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Snowstorm fallout: Orioles cancel Saturday's Birdland Caravan events

Baltimore cuts fan fest short with heavy snowfall expected across the region this weekend



Stephen Gregson of Baltimore and his then-18-month-old son Camden are seen with Baltimore Orioles, from left, Jordan Westburg, Ryan Mountcastle and Colton Cowser, during last year's Birdland Caravan event at [Harford County Public Library's Abingdon Branch](#). (Brian Krista/Staff)

With Maryland and the rest of the mid-Atlantic region [bracing for an incoming snowstorm](#), the Orioles announced Thursday that they cancelled the Saturday slate of their Birdland Caravan fan fest. All planned events Saturday as well as their Friday meet and greet with Mr. Splash and the Oriole Bird mascot in Bel Air were removed from the schedule.

Fans who purchased tickets for paid events such as “Breakfast with the O’s” and duckpin bowling will receive emails from the team with instructions on obtaining a refund.

“This difficult decision was made in coordination with trusted meteorologists, due to the Governor’s State of Preparedness Order, and out of concern for the safety of our players departing from locations around the country also projected to be impacted by the winter storm,” the Orioles wrote in a release.

“We understand this is disappointing as we were all looking forward to joining together at each Caravan event. We encourage fans to stay tuned for information on upcoming events with O’s Alumni and mascots as we count down to Opening Day on Thursday, March 26 vs. Minnesota at 3:05 p.m.”

Forecasts [predict snowfall to begin](#) in the Baltimore area to begin Saturday evening and continue into Sunday, with projections ranging from six inches to over a foot of snow. Travel plans for players and coaches flying into the area for the Caravan were already compromised as of Thursday afternoon.

The Orioles also updated their expected player attendance for Friday night's events. Tyler Wells and manager Craig Albernaz will represent the club at GameOn in Federal Hill to play arcade games with fans. Adley Rutschman will no longer be able to attend the event because of flight cancellations. Those pouring beers and participating in the question-and-answer session at the Guinness Open Gate Brewery will be manager Craig Albernaz as well as Samuel Basallo and Dylan Beavers.

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