

'Dads Annual Open House coming up this Saturday!

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The Crawdads Open House is this Saturday, April 7! Come by for some Easter food, fun, and entertainment! The FREE Open House runs from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at L.P. Frans Stadium! This year's Open House will feature many EGGstremely fun activities and a

great ticket special. The first 200 fans at the Open House can purchase 4 tickets to any Opening Weekend home game (April 12-15) and 2 one-time use parking pass vouchers for only \$20! Also, the first 100 kids will be able to decorate an Easter Egg and all can enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt, an egg toss, a spoon and egg race, and more!

Also, don't forget to sign up when you get to L.P. Frans for National Anthem tryouts that start at 11 a.m. and don't miss your chance to meet members from this year's team and get their autographs! Bring your family to chow down on FREE popcorn and \$1 hot dogs and Pepsi products. Hang out with Conrad the Crawdad, play in the Bounce House, test your arm at the Speed Pitch, and browse the Team Store!

For more information on the Open House, visit Hickorycrawdads.com or call the Front Office at (828) 322-3000!

Opening Day Roster Revealed!

The Hickory Crawdads have announced their Opening Day Roster for the 2012 campaign. The majority of the 2012 Crawdads will be spending their first season in Hickory, with only six players returning from the 2011 1st-Half Northern Division Championship squad - C Kellin Deglan, RHP Luke Jackson, LHP Will Lamb, RHP Nick McBride (a Lewisville native), RHP Randol Rojas and C Kevin Torres. OF Jordan Akins joined the 'Dads late in the 2011 season, but was inactive.

New Crawdads, OF Zach Cone (1st, 2011) and 3B Drew Robinson (4th, 2010), are former top-5 round draft picks. Additionally, Cone and new addition C Jorge Alfaro rank highly on MLB.com's Prospect Watch List as the 13th and 7th, respectively, best prospects in the Rangers system. Lamb (#14) and Jackson (#17) are also featured on the prospect listing.

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Countdown to Opening Night!

The Crawdads 2012 Home Opener presented by 1290 WHKY is just eight days away, coming up on Thurs., April 12 vs. the Asheville Tourists at 7 p.m. Don't miss Thirsty Thursday, presented by Buffalo Wild Wings, featuring \$1 can beers and Pepsis, as well as the Sneak Peek Night promotion. Gates open at 6 p.m.

All the Opening Weekend FUN continues on Fri., April 13 with Red Carpet Grand Opening Fireworks, presented by Crowne Plaza, Mister Tuxedo and The Big Dawg 92.1FM, and a 7 p.m. first pitch. Then, on Sat., April 14, it's Eric Church Bobblehead Giveaway for the first 1,000 fans with a paid admission, courtesy of Galaxy, Ragu and KICKS 103.3FM. First pitch will be 6 p.m. that Saturday, with gates opening at 5 p.m.

'Dads head to Kannapolis tomorrow!

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The Crawdads will open the 20th Anniversary Season on the road tomorrow, April 5 against the Kannapolis Intimidators, before returning for the Home Opener at L.P. Frans Stadium on Thurs., April 12 vs. the Asheville Tourists at 7 p.m.

Get the Ticket Book Special before April 11!

Crawdads Ticket Books for the 20th Anniversary Season in 2012 combine convenience, flexibility and value, and are available NOW at the Crawdads Front Office or by calling (828) 322-3000!

With a Crawdads Ticket Book, you will receive 10 undated tickets that can be used in any quantity at any Crawdads home game during the 2012 season. Upgrades are required for the 4th of July and Christian Concert game. Order yours by Wed., April 11, and receive 2 FREE tickets to the 2012 Home Opener on Thurs., April 12 at 7 p.m.!

For more information on Crawdads Ticket Books, [click here](#) or call the Group Sales Department at (828) 322-3000.

Star Wars Night presented by KICKS 103.3 FM!

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A long time ago, in a galaxy far far away... is coming to L.P. Frans! Before the game, on Fri., May 11 vs. the Savannah Sand Gnats, take pictures with your favorite Star Wars characters! The 501st Legion's Carolina Garrison and The Rebel Legion's Blue Ridge Base will both be in attendance before the game dressed as many of the characters from Star Wars!

It will also be Cartridge World Cartridge Night! Bring in your old cartridges and receive a second ticket for only a penny!

Craft a caption, win free stuff!

Every Tuesday, be sure to check the Crawdads Facebook and Twitter pages to take part in the Crawdads Caption Contest! Each week will feature a new picture for fans to describe with a short caption. Winners are picked on Fridays and will receive a great Crawdads prize! Click [here](#) to add a caption in this week's contest!

Meet the Interns...

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The Crawdads have brought in new interns from all over the country! This week, meet Group Sales Assistant Brad Dworin...

Brad is beginning his first season with the Hickory Crawdads as a group sales assistant. Brad is from Milford, CT and attended High Point University where he earned a degree in Sport Management. Previously, he has worked as a group sales intern for the New Jersey Nets as well as an evening sales representative for the Bridgeport Sound Tigers. Brad is a New York sports fan and enjoys watching his teams; the Knicks, Jets, and Yankees. When his teams are not playing, he catches up on current events in sports and around the world.