

Stanford Baseball and Softball Fireworks Night

April 19, 2023

Event Description:

This baseball game is a regularly scheduled event and is part of Stanford Baseball's regular season schedule. Prior to Covid-19, Fireworks night was a constant at the end of Stanford's baseball season, and we resumed the tradition two years ago with a show in May 2022 and May 2023. This year, we moved the date up to April 19 to allow the show to happen after hosting both a baseball and a softball game on the same night. The family-oriented activities will take place within the confines of the Sunken Diamond Baseball Stadium and the Boyd & Jill Smith Family Softball Stadium, and will be run and organized with the same high level of proficiency that is typical of all Stanford sporting events. It is our intention to provide a family friendly event that ends early enough for children to enjoy, thus the display will occur during the 12 minute period immediately following the final out for both teams. Historically, the fireworks night has sold out at Stanford Baseball (roughly 3,000 people attending), and would expect the same crowd for this year for the baseball game. Our Softball stadium capacity is 1,200 and we will be expecting a sell out crowd for that game as well. We plan for the fireworks show to last no longer than 12 minutes.

Findings for Issuance of an Administrative Permit:

● Fitness of Applicant to Execute Event

The fireworks show will be managed by the Stanford Athletics Event Group. This Group successfully holds over 400 sporting events each year and has the reputation of being one of the most organized and competent event management units in the world. Many of the events staff have international events experience and routinely consult on major sporting events throughout the country. Years worth of practice and proven coordination with concessions vendors, police, fire and medical staff, traffic control and parking agencies make Stanford Athletic events enjoyable and safe.

The chosen vendor to provide the fireworks display is Pyro Spectaculars. This professional fireworks production company has been successfully producing events throughout the world and has a proven track record of safe operation. They are members of the American Society of Pyrotechnic Engineers and work in conjunction with the State Office of the Fire Marshall for safety demonstrations and technical advice. They are familiar with Santa Clara County permit requirements and produce hundreds of local events annually. They are fully licensed and insured. Pyro Spectaculars has produced our fireworks event in the past, most recently last year, May 12, 2023.

● Site Security

Approximately 3-4 hours prior to launch, Stanford Athletics will set in place barricade lines at 5 locations, and will not allow any access into the firing site area as indicated on the map.

Stanford Athletics will have in place a total of 8 security personnel at the 5 barricaded areas, as well as one floater and one walkway between the practice field and Maples Pavilion. No personnel with the exception of the Pyro Spectaculars staff, Jon Erickson, Tyler Barton and Mike Yedinak will be allowed in the launch area once the barricades are set up. This security staff will be coordinated by Jon, Tyler and Mike via radio and in place at approximately 3-4 hours prior to launch time. Jon Erickson, Tyler Barton and Michael Yedinak will be in contact with the Pyro Spectacular staff during set up and up until 1 hour after the fireworks show, both by radio and cell phone.

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● Security

Stanford Athletics has one of the elite Event Operations and Game Management staff teams in the world, that help produce our many turnkey events. On April 19, for fireworks night, staff will be increased to handle the baseball and softball games and post-game fireworks show. The following lists the available staff on hand for Stanford Baseball's and Softball events:

- **Private Security Guards:** Stanford Athletics employs its own private security. For normal baseball games, security staff is set at roughly 23-25 people per game. For fireworks night, event security staff will be increased for both baseball and softball events, adding up to 10 additional people.
- **Doctors:** Stanford University Medical Center and Palo Alto Medical Foundation's Urgent Care Facility are both within two miles of Stanford's Sunken Diamond and Smith Family Stadium. In addition to staff trained in First Aid and CPR, there will be Stanford University Athletic Trainers on site to aid anyone in need of assistance at both events.
- **First Aid and Emergency Attendants:** Stanford Athletics has an agreement with California Medical Transport (CMT) ambulance service. Additionally, the Stanford University Fire Department is on campus, only a half-mile away from Stanford's Sunken Diamond and Smith Family Stadium. Fire and emergency vehicles will already be on site for the post-game fireworks show, so there should be plenty of medical/emergency personnel to cover this event.

● Acceptable Location for Event

This event will be held within the confines of the Klein Field at Sunken Diamond Stadium and Boyd and Jill Smith Family Stadium within the DAPER core. The venues are ideally suited for this event. All aspects of event management including Aid Stations, Emergency Facilities, Restrooms, Concessions and Parking are readily available. The actual launch location will be secured by safety personnel and has been approved by both the County and Stanford Fire Marshal Offices in the past, and we are working on approval for this year as well.

● No Substantial Negative Impact on Adjacent Neighborhoods

The Stanford Event Group has gone to great lengths to reduce the impact of this event on the adjacent communities. Specific mitigation measures are listed below:

1. The on-site staff for this event will be increased to address any concerns that patrons may have. The additional staff will be utilized to reduce parking confusion, maintain crowd order, and ensure safety zones.
2. The baseball start time for this game is scheduled at 5:35pm, and the softball start time for this game is scheduled for 7pm. Both of these start times should allow the display to occur before 10:00 PM. If one event finishes before the other, fans will be encouraged to stick around for the fireworks show following the conclusion of both events, and will be provided family friendly activities at the venue to help pass the time before the fireworks show.
3. The display will be limited to low level fireworks to reduce observation from off site vantages.
4. Comments/suggestions from adjacent neighbors have been collected. It was agreed that reduction of the loudest types of fireworks should be done and that the start time of the display should not pass 10:00 PM.