OHIO CUP 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION





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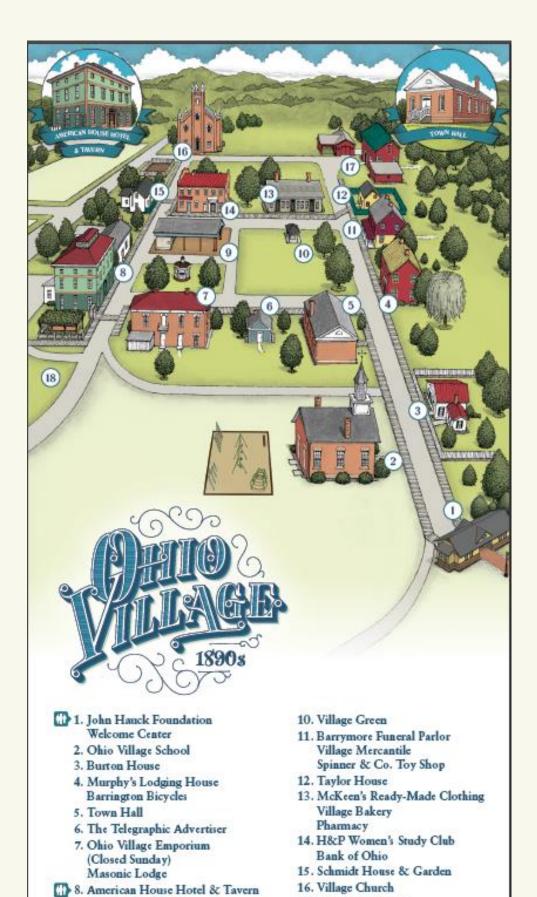
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Fields, location, and parking

- When you get off of I-71 at the 17th Avenue exit, go west and under I-71, then turn onto the Ohio History Connection property. This is where all Ohio Cup activities are located.
- On your right (east side of the driveway) you will see a big Welcome Tent and a Hospitality Tent (they may be combined into one tent).
- Also on the east side of the driveway are 4 of the 5 fields we play on. They are named after famous vintage fields from the past (in order from north to south: Capitoline, Union, Elysian, and Vassar).
- North of the hospitality tent is a large parking lot. There will be food carts stationed here throughout the weekend.



- Left of this first big parking lot you will see a large building which is the Ohio History Center.
- If you follow the curved driveway north, past all of the 17th Avenue fields and Welcome Tent, you will come to another big parking lot. This is where you can park to go to the Ohio Village. The Ohio Village is a collection of buildings that represent what a typical 1890s-era Ohio Village was like. (Ask a Muffin how 1860 base ball fits into an 1890s village.)
- In the Village are Muffin Meadow (the 4th Ohio Cup field), the town hotel, and many other buildings (see the map on the following page). The town hotel is where the indoor hospitality room is located (and is air conditioned). **Please** do not park behind the American House Hotel in the Village.



17. Freight & Livery

18. Muffin Meadow

(Hospitality Suite)

9. Pavilion

Welcome packet

- 1. When your team arrives at the Cup, the team captain should pick up a "welcome packet" at the Welcome Tent out by the 17th Avenue fields.
- 2. In the welcome packet you will find:
 - a. Program with schedules of games.
 - b. **Wristbands**. Wristbands are needed by non-playing family members to get into the Village for free. Players and officials don't need wristbands to get into the Village as long as you are wearing your uniform or period costume. If you need more wristbands, please ask for them at the Welcome Tent. Before you leave for home, please return unused wristbands to the Welcome Tent.
 - c. **Discount drink tickets**. The captain's welcome packet will contain some discount beer tickets (\$2 select drinks at the bar in the American House Hotel in the Village). If there aren't enough tickets in the captain's welcome packet, please ask for more at the Welcome Tent.

3. Raffle tickets

- The Phoenix Bats Company have donated 2 custom bats to the Ohio Cup to be raffled off.
- Raffle tickets will be sold at the Welcome Tent and at the Phoenix Bats tent in the Village all day Saturday and Sunday.
- The cost is \$3 per ticket or 2 for \$5 (cash only).
- Money from the raffle will be used to help defray costs of the Cup.
- The drawings for the winners will be held in the Phoenix Bats Tent at 4:30 on Sunday. Two winners will be selected.
- Winners will be contacted by email and will receive an electronic gift certificate to create a customized bat on the Phoenix Bat website, then the bat will be shipped for free.

What to bring/what not to bring

We encourage teams to bring:

- Canopies for shade. There is very little shade by the 17th Avenue fields, although we will have a large tent set up for general respite from the shade (the tent will not have chairs, so bring your own seating there). Muffin Meadow has a few shade trees, but not nearly enough.
- Lawn chairs and/or blankets. We have a few bales of straw for team benches and a few bales for fans, but not many.
- A full set of at least 9 players, dressed in full uniforms. In the past, we have dis-invited teams because of not living up to this expectation. If an emergency comes up at the last minute that causes you to be short of players, there are usually players around who are willing to play extra games. What we don't want is for a team with 7 players who pick up *more* than the 2 players that they need to fill up to 9.
- **A few practice balls**. We will provide game balls.
- You are welcome to bring your own soda and water to the Cup. There will be 5-gallon jugs of water and disposable cups at each bench.

Do not bring:

- The Ohio History Connection prohibits guns, any kind of smoking, and metal cleats. No dogs are allowed at the festival, unless they are service dogs.
- Items for sale (you can NOT sell team t-shirts, bats, hats, etc.)
- Alcohol
 - Don't bring your own alcohol.
 - Do not bring alcohol purchased at the bar in the American House Hotel outside of the designated area by the hotel (this is mandated by the conditions of The Ohio History Connection's liquor license).
 - Each participant can have 2 discount drink tickets to be used at the hotel bar.
 - Failure to abide by this alcohol policy could result in your team not being invited back to the Ohio Cup.

Food

Saturday and Sunday Lunch

- A light lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday. Lunch will be complimentary and open to all Ohio Cup participants and their families.
- Lunch service is from 11-1 each day in the American House Hotel in the Ohio Village.
- Every team has been scheduled to be free for one of the hours between 11-1 so that the team can stop by the Hotel for lunch.
- Each Cup participant and family member can pick up the complimentary lunch and take it to the Hospitality Room or into the Village or back to the fields of play.
- By providing a lunch, this will give teams a chance to explore the fine restaurants in Columbus in the evenings.

Hotel Hospitality Room (in Village) and Hospitality Tent (by 17th Ave. fields)

- Both days there will be hospitality areas (in the hotel dining room and in a tent at the 17th Avenue fields).
- There will be free snack foods and drinks (lemonade & water).
- Both the Hospitality Room and Tent will open around 9 AM. The Hospitality Room will close around 3 PM each day; the Tent will close by 4 PM each day.
- These are places where you can go to get in out of the sun, a place to socialize with players from other teams, and, of course, eat.
- The hotel Hospitality Room is air-conditioned. The Hospitality Room will also have:
 - A couple of decks of cards.
 - A donation jar (if you wish to contribute to fund future Ohio Cup events).

All-club match (Friday night)

On the Friday evening before the Cup, we will be hosting an All-club Match on Muffin Meadow in the Ohio Village. This game is a pick-up match open to all-comers. This is a very colorful game since all who play will be in full uniform. Family members, friends of the teams, and non-uniformed players are welcome to come watch the game.

- The game will be played on Muffin Meadow, starting at 6 PM.
- Those in attendance will be split into 2 teams around 5:50. Anyone arriving after that who wants to play is to report to the site manager, and he will assign you to a team and have you added to the score sheet.
- We hope to get in 9 innings by 8 PM.
- Water and restrooms will be available.
- There will be no bar service in the hotel for this game, nor will you be allowed to bring any liquor on to the property that night.

Wristbands won't be needed for entrance to this game.

Saturday timeline

8:00 AM	Welcome Tent opens (captains pick up Welcome Packet and get family wrist bands/beer discount tickets); Phoenix Bats tent opens for pick-up of commemorative stein pre-sales and new stein sales.
9:00	First game starts. Hospitality Room opens in the Village hotel and Hospitality Tent opens on the 17th Avenue fields (free snacks and shelter); sales open for Phoenix bat raffle
11:00	Complimentary lunch available at the hotel; food trucks are also open for business (in the Village and outside); beer available at the Hotel tavern (NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED OUTSIDE OF DESIGNATED AREA BY HOTEL)
1:00	Lunch service ends
3:00	Hospitality Room closes, but the 17 th Avenue hospitality tent will remain open until 4pm
4:00	Raffle ticket sales end for the day; deadline to pick up stein pre-sales; beer service closes.
4:50	End of last game

Sunday timeline

8:00 AM	Welcome Tent opens (captains pick up Welcome Packet and get
	family wrist bands/beer discount tickets); Phoenix Bats tent opens for
	pick-up of commemorative stein pre-sales and new stein sales.
9:00	First game starts. Hospitality Room opens in the Village hotel and
	Hospitality Tent opens on the 17th Avenue fields (free snacks and
	shelter); sales open for Phoenix bat raffle
11:00	Complimentary lunch available at the hotel; food trucks are also open
	for business (in the Village and outside)
1:00	Lunch service ends. Beer available at the Hotel tavern (NO
	ALCOHOL PERMITTED OUTSIDE OF DESIGNATED AREA BY
	HOTEL)
3:00	Hospitality Room closes, but the 17 th Avenue hospitality tent will
	remain open until 4pm
4:00	Food trucks close for the day; raffle ticket sales ends for the day;
	deadline to pick-up commemorative stein; beer service closes.
4:30	Raffle drawing
4:50	End of last game