

Selig Will Be Guest at SoxFest Opener

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Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig will be on hand at the first night of SoxFest 2012 on Friday, Jan. 27, the White Sox announced this week.

Selig will present White Sox board chairman Jerry Reinsdorf with the 2011 Commissioner's Award for philanthropic excellence. Created in 2010, the award pays tribute to outstanding community efforts by a major league team.

In addition, Selig will take part in a question-and-answer session with the fans in attendance.

The organization will be recognized for its White Sox Volunteer Corps program, which enables the fan base to give back to the greater Chicago community.

Since its start in 2009, the program has contributed labor worth more than \$380,000 in volunteer hours. It is also responsible for donations in excess of \$510,000 to non-profit partners.

Selig will present the award to Reinsdorf at the opening ceremonies, which will begin at 4 p.m. Afterward Selig will discuss the state of the game in a public forum.

White Sox broadcaster Ken Harrelson serve as the moderator.