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CARDINALS CARAVAN SET TO COVER 18 CITIES IN FOUR DAYS ***Current Major Leaguers and Cardinals' Top Minor League Players Scheduled to Appear***

ST. LOUIS (January 3, 2013)– The St. Louis Cardinals announced today the schedule for the team's 2013 Cardinals Caravan which will make stops in Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, and Tennessee.

The Cardinals will embark on five separate caravans, scheduled around the Winter Warm-Up weekend, January 18-21. Three caravans will depart on Friday, January 18 through Saturday, January 19 and two caravan trips are slated for Sunday and Monday, January 20-21.

The Caravans are scheduled to visit 18 total cities throughout Cardinal Nation, including the respective cities of local minor league affiliates Memphis (Tennessee), Springfield (Missouri) and Peoria (Illinois).

Several current Cardinals players such as Jon Jay, Marc Rzepczynski, Trevor Rosenthal, Joe Kelly, Pete Kozma and Shelby Miller will take part in the promotional caravans. Numerous other veterans and future stars such as Tony Cruz, Shane Robinson, Adron Chambers and others are also participating in the caravans. Minor-league future stars involved with the caravans include 2012 Organizational Player of the Year Oscar Taveras, 2012 Minor League Pitcher of the Year Seth Maness and 2012 First Round Draft Pick Michael Wacha.

Fans will also be able to meet some of their favorite former players as Cardinals Alumni Andy Benes, Cal Eldred, Ryan Franklin, John Mabry, Joe Magrane, Kerry Robinson, Jason Simontacchi and others will accompany the current players. Cardinals announcers John Rooney, Dan McLaughlin, Al Hrabosky, Rick Horton and Mike Claiborne will serve as Caravan emcees. Team mascot Fredbird will also be on hand.

The Cardinals will be implementing a new Autograph Ticket system at each stop. The first 400 kids (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. Autographs will only be available for kids 15 and under. A schedule of the five Caravans, their destinations and participating players is attached, and can also be found on the team's website at cardinals.com/caravan.

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St. Louis Cardinals CARAVAN SCHEDULE

CARAVAN 1

Players: *Shelby Miller, Oscar Taveras, Seth Maness*

Cardinals Alumni: *John Mabry, Cal Eldred, Alan Benes*

Emcee: *Al Hrabosky*

DATE	CITY	LOCATION	TIME	CALL FOR INFO:
Fri, Jan 18	Springfield, MO	Hammons Field	12:15 PM	(417) 863-0395
Fri, Jan 18	Springfield, MO	Hammons Arena (Bass Pro Tournament of Champions)*	6:15 PM	(417) 863-0395
Sat, Jan 19	Joplin, MO	Taylor Performing Arts Center (MSSU)	Noon	(417) 625-9777
Sat, Jan 19	Rolla, MO	Rolla High School Gymnasium	6:00 PM	(573) 364-2525

**please note - Springfield, MO evening program requires ticket to Bass Pro Tournament of Champions event*

CARAVAN 2

Players: *Pete Kozma, Trevor Rosenthal, Ryan Jackson*

Cardinals Alumni: *Danny Cox, Andy Benes, Joe Magrane*

Emcee: *Mike Claiborne*

DATE	CITY	LOCATION	TIME	CALL FOR INFO:
Fri, Jan 18	Champaign, IL	The I Hotel	Noon	217-367-1195
Fri, Jan 18	Decatur, IL	Decatur Hotel & Conference Center	6:00 PM	(217) 422-8800
Sat, Jan 19	Hannibal, MO	Quality Inn & Suites	Noon	(573) 221-3450
Sat, Jan 19	Quincy, IL	John Wood Community College Gymnasium	6:00 PM	(217) 228-6600

CARAVAN 3

Players: *Jon Jay, Joe Kelly, Fernando Salas, Jordan Swagerty*

Cardinals Alumni: *Tom Lawless, Ray King*

Emcee: *John Rooney*

DATE	CITY	LOCATION	TIME	CALL FOR INFO:
Fri, Jan 18	Mexico, MO	Missouri Military Academy Gymtorium	Noon	(573) 581-5500
Fri, Jan 18	Jefferson City, MO	Missouri Farm Bureau Center	6:00 PM	(1-800) 455-1099
Sat, Jan 19	Columbia, MO	The Crossing	12 PM	(1-800) 455-1099
Sat, Jan 19	Moberly, MO	Moberly Municipal Auditorium	6:00 PM	(660) 263-1600

CARAVAN 4

Players: *Tony Cruz, Matt Adams, Sam Freeman, Michael Wacha*

Cardinals Alumni: *Ryan Franklin, Brad Thompson*

Emcee: *Dan McLaughlin*

DATE	CITY	LOCATION	TIME	CALL FOR INFO:
Sun, Jan 20	Dyersburg, TN	Dyer County High School	12:30 PM	(731) 627-2229
Sun, Jan 20	Memphis, TN	Autozone Park	6:30 PM	(901) 721-6000
Mon, Jan 21	Jonesboro, AR	The Mall at Turtle Creek	Noon	(870) 336-0424
Mon, Jan 21	Cape Girardeau, MO	Osage Centre	6:00 PM	(573) 339-6342

CARAVAN 5

Players: *Marc Rzepczynski, Shane Robinson, Adron Chambers, Barrett Browning*

Cardinals Alumni: *Jason Simontacchi, Kerry Robinson*

Emcee: *Rick Horton*

DATE	CITY	LOCATION	TIME	CALL FOR INFO:
Sun, Jan 20	Mattoon, IL	Lake Land College - Fieldhouse	Noon	(217) 234-5333
Sun, Jan 20	Peoria, IL	Embassy Suites Hotel	6:00 PM	(309) 637-3700
Mon, Jan 21	Springfield, IL	Prairie Capital Convention Center	5:00 PM	(217) 788-8800