

# All-Star Weekend FAQs

## What is Main Event?

Houston hosts the NBA All-Star Game and activities Feb. 16-20, 2006. The main entertainment stage will be set up in Market Square Park, featuring music from local and regional DJs. On Preston Street, adjacent Market Square Park, radio broadcast booths will be installed for live shows Friday through Sunday. Food and beverages will be sold by street vendors. Large scale, multi-media images will be projected onto buildings throughout the Downtown Entertainment District, including video projections of the All Star Game, Rookie Game and Slam Dunk Competitions, as well as images, interviews and concerts from inside the venues on Main Street.

## During All Star Weekend which streets will be closed and at what times?

A block of downtown streets bordering Fannin, Texas, Milam and Congress will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 6 p.m. each night Friday, Feb. 17 through Sunday, Feb. 19. Below is the street closure schedule:

<b>Wednesday</b>			
5:00 am	Travis	300 / 400 Blocks	Single Lane West Side
<b>Thursday</b>			
12:00noon	Milam	300 / 400 Blocks	Single Lane East Side
12:00noon	Preston	Between Fannin and Main	Single Lane, South Side
<b>Friday</b>			
12:00 noon	Preston	Between Milam and Travis	
6:00 pm	Main	300 – Rusk	All Traffic Lanes
6:00 pm	Travis	Travis / Prairie	All Traffic Turns West
6:00 pm	Prairie	Between Fannin and Main	
<b>Saturday</b>			
12:00 noon	Preston	Between Milam and Travis	
6:00 pm	Main	300 – Rusk	All Traffic Lanes
6:00 pm	Travis	Travis / Prairie	All Traffic Turns West
6:00 pm	Prairie	Between Fannin and Main	
<b>Sunday</b>			
12:00 noon	Preston	Between Milam and Travis	
6:00 pm	Main	300 – Rusk	All Traffic Lanes
6:00 pm	Travis	Travis / Prairie	All Traffic Turns West
6:00 pm	Prairie	Between Fannin and Main	

HPD will open all Streets, except Preston between Milam and Travis, after 2:00 am each night.

## Where can I buy official All Star merchandise?

Official NBA merchandise will be sold by street vendors at Main Event as well as inside Jam Session. The Rockets Team Shop will also offer All Star Merchandise.

### Team Shop Hours:

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am – 7:00pm  
 Friday, Saturday & Sunday 9:00am – 4:00pm

**What is Jam Session?**

2006 NBA All-Star Jam Session presented by Nokia brings the sights, sounds and action of NBA All-Star 2006 to fans of all ages with more than 350,000 square feet of interactive basketball activities! Fans have the chance to meet NBA and WNBA All-Star players and legends and collect their autographs. All participants can shoot 3-pointers, slam dunk, drive to the basket and score on 10 different basketball courts. Parents can watch their kids slam dunk at the Kids Zone and "Measure Up" their hand and shoe sizes to their favorite NBA and WNBA players and much, much more. For more info visit: <http://www.nba.com/jamsession/>

**Where is Jam Session?**

George R. Brown Convention Center  
1001 Avenida de las Americas  
Houston, TX 77010

**When can I go to Jam Session?**

Thursday, February 16, 2006 4:00pm – 10:00pm  
Friday, February 17, 2006 9:00am – 10:00pm  
Saturday, February 18, 2006 9:00am – 10:00pm  
Sunday, February 19, 2006 9:00am – 3:00pm  
Monday, February 20, 2006 9:00am – 5:00pm

**How can I buy tickets to Jam Session?**

Toyota Center Box Office Info:  
Phone: 866-4HOUTIX  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday  
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Saturdays

**How can I buy group tickets to Jam Session?**

Group Sales for Jam Session (15+tickets):  
Contact: Tiffany Hill  
Phone: 713.758.7577  
Email: [tiffanyh@rocketball.com](mailto:tiffanyh@rocketball.com)

**How much does it cost to go to Jam Session?**

Adults: \$20  
Kids: (3-12): \$12  
Senior Citizens/Military/: \$12  
(with valid ID)  
Kids (2 and under): FREE

**Are cameras allowed inside Toyota Center?**

Professional cameras are prohibited at all events in Toyota Center unless accompanied by an appropriate media credential. Cameras containing lenses (not to exceed 4 inches in length) with no flashes may be allowed for some events. Video cameras and audio recorders are prohibited in Toyota Center unless specifically approved. Please check in advance by calling 713-758-7200.

**Street Closures around Toyota Center:**

- All streets immediately surrounding Toyota Center will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- Bell Street (that runs between the Tundra Garage and the Toyota Center) is closed from February 9<sup>th</sup> – February 20<sup>th</sup> and will serve as the television compound.

**Where can I park?**

Most surface lots around Toyota Center will be open for parking. Patrons are encouraged to arrive early to find parking unless previously arranged.

**Can I ride the Metro Rail?**

Absolutely. The Rail line drops off less than a 5-minute walk from Toyota Center.

**Is the Tundra Garage open for parking?**

Yes, but only with a pre-purchased hang tag. It will **not** be open for cash parking on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**If I have a pre-purchased hang-tag, how do I get in to the Tundra Garage?**

- The Tundra Garage can only be accessed from Leeland Street going east through downtown. See the attached map.
- The Tundra garage will be open at 8 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, Sunday. There are **no** in-and-out privileges with the hang tag.

**What entrances are open at Toyota Center?**

- The main entrance at LaBranch, the Jackson Street entrance, and the skybridge entrance (with the appropriate ticket) will be open for entrance. All bags will be checked and all patrons will walk through metal detectors.
- The Bell Street Entrance will **not be open** for public access due to the television compound.

**What time do the events start at Toyota Center?**

- All-Star Rookie/Sophomore Challenge – 8:00pm
- NBA All-Star Saturday Night – 7:00pm
- The 55<sup>th</sup> NBA All-Star Game – 7:00pm

**What time do doors open to the events at Toyota Center?**

- All-Star Rookie/Sophomore Challenge – 6:30pm
- NBA All-Star Saturday Night – 5:30pm
- The 55<sup>th</sup> NBA All-Star Game – 5:30pm

**Additional Information:****Toyota Center Box Office Info:**

Phone: 866-4HOUTIX

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday  
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Saturdays

**Luxury Suite Sales for All Star Weekend Events:**

Contact: Jason Kohll

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**Rockets Team Shop Hours:**

Phone: 713.758.7770

Hours: 9:00am – 7:00pm - Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00am – 4:00pm - Friday, Saturday & Sunday

**Helpful Houston Websites:**

- [Metropolitan Transit Authority](#)
- [Transportation - Houston Transportation Guide](#)
- [Houston Rockets](#)
- [Houston Comets](#)
- [Toyota Center](#)
- [City of Houston](#)
- [Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau](#)
- [George R. Brown](#)
- [National Basketball Association](#)
- [Airport Information](#)