

Looking to Increase Attendance, Padres Bump Start Times for Some Games in '10

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The **San Diego Padres** today announced time changes for weekday afternoon and Saturday night games during the 2010 season.

Saturday games are now slated for 5:35 p.m., creating more options for Padres fans. The earlier game time makes it easier for families to attend a Saturday night game and return for a Sunday day game while also allowing fans to enjoy the Gaslamp area following the night game.

"We are very fortunate in San Diego to have a beautiful ballpark in the middle of an exciting downtown community," said Padres President and Chief Operating Officer **Tom Garfinkel**. "Changing our game time gives fans the opportunity to fully enjoy our surroundings. The Padres also plan to schedule special events for next season's Saturday games that will take advantage of both the Park at the Park and Western Metal Supply Co. Building."

Weekday afternoon games, previously 12:35 p.m. starts, are now slated for 3:35 p.m. in an effort to allow fans of all ages to attend games while missing minimal time at work or school.

"It can be difficult for fans of any age to attend a weekday afternoon game without missing either work or school," said Garfinkel. "By moving the game time forward, it will be easier for people to come to a mid-week game and experience Padres baseball under the sun."

The 2010 Major League Baseball schedule is set to be released later this month.

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