



## 'They Will Come'

Create baseball memories at Field of Dreams game

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**T**he sunset stole the show, placing an exclamation point on the magical evening that started when actor Kevin Costner and players for the Chicago White Sox and New York Yankees walked through a cornfield and onto the Field of Dreams.

That was Aug. 12, 2021, the first time Major League Baseball (MLB) played a regular season game in Dyersville, Iowa, the site of the iconic 1989 film *Field of Dreams*. Roughly 6 million people watched the game, the most-watched regular-season MLB game in the past 15 years.

As a result, the town of Dyersville, population 4,100, has become an even-more popular destination for those who love the national pastime.

Even before the White Sox's Tim Anderson hit his walk-off home run into the corn, MLB had announced they're coming back to Iowa in 2022.

The Aug. 11 game is scheduled between the Chicago Cubs and the Cincinnati Reds. Only 8,000 tickets are available; half go to MLB, and the rest are available to Iowa residents in a lottery.

However, for two days prior, the people of Dyersville plan "Beyond the Game" festivities throughout the community. There will be jazz and country music concerts, kids activities and a free showing of *Field of Dreams* in the town square.

The movie site is open year-round, free of charge, although a \$20

donation per carload is suggested. Just show up with a bat, a glove and a ball and that childlike innocence that James Earl Jones' character

talked about. Have a picnic in the outfield, next to the corn, or grab a hot dog at the concession stand.

The farmhouse is open for tours and overnight stays.

A few dates to consider for a special visit include July 2, 16, 30 and Sept. 3. These Saturday nights are reserved for "Ghost Players" shows, an

entertaining event that is billed as a baseball version of the Harlem Globetrotters.

The annual Cornhole Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 26-28.



Find more information about the game at [FieldofDreamsTickets.com](https://FieldofDreamsTickets.com) and details about the field and activities at [FieldofDreamsMovieSite.com](https://FieldofDreamsMovieSite.com).