



Glendale, AZ – This year marks the opening of Camelback Ranch, the massive two-team, state-of-the-art spring training campus here used jointly by the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Chicago White Sox.

The 141 – acre site is located on Camelback Road, just west of Loop 101. The first-rate baseball facility includes more than 118,000 square feet of major and minor league clubhouse space, 13 full-size practice fields, (including replicas of each team’s home field), and three half-fields.

The site features picturesque walking trails, landscaped grounds, and an orange grove. There are also two ponds and a fully stocked lake between the Dodgers and White Sox facilities.

Deeply involved in the project was Associated Fence, headquartered in Glendale, who worked diligently with Mortenson Construction to ensure its successful and timely completion.

Associated Fence has been a family owned since 1970, and is among the oldest and largest fence contractors in the state of Arizona.

Over the years the company has performed work for most of the major contractors in Arizona at the state, federal and municipal levels. It completes approximately 25 large school projects a year, which include, but are not limited to, chain link and ornamental fencing (it manufactures its own ornamental steel fencing). Backstops and dugouts, fire lane gates, hand railing, bollards and shade structures.

Prison fencing is also among its specialties, and in addition it performed the majority of the fence work at the University of Phoenix stadium, home of the Arizona Cardinals.

Associated Fence performs a large amount of work for the Arizona Department of Transportation.

As well as its industrial and commercial work residential installations are a large part of its annual volume.

According to Ryan Blauvelt, project estimator and materials coordinator, the company devoted an entire one-half of its workforce to the project for a period of eight months.

In addition to Ryan, the managing staff of Associated Fence's portion of the project who oversaw it from start to finish included Chris Blauvelt, project manager, Dean Wildmo, project superintendent, and Vince Blauvelt, President.



Ryan provided these details on the massive installation:

- Along with the backstops and batter's eyes, each field has perimeter fencing with windscreen and poly-cap, dugouts, and foul ball poles.
- Along with the full size fields, Associated Fence also installed fencing for two infield practice areas. The chain link portion of this project accounted for approximately two-thirds of the total contract
- The remaining portion consisted of approximately 4,30' of custom 8' tall wire mesh fencing. This part of the project used 3' x 3' top and bottom rails welded in. To fill in the panels, custom-made woven wire sheets were installed using 1" x 1' X 1/8" angle iron. The woven wire is 2" x 2" x .250 lock crimp material.
- Included in the footage are three 25-foot+ single rolling gates that were custom fabricated in Associated's shop and transported to the site.
- The final portion of the project involve installing both indoor and outdoor batting cages. On the batting cages, about half were standard (posts with cable systems) while the others had a custom sliding system installed so they could be pushed to one side when not in use.
- Our total contract was just under \$2 million," noted Ryan. "The timing on this project was of the essence throughout the entire job."





The ballpark is on land owned by Glendale that's actually within the city limits of Phoenix. The land was purchased in the 1990's for use as a buffer for the neighboring Glendale Municipal Airport.

Eventually, the nearly 500 undeveloped acres close to the spring training complex will be full of shops, restaurants and hotels.

Camelback Ranch, which was built for \$100 million, became the largest spring training stadium on either coast when it opened on March 1, 2009. Capable of holding 13,000 fans, it was designed by HKS Architects of Dallas. They designed the ballpark so that its main entrance is in center field. Interior walls made of stones and wire mesh give the stadium a natural desert look.

The Dodgers left 61 years of tradition in Vero Beach, Florida behind, abandoning their famed Dodgertown complex for a two-team complex closer to their fan base. The White Sox signed on to be the second team while they were still obligated to fulfill a lease at Tucson Electric Park that ran through the 2012 season. They were able to break that commitment by paying a \$5 million buyout. Simply called Glendale Ballpark during much of its construction, on November 20, 2008 it was announced that the entire spring training complex would be called Camelback Ranch.

The name was later slightly amended to Camelback Ranch-Glendale at the city's insistence.

At its grand opening, Dodgers owner and chairman Frank McCourt said, "The name 'Camelback Ranch' inspires the pioneering spirit of the Dodgers' original move west in 195 and with our relocation this spring to Arizona, that move is now complete. We believe this facility will be the best in all of Major League Baseball and will provide out team with an unparalleled place to prepare year-round."

"Camelback ranch in Glendale soon will be known as the crown jewel of the Cactus League," added White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf.

In addition to serving as the spring training home of the White Sox and the Dodgers, the campus will become the home for all Dodger minor league operations throughout the year, including the team's Arizona League entry and fall instructional league team. The White Sox also will use Camelback ranch in Glendale as the home for their fall instructional league.

Camelback Ranch will become a multi-use facility, available to host concerts, sporting events and corporate outings, in addition to spring training baseball.

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