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METS TO HOST 'STITCH N' PITCH' NIGHT

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By CLEMENTE LISI

Posted: 12:00 am
September 15, 2008

A stitch in time saves nine ... innings!

Hundreds of [Mets](#) fans armed with needlepoint sticks and balls of yarn plan to fill the upper deck at Shea Stadium in two weeks and knit, knit, knit for the home team.

The Mets will host "Stitch N' Pitch" night on Sept. 25 against the Chicago Cubs, where fans can enjoy knitting, crocheting and embroidery while rooting on their beloved ball club, team officials said.

"Stitch N' Pitch" nights began in 2005 when the Seattle Mariners launched the program, drawing 1,600 needlepoint enthusiasts to Safeco Field.

Since then, 25 major league teams - including the Mets for the first time last year - have held the program.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. game will only cost \$10 and are located in the upper reserve section.

The team said it encourages fans to arrive early and learn new techniques at the "Stitch N' Pitch" workshops inside the stadium starting at 6 p.m.

All participants who buy tickets starting today through the Mets Web site will receive a free Shea Stadium lapel pin in honor of the ballpark's final season.

Starting next year, the Mets will play at Citi Field - a new ballpark located just beyond the outfield fence of the current stadium - in Flushing, Queens.

The Mets are hosting the program in conjunction with the National NeedleArts Association, a group founded in 1974 that brings knitting enthusiasts together and helps promote the hobby.

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