

8-GPM CULTURAL EVENT

Welcome Reception and Base Ball Game at the National Parks Stadium, Washington D.C. 21 April 2010



Baseball

Baseball is as American as apple pie, the 4th of July and Thanksgiving. Philosopher Jacques Barzun once observed that anyone wishing to understand the heart and mind of America should study the sport of baseball, which is considered the national pastime.

8GPM cultural evening will therefore investigate Humphrey Bogart's assertion that "a hot dog at the ballgame beats roast beef at the Ritz," by allowing participants to embrace this popular American pastime by attending a baseball game. Participants will visit the Nationals Park stadium, home of the Washington Nationals, on the evening of April 21 from 7pm to 10pm to watch a game between the Washington Nationals and the Colorado Rockies.

Prior to the base ball game, a reception kindly hosted by Lubrizol

Corporation will be held at the Potomac Yards Facility, the same facility as 8GPM meeting, to welcome participants to Washington D.C., the American capital.

Participants will proceed from the welcome reception by coach on a 15 minute bus ride to the 41,546 seat Nationals Park. The facility is located along the Anacostia River in the Navy Yard neighborhood of Washington and is the first LEED-certified green major professional sports stadium in the United States.

The stadium hosted the 2008 season's first game when the Nats took on the Atlanta Braves on March 30, 2008. When Pope Benedict XVI traveled to Washington, D.C. in 2008, he celebrated Mass at Nationals Park for 47,000 people on April 17.

8GPM participants will be able to see some of the historic and famous Washington monuments on the coach ride such as the



Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the U.S. Capitol before enjoying a unique American evening of 'chili dogs' and a game that embodies the American dream which rewards hard work, intelligence, and initiative courtesy of 8GPM cultural sponsors, AFTON Chemicals.

Baseball is a ball game played with a bat and ball between two teams of nine players. Teams take turns at bat trying to score runs.

The Washington Nationals (nicknamed "the Nats") are the professional baseball team based in Washington, D.C. The Nationals are a member of the Eastern Division of the National League of Major League Baseball (MLB). The 2008 season in Nationals Park began with a rare one-game series against the Atlanta Braves on

March 30, 2008 which served as the first official MLB game at the park and true to tradition, President George W. Bush threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

In the 1995 words of Ernie Harwell ... *"Baseball? It's just a game - as simple as a ball and a bat. Yet, as complex as the American spirit it symbolizes. It's a sport, business - and sometimes even religion."*

Participants will have the opportunity to watch the ballgame and snack on assorted foods as well as enjoy people watching.



Nationals Park

Located at 1500 South Capitol St SE

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URL: <http://nationals.mlb.com/was/ballpark/index.jsp>
