

## Councilmember-at-Large Fielkow, NORD and New Orleans Zephyrs Organize Field Trip for Summer Campers to Zephyr Field

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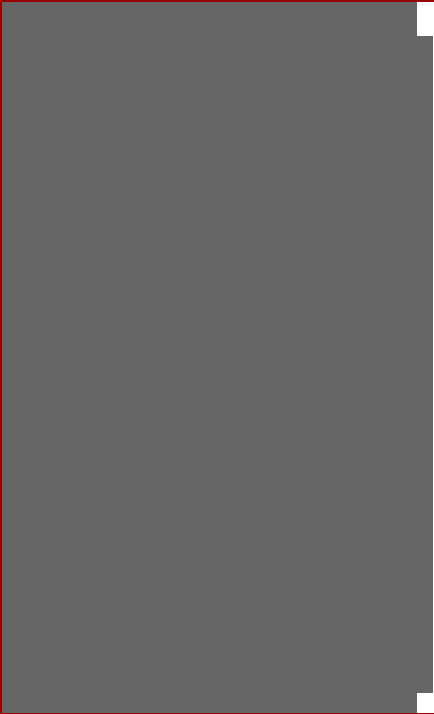
**New Orleans, LA - July 18, 2008** - Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow, the New Orleans Recreation Department (NORD) and the New Orleans Zephyrs are teaming up to bring 850 NORD summer campers and chaperones to watch the Zephyrs take on the Albuquerque Isotopes on Monday, July 21st. The campers will receive free tickets, lunch, a commemorative t-shirt and a chance to participate in pre-game activities at Zephyr Field. The field trip is made possible through donations and sponsorships contributed by the New Orleans Zephyrs, NORD, Councilmember Fielkow and WWL-870am.

During the 5th inning of Monday's game, a drawing for one child to attend the Chicago Cubs vs. Florida Marlins game at Wrigley Field on July 26th will take place. Councilmember Fielkow will cover all travel expenses and two tickets to the Cubs game for the prize winner and a guardian.

The children, all participants in NORD-registered baseball, softball and summer camp programs, will be picked up Monday morning by bus from four NORD centers: St. Bernard, Cut Off, Treme and Behrman. They will be brought to Zephyr Field, and after a tour of the ballpark, they will get to participate in on-field drills and exercises. After the noon game, the campers will be transported back to the four NORD sites for pick up by their parents.

Councilmember Fielkow said, "Baseball is an American pastime, and what better way to spend a summer day than at the ballpark watching our hometown Zephyrs. I am very excited to be able to bring such a fun event to our local youth. The Zephyrs have been extremely supportive of this event from the beginning, and I am grateful for their assistance. Hopefully the 850 boys and girls will walk away from the day with life-long memories."

Larry Barabino, Jr., Director of NORD said, "NORD is happy to partner with Councilman Fielkow to give our NORD campers the opportunity to see the Zephyrs take on the Isotopes. We'd like to continue this partnership of keeping our kids engaged in athletic events sparking their interest in baseball while supporting the home team."



"This organization and additional sponsors have offered tremendous support to the rebuilding of our recreation department and the overall growth of the kids of NORD. The City will continue to work with sponsors and volunteers to achieve the goal of bringing NORD back better and stronger than ever," continued Barabino.

Zephyrs Executive Director & COO Ron Maestri said, "We are very excited to welcome the kids to Zephyr Field and give them a chance to interact with our players and coaches. The Zephyrs and the New York Mets have always been committed to providing affordable family entertainment, particularly for young people. We have worked with Councilman Fielkow and NORD in the past and it has always been a very rewarding experience for us."

NORD is sponsoring all transportation and meals for the participants.

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