

# ★★ CHICAGO ★★ SPORTS MUSEUM

**“IF YOU’RE A CHICAGO SPORTS FAN, THIS IS A MUST.”**  
**MATT BARRIE, SPORTSCENTER ANCHOR**

Dubbed an “an essential hometown resource,” by the *Chicago Tribune*, and “ an experience that will make fans of all ages stand up and cheer,” by *Chicago Parent*, the Chicago Sports Museum is a unique and immersive museum curated by die-hard Chicago sports fans just like you!

From game-worn uniforms to THAT foul ball from the Cubs’ 2003 playoff game, get up-close-and-personal with some of Chicago’s greatest legends. The museum boasts celebrity partners like Blackhawks star Patrick Kane, Bears’ Hall of Famer and Super Bowl MVP Richard Dent and Bulls great Scottie Pippen who each have their own skill challenge games in the museum’s Hall of Legends.

## PLAN A VISIT

### ADDRESS

Water Tower Place, Level 7  
835 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

### ADMISSION

Tickets to the Chicago Sports Museum can be purchased at the Museum gift shop; \$10 general admission for adults, \$6 for seniors and children ages 4-11 and free for children under 3. Museum admission is complimentary for guests who dine at [Harry Caray’s 7th Inning Stretch](#).

## MEMORABILIA

### 2016 CHICAGO CUBS WORLD SERIES DISPLAY

The Chicago Sports Museum is proud to host the largest collection of Chicago Cubs World Series memorabilia in the city. The collection has been curated from fans across the Chicagoland area and includes:

- David Ross’ Game 7 Catcher’s Gear
- Kris Bryant’s World Series Cleats
- Joe Maddon’s “We Did Not Suck” T-shirt (from the Championship rally at Grant Park)
- Addison Russell’s Game 6 Grand Slam Ball
- Anthony Rizzo’s NLCS Game-Used Bat

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- Many more autographed World Series relics

## VIP EXPERIENCE

In conjunction with the reveal of the World Series exhibit, the Chicago Sports Museum is also announcing the VIP Experience, led by Grant DePorter, founder of the Chicago Sports Museum and one of the foremost collectors of Chicago sports memorabilia. "I wanted to give fans the chance to experience behind-the-scenes access to treasured pieces of Chicago sports history," says DePorter of his inspiration behind creating the VIP Experience. Among the highlights of the tour is the chance to hold and take photos with treasured memorabilia and unique artifacts, including:

- Kris Bryant's last out cleats from Game 7 of the 2016 Cubs World Series
- The net from the shot that won the Bulls their sixth NBA championship
- Walter Payton's final touchdown football
- Sammy Sosa's corked bat
- The Hover Board used by Marty McFly in "Back To The Future II" (the movie that famously predicted the Cubs would win the World Series)

Guests will also hear stories behind key moments in Chicago sports history and learn more about the athletes who participated in many of the interactive experiences featured in the Museum. The VIP Experience will be available select weekends throughout the summer.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to Chicago Gateway Green, a non-profit organization dedicated to greening and beautifying Chicago's expressway, gateways, and neighborhoods. Visit [chicagosportsmuseum.com](http://chicagosportsmuseum.com) to purchase tickets.

## FEATURED MEMORABILIA

The Chicago Sports Museum is constantly updating; it's a living, breathing monument to the greatest sports city in the world. Some of the treasures currently on display are:

- The hoop from Michael Jordan's Last Shot as a Chicago Bull – Backboard, hoop and net from Michael Jordan's last shot as a Chicago Bull which clinched the team's sixth NBA championship (Previously on display at the Basketball Hall of Fame)
- Benny the Bull Mascot Suit
- Richard Dent Super Bowl XX Trophy
- Walter Payton's final touchdown football
- Mike Ditka's personal playbook from Super Bowl XX
- Last out bat from White Sox 2005 World Series Championship
- Ron Kittle's Rookie of the Year Award
- Ramon Castro's catcher's glove that caught White Sox Pitcher Mark Burhle's perfect game (July 23, 2009)
- Bobby Hull's 2010 and 2013 Stanley Cup Championship Rings
- Ernie Banks Medal of Freedom, 1958 Babe Ruth Batting Crown and Hall of Fame Ring

In addition to these treasured pieces of Chicago sports history, the Museum has on display several unusual pieces of memorabilia including Sammy Sosa's Corked Bat, Andrew Shaw's stitches from Game 6 of 2013 Stanley Cup Championship, and the remains of the 2003 NLCS infamous Cubs foul ball.

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## EXHIBITS

### MEASURE UP

Begin your tour of Chicago sports history with a chance to test your skills against some of the all-time greats. Learn to throw a curve ball from Kyle Long, test your vertical leap against Michael Jordan and compare your wingspan to Scottie Pippen. Around the corner you'll find cases full of game worn memorabilia and championship rings. Remember Bears great William "Refrigerator" Perry? Try on a replica of his Super Bowl ring, the largest one ever crafted.

- Compare your jumping ability to Michael Jordan
- Measure your wingspan compared to Scottie Pippen
- Test your hand-eye coordination and reaction time
- Hold your grip against strong man Kyle Long
- Check out game-used uniforms of your favorite Chicago athletes

### FORENSIC SPORTS

Sleuth it up in Forensics using CSI-type technology to unravel some of Chicago's most infamous sports mysteries. Exactly what was inside Sammy Sosa's corked bat? How have baseballs evolved over the last century? Explore the work of FBI agents, radiologists, chemists and other forensics specialists to uncover the truth.

- Use CSI-Type techniques to decipher fact from fiction
- Unravel Chicago's biggest sports mysteries
- Discover the truth behind popular sports myths
- See Sammy Sosa's famous Corked Bat

### FAN ZONE

It's only fitting that the center of the museum be dedicated to the greatest fans in the world – Chicago sports fans! Step into the replica broadcast booth straight out of the Friendly Confines and take a chance at impersonating the greatest Chicago baseball fan who ever lived: Harry Caray. You can even send home a video of your skills! Looking for something a little more intense? Hop into our one-of-a-kind simulator that puts YOU in the driver's seat of a high-octane racecar at the famous Chicago Speedway. The most recent addition to the Fan Zone is perhaps the most exciting: the basketball hoop from Michael Jordan's buzzer-beating shot in the 1998 NBA Finals!

- Take a shot on the hoop from Michael Jordan's last game as a Chicago Bull
- Broadcast on camera from a Wrigley Field Broadcast Booth replica
- Imitate Harry Caray's famous sayings like "Holy Cow!" and "It might be! It could be! It is!"
- Share your video with your friends and biggest fans on YouTube
- Climb up on one-of-a-kind figurine replicas of some of Chicago's greatest athletes and take a picture in their shoes

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## CURSES AND SUPERSTITIONS

When you're a team plagued by a 108 year World Series drought, superstitions become a way of life. Immerse yourself in the world of Cubs lore and legends, from the remains of the Infamous Foul Ball from the 2003 playoff run to the Sports Almanac from "Back to the Future II" which predicted the Cubs would win the World Series.

- Learn the sports superstitions every Chicago fan fears most
- Experience the rituals of your favorite teams and players
- Witness fan attempts to eliminate sports "curses," such as the destruction of the Infamous Cubs Foul Ball
- Feast your eyes upon the baseball used to make the last out in the 1945 World Series

## HALL OF LEGENDS

Step right up, it's your turn to go face-to-face with Chicago's greatest legends of all time.

- **All Star Home Run Contest** – Step into All-Star Hall of Famer Frank Thomas' shoes and knock one out of the park!
- **Quarterback Challenge** – Think you can get one past Bears Hall of Famer and Super Bowl MVP Richard Dent? Aim for the targets down field before you get sacked!
- **Shooting Challenge** – You better practice your best slap shot, because Chicago Wolves hockey legend Wendell "Ringmaster" Young is ready to take the heat!
- **Shooting Hoops** – Race against the clock with Bulls star Scottie Pippen as you aim to rack up as many points as possible before time runs out!
- **Defense** – He's the greatest offensive player in recent history. Think you can defend the goal against Patrick Kane?
- **Chicago Sports Trivia** – Take a breather and challenge your friends to a game of Chicago sports trivia. Which team did the Cubs beat in the 1908 World Series? Who scored six touchdowns against the 49ers in 1965? In what season were the Blackhawks founded? From common knowledge to obscure, this game is sure to entertain any level of fan!

## FEATURED PARTNERS

### CELEBRITY PARTNERS

- **Patrick Kane** – Chicago Blackhawks, 2016 NHL MVP
- **Bobby Hull** – Chicago Blackhawks Hall of Famer
- **Richard Dent** – Chicago Bears Hall of Famer and Super Bowl XX MVP
- **Starlin Castro** – Former Chicago Cub, 3x MLB All-Star
- **Brandon Marshall** – Former Chicago Bear, 5x Pro Bowler
- **Marv Levy** – Buffalo Bills Coach Hall of Famer
- **Ron Kittle** – Former Chicago White Sox, 1983 AL Rookie of the Year