

The Chicago Cubs are venturing out to our warm Valley of the Sun for their 2014 spring training season. The team is preparing to take their new home in Mesa, dubbed "Cubs Park" at WrigleyVille West, and will be hosting a dedication ceremony this Wednesday, Feb. 12. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will mark the opening of this year's spring training season and will also be attended by members of the Ricketts family, the franchise's owners. Mesa officials say that the 60,000-sq.-ft. facility is the largest in the Cactus League. This will no doubt expand the city of Mesa, as Wrigleyville West will become a unique sports, entertainment and retail destination in Mesa that celebrates the Chicago Cubs. Here, AFM lists a few facts about the new stadium that all Phoenicians can look forward to visiting this upcoming season:

This large stadium will have accessible seating for all individuals with disabilities or who have a difficult time reaching their seats. These tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 1.800.THE.CUBS.

Ticket prices vary depending on age and location of the seats in the ballpark. Children under the age of 2 are admitted to Cubs Park without a ticket as long as they remain seated on the lap of a parent or guardian.

Players and coaches will be able to sign autographs until 30 minutes prior to the game. Fans may find the players in the designated walkway from the ballpark to the home clubhouse. This is near the home plate gate.

Banners and signs are permitted in Cubs Park if they are not offensive or have written inappropriate material. The Chicago Cubs reserves the right to confiscate any signs that cause a disturbance. Banners must be held by person and not mounted on sticks or any similar item.

View the code of conduct by clicking <u>here</u>.

Don't miss the inaugural game at the ballpark on Feb. 27 against the Arizona Diamondbacks!