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2017 CARDINALS CARAVAN TO VISIT 21 CITIES OVER FOUR DAY PERIOD **Six Different Caravans Set Across Six States Headlined by Piscotty, Diaz, Grichuk, Wong, Reyes and More**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., January 4, 2017 – The St. Louis Cardinals announced the schedule for the team’s 2017 Cardinals Caravan, presented by Missouri Farm Bureau Insurance.

This year’s caravan will traverse a total of six states (Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana) and will be marked by a first time stop in Effingham, Ill. and a return to Hannibal, Mo. Altogether, more than 35 current and former players will embark on the 21-city journey throughout Cardinals Nation from January 13-16.

A combination of current players, future stars and former Redbirds will travel on each caravan emceed by a current team broadcaster. Current players scheduled to attend include Stephen Piscotty, Aledmys Diaz, Randal Grichuk and Kolten Wong. Top prospects Alex Reyes, Luke Weaver, Carson Kelly and Harrison Bader are slated to appear along with Cardinals alumni Kyle McClellan, Jason Simontacchi, Kerry Robinson and Brad Thompson. Broadcasters Dan McLaughlin, John Rooney, Ricky Horton, Mike Claiborne, Tom Ackerman and Chris Hrabec will serve as emcees. Fredbird will also make an appearance at several caravan stops.

As in previous years, the Cardinals will be implementing an autograph ticket system at each stop. The first 400 kids, ages 15 and under, through the door on the day of the event will receive a free autograph ticket which guarantees one autograph from each current and former player. Due to high demand, autographs will only be available for fans 15 and under.

Additionally, as a new component to the 2017 Caravan, the Cardinals and Missouri Farm Bureau Insurance are teaming to fight local hunger. At select Caravan stops, fans can bring a nonperishable food donation to help those in need through Feeding Missouri’s fine partners. Donations will be collected at all eight Missouri stops, in addition to the Quincy, Ill. and Dyersburg, Tenn. stops.

The full schedule for the 2017 Cardinals Caravan (#CardsCaravan), including destinations, times and participating players, can be found at cardinals.com/caravan.



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CARAVAN SCHEDULE

CARAVAN ONE

ALEDMYS DIAZ, MITCH HARRIS, CARSON KELLY, HARRISON BADER, JASON SIMONTACCHI, KERRY ROBINSON EMCEE: JOHN ROONEY

DATE	CITY	LOCATION	TIME	CALL FOR INFO
Fri, Jan 13	Hannibal, MO	Hannibal Admiral Koontz Armory	Noon	217-223-5292
Fri, Jan 13	Jefferson City, MO	Missouri Farm Bureau Center	6:00 PM	573-875-1099
Sat, Jan 14	Columbia, MO	Stoney Creek Hotel & Conf. Ctr.	Noon	573-875-1099
Sat, Jan 14	Fulton, MO	Westminster College Mueller Hall	5:00 PM	573-592-5319

CARAVAN TWO

STEPHEN PISCOTTY, GREG GARCIA, PAUL DEJONG, KYLE MCCLELLAN, TOM LAWLESS EMCEE: TOM ACKERMAN

DATE	CITY	LOCATION	TIME	CALL FOR INFO
Fri, Jan 13	Springfield, MO	Hammons Field	12:15 PM	417-863-0395
Fri, Jan 13	Springfield, MO	JQH Arena*	TBD	417-863-0395
Sat, Jan 14	Joplin, MO	Taylor Performing Arts Ctr. (MSSU)	Noon	417-625-9777
Sat, Jan 14	Rolla, MO	Rolla High School Gymnasium	5:30 PM	573-364-2525

CARAVAN THREE

RANDAL GRICHUK, LUKE WEAVER, SAM TUIVAILALA, AUSTIN GOMBER, STUBBY CLAPP, DANNY COX EMCEE: MIKE CLAIBORNE

DATE	CITY	LOCATION	TIME	CALL FOR INFO
Fri, Jan 13	Memphis, TN	AutoZone Park	6:30 PM	907-721-6050
Sat, Jan 14	Jonesboro, AR	The Mall at Turtle Creek	Noon	870-934-5000
Sat, Jan 14	Dyersburg, TN	Dyer County High School	6:00 PM	731-627-2229

CARAVAN FOUR

KOLTEN WONG, MARCO GONZALES, MIKE MAYERS, LUKE VOIT, ALAN BENES EMCEE: RICKY HORTON

DATE	CITY	LOCATION	TIME	CALL FOR INFO
Fri, Jan 13	Champaign, IL	I Hotel & Conference Center	Noon	217-819-5656
Fri, Jan 13	Peoria, IL	Embassy Suites Hotel	6:00 PM	309-637-3700
Sat, Jan 14	Quincy, IL	Baldwin School Gym	5:30 PM	217-228-6600

CARAVAN FIVE

ALEX REYES, MIGUEL SOCOLOVICH, ROWAN WICK, RYAN SHERRIFF, BRAD THOMPSON, AL HRABOSKY, CLIFF POLITTE EMCEE: DAN MCLAUGHLIN

DATE	CITY	LOCATION	TIME	CALL FOR INFO
Sun, Jan 15	Mattoon, IL	Lake Land College Field House	Noon	217-234-5333
Sun, Jan 15	Decatur, IL	Decatur Hotel & Conference Ctr.	6:00 PM	217-422-8800
Mon, Jan 16	Springfield, IL	Prairie Capital Convention Center	Noon	217-788-8800
Mon, Jan 16	Effingham, IL	Thelma Keller Convention Center	5:30 PM	217-347-5115

CARAVAN SIX

TYLER LYONS, JOSE MARTINEZ, JOHN GANT, PATRICK WISDOM, RAY KING, SCOTT COOPER EMCEE: CHRIS HRABE

DATE	CITY	LOCATION	TIME	CALL FOR INFO
Sun, Jan 15	Carbondale, IL	SIU Arena**	12:30 PM	618-684-4561
Sun, Jan 15	Evansville, IN	USI Physical Activities Center	6:00 PM	812-465-1022
Mon, Jan 16	Paducah, KY	Paducah McCracken Conv. & Expo	Noon	270-408-1346
Mon, Jan 16	Cape Girardeau, MO	Osage Community Center	5:30 PM	573-339-6342

*Please note - Springfield, MO evening program is autographs only - requires ticket to Bass Pro Tournament of Champions event.

**Please note - Carbondale, IL day is pregame autographs only - requires ticket to SIU / MO State women's basketball game