

## **Extra Innings Festival**

**When:** 10 a.m. until 11:30 p.m., June 14.

**Where:** Central State, 3045 Vermont St.

**Cost:** Free admission. Charges apply for some activities.

**Info:** (317) 635-7329, [www.imhm.org](http://www.imhm.org), [www.indianapolishoosiers.com](http://www.indianapolishoosiers.com)

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## **Vintage baseball teams, local museum team up to bring unique event to city**

The Extra Innings Festival on June 14 celebrates baseball history in Indianapolis, with a focus on the community's involvement in the making of the acclaimed film "Eight Men Out." This year is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its release.

Many of the scenes were filmed in Indianapolis and people from the city and around Indiana participated as extras or even had small speaking roles. Extra Innings also recognizes the rich history of baseball in Indianapolis, which dates back to a professional team as early as 1878 and community teams well before that.

The daylong event happens on the grounds of the old Central State Hospital on West Washington Street, home of the Indiana Medical History Museum and the home field of the Indianapolis Hoosiers Vintage Base Ball Team.

### **The day's schedule:**

#### **Film Location Bus Tour --10 a.m. to noon**

The Marion County Historical Society will offer a tour of selected sites that were used in the filming of the movie. Starting at the Indiana Medical History Museum, the tour will visit some places that have limited or no public access like the Meredith Nicholson Home, the Wm. Steckler Ceremonial Courtroom in the Federal Courthouse and the field of Bush Stadium. Tour tickets are \$12 (\$10 for Society members). Contact Carol Hall, Society president at [cahall726@gmail.com](mailto:cahall726@gmail.com).

#### **Vintage Base Ball Round Robin Tournament – 11 a.m.- 9 p.m.**

Cranks, as fans were once called, can watch six vintage league teams play by 1867 rules (no gloves, underhand pitching, old-time equipment and uniforms) throughout the day. Participating are the Indianapolis Hoosiers, Indianapolis Blues, White River Base Ball Club, Winona Lake Blue Laws, Dayton, Ohio Clodbusters and the St. Louis Unions. Learn at [www.indianapolishoosiers.com](http://www.indianapolishoosiers.com).

Each round features three games at once. Round One – 11 a.m. –1 p.m., Round Two from 2-4 p.m., and Round Three from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Free.

**1-2 p.m.** – Presentation by Gerilyn Strecker, PhD, Ball State University, “The Pride of Black Chicago : Rube Foster’s 1919 Chicago American Giants.” While the White Sox were conquering Major League Baseball in 1919, the Chicago American Giants dominated black baseball, and the star of the team was Indianapolis native and future Hall of Famer Oscar Charleston. To promote moral, clean play and deliberately distinguish themselves from ongoing scandals in the Major Leagues, Rube Foster and other team owners met in February 1920 to form the Negro National League, the first successful professional black baseball league. In the Indiana Medical History Museum amphitheater. Free.

**6:30-7:30 p.m.** – Presentation by Gene Carney, author of “Burying the Black Sox: How Baseball’s Cover-Up of the 1919 World Series Scandal Almost Succeeded.” In the Indiana Medical History Museum amphitheater. \$5.

**7:30-9 p.m.** – Exhibition Vintage Base Ball Game. Indianapolis Hoosiers vs. Vintage All-Stars and Cranks. Free.

**9:20-11:20 p.m.** – Indy Parks Movies in the Park showing of “Eight Men Out.” Free.

**Throughout the day:** Gathering of extras who participated in the making of the film, display of behind the scenes photos and movie memorabilia. See the Indianapolis Mounted Police Patrol’s home, visit the book tent for interesting titles about baseball history and check out a booth featuring locally made vintage bats. Free.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a folding chair or blanket and pack a picnic lunch since there will be limited food vendors. There will food provided by Judge’s BBQ throughout the day and the St. Anthony Parish Festival (corner of Warman and Vermont) will serve food after 5 p.m.

The Extra Innings Festival is a partnership between the Indiana Medical History Museum, the Marion County Historical Society, the Indianapolis Hoosiers Vintage Base Ball Team, and Indy Parks. Sponsored by Weaver Popcorn and Central Greens, LLC.