

# GOING TO A FRISCO ROUGHRIDERS BASEBALL GAME



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**I AM GOING TO A BASEBALL GAME AT RIDERS FIELD. RIDERS FIELD IS WHERE THE FRISCO ROUGHRIDERS PLAY BASEBALL. MANY PEOPLE COME TO WATCH THE GAME. THE GAME IS PLAYED ON A LARGE BASEBALL FIELD.**



**WHEN WE ARRIVE, WE WILL PARK AND WALK TO THE STADIUM. THERE ARE ENTRANCE GATES BEHIND HOME PLATE AND IN LEFT FIELD. THE GATES OPEN ONE HOUR BEFORE THE GAME STARTS. AN ADULT WILL HAVE OUR TICKETS. OUR TICKETS WILL BE SCANNED AT THE GATE. BAGS AND PURSES WILL BE SEARCHED TO HELP KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.**



**BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS, THE PLAYERS MAY WARM UP ON THE FIELD. THEY MAY THROW THE BALL OR PRACTICE SWINGING THE BAT. THE BALL MAY MOVE QUICKLY DURING WARM UPS. THIS HELPS THE PLAYERS GET READY FOR THE GAME. BEFORE THE FIRST PITCH, PEOPLE MAY STAND FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. THE NATIONAL ANTHEM IS A SONG ABOUT THE UNITED STATES. MANY PEOPLE STAND QUIETLY DURING THE SONG. SOME PEOPLE TAKE OFF THEIR HATS. SOME PEOPLE PUT THEIR HANDS OVER THEIR HEARTS. SOMETIMES, AFTER THE SONG ENDS, FIREWORKS MAY BE SET OFF IN THE SKY. THE FIREWORKS CAN BE BRIGHT AND LOUD. IF THE FIREWORKS FEEL TOO LOUD FOR ME, I CAN COVER MY EARS OR USE MY HEADPHONES. I CAN STAND WITH THE ADULT I CAME WITH.**



**A BASEBALL GAME IS DIVIDED INTO INNINGS. A BASEBALL GAME USUALLY HAS NINE INNINGS. SOMETIMES GAMES MAY HAVE FEWER INNINGS IF THERE IS SPECIAL SCHEDULING. GAMES CAN LAST ABOUT TWO TO THREE HOURS. SOMETIMES GAMES END EARLY BECAUSE OF WEATHER. IN EACH INNING, ONE TEAM BATS AND ONE TEAM PLAYS IN THE FIELD. AFTER THREE OUTS, THE TEAMS SWITCH PLACES. THE TEAM THAT WAS BATTING GOES INTO THE FIELD. THE TEAM THAT WAS IN THE FIELD GETS A TURN TO BAT.**



**WHEN A PLAYER IS BATTING, THE PITCHER THROWS THE BALL TOWARD HOME PLATE. IF THE BATTER SWINGS AND MISSES, IT IS CALLED A STRIKE. IF THE BATTER DOES NOT SWING AND THE BALL IS IN THE STRIKE ZONE, IT CAN ALSO BE CALLED A STRIKE. AFTER THREE STRIKES, THE BATTER IS OUT. WHEN A TEAM GETS THREE OUTS, THE TEAMS SWITCH PLACES. THERE IS AN UMPIRE AT THE GAME. THE UMPIRE MAKES DECISIONS ABOUT STRIKES AND OUTS. THE UMPIRE MAY SAY "STRIKE" OR "OUT" IN A LOUD VOICE. THE CROWD MAY REACT TO THE UMPIRE'S CALL. THIS IS A NORMAL PART OF THE GAME.**



**THERE IS A LARGE SCOREBOARD AT THE STADIUM. THE SCOREBOARD SHOWS THE SCORE, THE INNING, THE NUMBER OF OUTS, AND OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE GAME. THE NUMBERS AND PICTURES ON THE SCOREBOARD MAY CHANGE DURING THE GAME. I CAN LOOK AT THE SCOREBOARD TO HELP UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING.**



**WHEN A TEAM SCORES A RUN, MANY PEOPLE MAY CHEER LOUDLY. MUSIC MAY PLAY. THE SCOREBOARD MAY CHANGE. THE HOME TEAM MAY CELEBRATE. THE NOISE MAY FEEL SUDDEN. I CAN STAY WITH MY ADULT IF IT FEELS LOUD. I CAN COVER MY EARS OR USE HEADPHONES IF I HAVE THEM.**



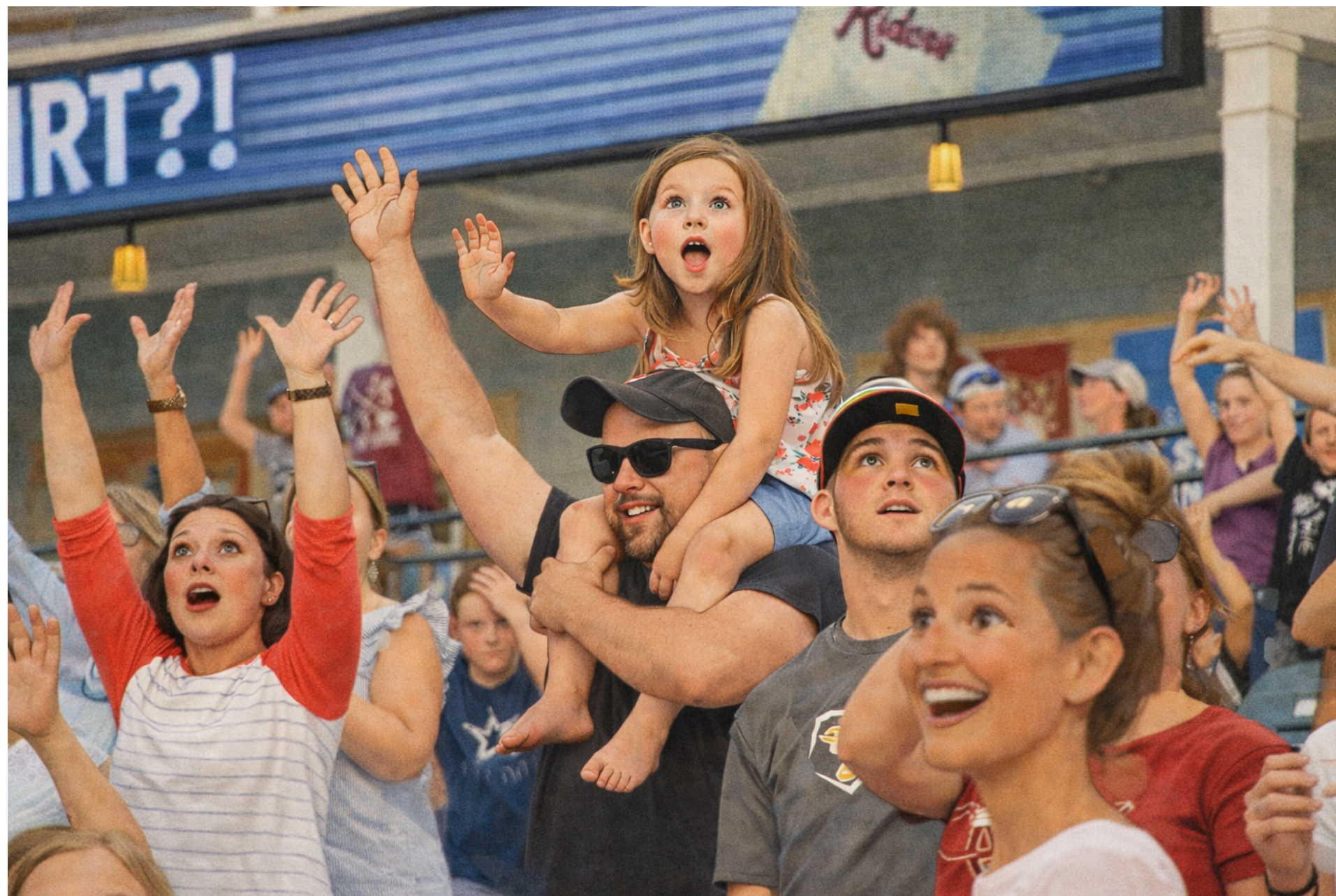
**DURING THE GAME, WORKERS MAY WALK THROUGH THE SEATING AREAS SELLING FOOD AND DRINKS. THEY MAY CALL OUT THE ITEMS THEY ARE SELLING. SOME PEOPLE MAY BUY FOOD FROM THE WORKERS WALKING THROUGH THE SEATS. SOME PEOPLE MAY WALK WITH THEIR ADULT TO A CONCESSION STAND TO ORDER FOOD OR DRINKS. I CAN STAY WITH MY ADULT IF WE WALK TO GET FOOD. FOOD AND DRINKS CAN BE PURCHASED INSIDE THE STADIUM. OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT ALLOWED EXCEPT BOTTLED WATER WITHOUT A LABEL.**



**THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT SEATS IN THE STADIUM. SOME PEOPLE SIT IN REGULAR SEATS. SOME PEOPLE SIT ON THE LAWN. THE LAWN IS A GRASS AREA BEYOND THE OUTFIELD FENCE. BLANKETS AND BACK SUPPORTS ARE ALLOWED ON THE LAWN. LAWN CHAIRS AND INFLATABLE CHAIRS ARE NOT ALLOWED. LAWN SEATING COMES WITH A REGULAR GAME TICKET. IF I WANT TO SIT ON THE LAWN, I CAN ASK THE ADULT I CAME WITH. THEY WILL KNOW WHAT KIND OF TICKET WE HAVE. THE ADULT MAY SAY YES. THE ADULT MAY SAY NO. BOTH ANSWERS ARE OKAY.**



**THERE IS ALSO A SPECIAL AREA CALLED THE LAZY RIVER. THE LAZY RIVER IS OPEN DURING THE GAME. IT OPENS ONE HOUR BEFORE THE GAME AND STAYS OPEN UNTIL THE GAME ENDS. LOCKERS ARE AVAILABLE TO STORE BELONGINGS. A STAFF MEMBER CAN HELP WITH DIRECTIONS. A SPECIAL TICKET OR PASS IS NEEDED TO USE THE LAZY RIVER. IF I WANT TO USE THE LAZY RIVER, I CAN ASK THE ADULT I CAME WITH. THEY WILL KNOW WHAT KIND OF TICKET WE HAVE. THE ADULT MAY SAY YES. THE ADULT MAY SAY NO. BOTH ANSWERS ARE OKAY.**



**BETWEEN INNINGS, THERE MAY BE SHORT GAMES OR CONTESTS ON THE FIELD. MUSIC MAY PLAY. PEOPLE MAY CHEER OR LAUGH. SOMETIMES FANS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. I CAN WATCH FROM MY SEAT. I DO NOT HAVE TO PARTICIPATE UNLESS THE ADULT I CAME WITH SAYS IT IS OKAY. DURING THE 7TH INNING, THERE IS SOMETHING CALLED THE 7TH INNING STRETCH. MANY PEOPLE STAND UP AND STRETCH THEIR BODIES. SOMETIMES THERE IS MUSIC, AND PEOPLE MAY SING ALONG. IT IS A SHORT BREAK BEFORE THE GAME CONTINUES.**



**SOMETIMES A BASEBALL MAY HIT THE NET OR LAND NEAR THE SEATS. IT CAN MAKE A LOUD OR SUDDEN SOUND. THE SOUND MAY SURPRISE ME. THE NET IS THERE TO HELP KEEP PEOPLE SAFE. I CAN STAY SEATED AND LOOK TO THE ADULT I CAME WITH IF I FEEL UNSURE.**



**THE FRISCO ROUGHRIDERS HAVE MASCOTS. THE MASCOTS ARE PRAIRIE DOGS NAMED DEUCE AND DAISY, BULL MOOSE, AND TED E. BEAR. MASCOTS WEAR LARGE COSTUMES AND MAY WALK AROUND THE STADIUM. THEY MAY WAVE, DANCE, OR TAKE PICTURES WITH FANS. MASCOTS ARE MEANT TO BE FUN.**



**RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE STADIUM. GUEST SERVICES IS AVAILABLE TO HELP GUESTS. IF I NEED HELP AT ANY TIME, I CAN TELL THE ADULT I CAME WITH OR A STAFF MEMBER. STAFF MEMBERS ARE THERE TO HELP.**



**SOMETIMES THE STADIUM MAY FEEL BUSY, LOUD, OR CROWDED. IF I NEED A BREAK, I CAN TELL THE ADULT I CAME WITH. WE MAY WALK TO A QUIETER AREA, VISIT THE RESTROOM, OR STEP INTO THE HALLWAY OR CONCOURSE FOR A SHORT BREAK. TAKING A BREAK CAN HELP MY BODY FEEL CALM.**



**AT THE END OF THE GAME, THE FINAL SCORE IS SHOWN ON THE SCOREBOARD. MANY PEOPLE MAY STAND UP AT THE SAME TIME. PEOPLE WILL BEGIN TO LEAVE THE STADIUM. IT MAY FEEL BUSY AS EVERYONE WALKS TOWARD THE EXITS. I CAN STAY CLOSE TO THE ADULT I CAME WITH AS WE LEAVE.**



**SOME GAMES HAVE FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME ENDS. SOMETIMES FIREWORKS MAY ALSO BE SET OFF DURING THE GAME IF A PLAYER HITS A HOME RUN. FIREWORKS ARE BRIGHT LIGHTS IN THE SKY AND CAN MAKE VERY LOUD POPPING SOUNDS. THE SOUNDS MAY FEEL SUDDEN. IF THERE ARE FIREWORKS, I CAN STAY CLOSE TO THE ADULT I CAME WITH. I CAN COVER MY EARS OR USE HEADPHONES IF I HAVE THEM**



**GOING TO A BASEBALL GAME IS A SPECIAL EXPERIENCE. THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO SEE AND LEARN. I MAY HEAR CHEERING, SEE MASCOTS, WATCH PLAYERS, AND ENJOY TIME WITH THE ADULT I CAME WITH. EVERY BASEBALL GAME IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT. I CAN STAY WITH MY ADULT, ASK QUESTIONS, AND TAKE BREAKS IF I NEED TO. AT THE GAME, I CAN FEEL PROUD BECAUSE I AM LEARNING HOW BASEBALL GAMES WORK. LEARNING NEW THINGS CAN HELP MY BODY AND BRAIN FEEL SAFE, COMFORTABLE, AND READY.**