



HILLSBORO HOPS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

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Hillsboro Hops Fund Launches Campaign to Resurface Field at Evergreen Middle School

Hillsboro, OR (April 18, 2014) – The Hillsboro Hops (@HillsboroHops), announced today that they will launch a campaign via the Hillsboro Hops Fund to raise funds to resurface a field at Evergreen Middle School in Hillsboro. The team will launch this campaign with an inaugural benefit on Saturday, April 19th at the Tuality Health Education Center (www.hillsborohops.com/banquet). Members of the 2014 Hops Coaching Staff including Manager J.R. House, Pitching Coach Doug Drabek, Hitting Coach Mark Grace and Special Consultant Ben Petrick will appear at the fundraiser to lend their support of this effort.

With partners at the Hillsboro School District and Hillsboro Park & Recreation, the Hops have identified Evergreen Middle School for installation of an artificial turf athletic field. The field will play host to youth baseball & softball while being accessible for school physical education activities, after school programs, and general recreational usage.

“In historically challenging times, the Hillsboro Hops have stepped up to provide our students with a community resource that we otherwise could not provide,” said Evergreen Middle School Principal Rian Petrick. “The field will provide a safe and more accessible experience for thousands of Hillsboro School District students and their families.”

“The Hillsboro Hops strive to be an invaluable asset in the eyes of baseball fans, businesses, community leaders, and the general public,” said Hops Co-Owner and President Mike McMurray. “Too often we hear that youth baseball games are cancelled due to weather. This is a deterrent to instilling interest in our marvelous game among new generations. We want to help reverse this trend by installing new, all-weather fields that will permit play during our days of liquid sunshine.”

People wanting to contribute to this effort may donate online at hillsborohops.com by clicking on the Community tab. They can donate by cash or check at the Hops front office or at any home game by visiting the Customer Service table.

Details for the construction of the field resurfacing will be announced at a future date.

About Hillsboro Hops:

The Hillsboro Hops are the Single-A baseball affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks of Major League Baseball. The team's season runs from mid-June to early September. The franchise relocated to Hillsboro in 2012 and began play in 2013 in a new state-of-the-art 4,500 capacity ballpark. The Hops are part of the 58-year old Northwest League, which includes teams in Boise, Eugene, Salem-Keizer, Tri-Cities, Spokane, Everett and Vancouver BC. Major League stars who rose to prominence via the Northwest League include Ken Griffey Jr., Felix Hernandez, Edgar Martinez, Reggie Jackson, Ozzie Smith, Rickey Henderson and Tony Gwynn. Follow the Hops on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HillsboroHops and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/HillsboroHops.