle title that ended the 86-year Curse of the Bambino. Revisit the Twin's 1960 move to the Twin Cities, Kent Hrbek's 1987 World Series grand slam and the arrival of \$25 million man Joe Mauer.

[Take Us Out to the Ballgame! Spring Training with the Braves, Astros, and Nationals](#)

Whether you're a devoted fan, live with the baseball-addicted, or just enjoy The Game, spring training with the Braves, Astros, and Nationals is an exceptional opportunity to learn about your favorite teams.

[America's Favorite Pastime: Spring Training with Phillies, Pirates and Orioles](#)

Hear the crack of the bat and see the world's best players up close at four spring training games. Meet retired MLB players and umpires to delve into the history of baseball, its rules and its legends.

[Baseball Madness: Spring Training in Tampa Bay with the Yankees, Tigers and Rays](#)

March is madness in Florida as the Detroit Tigers, New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Rays begin their prelude to summer. Hear colorful stories and anecdotes from those who live baseball — coaches, broadcasters, sports writers and historians. Find out what agents look for when signing players and discuss controversies surrounding ethics in the game.

For more information on all of Road Scholar's Spring Training adventures, visit www.roadscholar.org, and enter keyword Spring Training.

About Road Scholar

Road Scholar is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures engage expert instructors, provide extraordinary access, and stimulate discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime. Since our inception, more than 5 million people have enrolled in our 6,500 iconic educational adventures offered annually in 50 states and 150 countries around the world.

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