

## PRESS RELEASE



### DAYTON DRAGONS UPCOMING HOMESTAND PREVIEW

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Day Air Ballpark, in the heart of the Water Street District | Dayton, Ohio  
Dayton Dragons (Cincinnati Reds) vs. South Bend Cubs (Chicago Cubs)

#### GAME SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:05 PM
- Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 7:05 PM
- Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 7:05 PM
- Friday, April 24, 2026 at 7:05 PM
- Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 1:05 PM
- Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 1:05 PM

All 132 Dragons games in 2026 can be heard on the radio home of the Dragons, FOX Sports 980 WONE. The broadcasts are also available via the Dragons Mobile App and the iHeart App, or at [wone.com](http://wone.com).

#### TICKETS

Lawn tickets and a limited number of stadium seats are available for games this homestand. Single-game tickets can be purchased now at [daytondragons.com/tickets](http://daytondragons.com/tickets).

Single-game tickets for Dragons 2026 regular season games can be purchased at the Dragons Box Office located to the left of the main entry gates at Day Air Ballpark and through the following outlets:

- Online at [daytondragons.com/tickets](http://daytondragons.com/tickets)
- By phone by calling the Dragons Box office at (937) 228-2287
- Ticketmaster charge-by-phone at (937) 228-2323

Pricing for single game tickets for stadium seats and lawn tickets:

- Stadium = April: \$16
- Lawn= April: \$6

## **DRAGONS ON THE FIELD**

Here are the scheduled Dragons starting pitchers:

- Tuesday, April 21: RH Reynardo Cruz
- Wednesday, April 22: RH J.P. Ortiz
- Thursday, April 23: RH Luke Hayden
- Friday, April 24: RH Cole Schoenwetter
- Saturday, April 25: RH Beau Blanchard
- Sunday, April 26: RH Nestor Lorant

### Team update:

The Dragons roster features one of the top prospects in all Minor League Baseball in catcher Alfredo Duno. Duno is currently ranked as the #1 Reds prospect among players currently in their farm system and is the highest rated prospect among catchers in Dragons history. He hit his first home run for the Dragons at Day Air Ballpark on April 11. For the first full week of the season (April 6-12), the Dragons batter of the week was Ryan McCrystal out of East Carolina University, who batted .400 with one home run during the week. The Dragons pitcher of the week was Beau Blanchard out of the University of Louisiana Monroe, who fired six scoreless innings during the week.

## **DRAGONS ENTERTAINMENT**

- Tuesday, April 21
  - National Anthem: Fairborn High School
  - Honor Guard: Fairborn High School AFJROTC
  - ASL: Fairborn High School
  - Dragons Present in partnership with Winsupply: Fairborn High School Jazz Improv Band
- Wednesday, April 22
  - National Anthem: Beaver Creek High School Women's Choir
  - Honor Guard: Beaver Creek High School AFJROTC
  - Dragons Present in Partnership with Winsupply: Beaver Creek High School Drumline
- Thursday, April 23
  - National Anthem: Normandy Elementary School
  - Honor Guard: Butler Tech D. Russel Lee High School Color Guard
  - Dragons Present in Partnership with Winsupply: UD Irish Dance
- Friday, April 24
  - National Anthem: Greenon High School
  - Dragons Present in Partnership with Winsupply: Kettering Jazz Youth Combo
  - God Bless America: Oakview Elementary School
- Saturday, April 25
  - National Anthem: American Heritage Girls Troop 0413
  - Dragons Present in Partnership with Winsupply: Madison High School Steel Drum Band
  - God Bless America: Harman School
- Sunday, April 26
  - National Anthem: Beverly Gardens Elementary School

## **DRAGONS IN THE COMMUNITY**

The *Dragons MVP Program presented by Ohio 529 CollegeAdvantage, Roosters, and WDTN-TV, Dayton's CW, and WDTN+* will celebrate fourth and fifth grade MVPs from Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, and Warren counties with the final 3 of 6 MVP Nights on April 21, April 22, and April 23. These nights will include an exclusive MVP Zone where they can pick up their MVP hat and also features games, prizes, a photo booth, and more. Selected Dragons MVPs will also have the opportunity to participate in on-field experiences including the opportunity to throw out the first pitch, deliver the game ball, and join the Dragons Manager at the umpire plate meeting.

### ***Dayton Dragons Foundation 50/50 Raffle***

The Dayton Dragons Foundation 50/50 Raffle occurs during Dragons home games. The winner claims 50 percent of the total pot each week with the other 50 percent supporting the Dayton Dragons Foundation. The pot begins at \$2,500 and will continue to grow throughout this homestand. The winning number will be drawn at the conclusion of the Dragons game on Sunday, April 26. Raffle tickets are available in-person at Dragons home games. Fans can additionally play online at [daytondragons5050.com](http://daytondragons5050.com).

- \$5.00 receives Three (3) Raffle Tickets; or
- \$10.00 receives Ten (10) Raffle Tickets; or
- \$20.00 receives Forty (40) Raffle Tickets; or
- \$40.00 receives One Hundred (100) Raffle Tickets

### ***Great Clips Fun Zone***

Burn some energy playing games and running through inflatables at the Great Clips Fun Zone. Located behind the batter's eye near center field, the Great Clips Fun Zone is open during Friday, Saturday, and Sunday games all season long. Fun Zone passes are only \$10 for 15 plays and can be used all season long. For more information, visit [milb.com/dayton/ballpark/funzone](http://milb.com/dayton/ballpark/funzone).

### **Tuesday, April 21**

#### ***Penn Station Dragons Meal Deal***

Every Tuesday when the Dragons play at home, Penn Station helps keep the summer rolling with the **Dragons Meal Deal**—only **\$29.99** and perfect for up to four fans. Get two (2) small sandwiches, (2) kids meals, medium fry, and (2) cheese dippers with the coupon. Redeemable at all participating locations. Learn more at [daytondragons.com/pennstation](http://daytondragons.com/pennstation).

### **Thursday, April 23**

#### ***Dragons Hometown Heroes presented by Dayton Development Coalition, Reynolds and Reynolds, HII Mission Technologies, Synergy Building Systems, and HNB***

The Dragons have partnered with the **Dayton Development Coalition, Reynolds and Reynolds, HII Mission Technologies, Synergy Building Systems, and HNB** for a season-long tribute to all service men and women, past and present through the Hometown Heroes Program. Each spotlight highlights a different group, individual, or organization involved in the military. During the game, the Dragons will honor this year's first spotlight, Sophie's Companions for Veterans for their dedication to improving the lives of animals and veterans in need by rescuing dogs and training them as service animals to place with veterans. Learn more at [daytondragons.com/hometownheroes](http://daytondragons.com/hometownheroes).

### **Friday, April 24**

#### ***Free Wash Friday presented by Flying Ace Express Car Wash***

Every Friday throughout the season, Flying Ace Express Car Wash is treating Dragons fans to an exclusive **Free Wash** at any of their local car wash locations. Scan the QR code as you exit Day Air ballpark and keep your ride clean all summer long. Learn more at [daytondragons.com/freewashfriday](https://daytondragons.com/freewashfriday)

### **Saturday, April 25**

***Kids Run the Bases presented by Graeter's Ice Cream*** is back for all day games in 2026, including Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26. Kids will line up behind Section 104 and be escorted down to the field following the conclusion of each date. Every participant receives a Graeter's coupon to redeem outside the stadium. For more info, visit [daytondragons.com/kidsrunthebases](https://daytondragons.com/kidsrunthebases).

### **Sunday, April 26**

#### ***Dragons Veteran Salute Program presented by CareSource Military & Veterans***

The **Dragons Veteran Salute Program presented by CareSource Military & Veterans** highlights five veterans' stories during each season. Chosen veterans are honored with an in-game ceremony and provided with VIP treatment during their special day. Specialist Fourth Class John Webb, a veteran of the United States Army, will be recognized on Sunday for his service. Learn more at [daytondragons.com/veteransalute](https://daytondragons.com/veteransalute).

### **ON SALE NOW**

***Dragons Kids Club presented by Hot Head Burritos*** is on sale and can be purchased at the Dragons Den Team Store at Day Air Ballpark. During the month of April, the Dragons Kids Club is only \$29.99. This season, if you order more than two memberships, each additional membership is discounted by \$5.

Kids Club members will receive:

- Gem City Dragons Jersey
- Dayton Dragons Book Bag
- Gem City Dragons Hat
- Hot Head Burritos Kids Meal Voucher
- Two (2) Dragons Lawn Tickets
- Dragons Fun Zone Pass

Parents and guardians can also sign-up their children online at [daytondragons.com/kidsclub](https://daytondragons.com/kidsclub).

#### ***Dragons 5K presented by Orthopedic Associates***

Registration for the 2026 Dragons 5K presented by Orthopedic Associates is open for the race on July 18, 2026. Just for signing up, participants will receive a Dragons 5K T-Shirt, finisher's medal, a Dragons hat, and four (4) lawn tickets to a game after the race. Adults are only \$30 through May 31, and youth 17 and under can sign up for only \$20. Learn more and register at [daytondragons.com/dragons5k](https://daytondragons.com/dragons5k).

#### ***Great American Beer Tasting presented by Heidelberg Distributing***

Tickets to the 2026 Great American Beer Tasting are on sale now for the event on August 1, 2026 from 12:00 pm—3:00 pm. Early Bird tickets are only 45 dollars until June 1<sup>st</sup> and include 15, four-ounce samples, a souvenir pint glass, a t-shirt, a raffle ticket and more! Tickets purchased before May 1 will receive two (2) stadium tickets to an upcoming Dragons game. Get your tickets and learn more at [dragons.com/beertasting](https://dragons.com/beertasting).

### **2026 Dragons Meet the Team Event**

Tickets are on sale for the **2026 Dragons Meet the Team Event** at Day Air Ballpark in the heart of the Water Street District. On June 13, 2026 from 10 am to 12 pm fans can meet the entire Dragons roster, take part in player and coach-led activities on the field, run the bases, and hang out with Heater, Gem, Blaze, and the Green Team. Tickets are \$10 for adults and only \$5 for kids 17 and under. Dragons Season Ticket Members receive complimentary tickets to this event. Get your tickets and learn more at [daytondragons.com/meettheteam](https://daytondragons.com/meettheteam).

### **2026 Family Movie Night**

Fans can “drive in” to Day Air Ballpark on Saturday, August 15, 2026 for Dragons Family Movie Night. Gates open at 6:00 pm and this year’s feature *Zootopia 2* will hit the Dragons seven-story videoboard beginning at 7:00 pm. There will be other movie-themed fun, Dragons mascots and the Green Team will be on hand, and there will be inflatables and carnival games for all fans to enjoy. There will also be themed-affle prizes and more throughout the night. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth 17 and under, and season ticket members will get in free. Learn more and buy tickets at [daytondragons.com/familymovienight](https://daytondragons.com/familymovienight).

**\*Approved Dragons marks, logos, photos, and videos can be found here:**

<https://daytondragonscs.box.com/s/vawqwub6gite6ajcinn14j6k6eb73tj9>

**More Information:** *The Dayton Dragons are the affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds and play 66 home games at beautiful Day Air Ballpark, in the heart of the Water Street District. Contact the Dragons by calling at (937) 228-2287, emailing at [dragons@daytondragons.com](mailto:dragons@daytondragons.com), or go to [daytondragons.com](https://daytondragons.com). For more information, please visit the following links:*

- **2026 Schedule:** <https://www.milb.com/dayton/tickets/gameplanschedules>
- **Season Tickets:** <https://www.milb.com/dayton/tickets/seasontickets>
- **Group and Hospitality Options:** <https://www.milb.com/dayton/tickets/groupoutings>

*The Dragons sellout streak is active and stands at **1,645** consecutive games. The streak is a testament to the Dayton area community. Support the Dayton Dragons and become a Dragons season ticket holder.*

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