

The ETC is tasked with creating a variety of entertainment technology experiences for the 2006 season of Pittsburgh Pirates baseball. This also happens to be the year the Pirates are hosting the annual Major League Baseball Game on July 11, 2006.

There are four distinct technologies that lend themselves to this project:

- 1) Jam-O-Drum Baseball
- 2) Animatronic Robot figure, possibly known as "Little Bucco"
- 3) Negro League Mini-Museum Wall at PNC Park
- 4) Pirates' "Crystal Ball" of player and team statistics

Upcoming Venues:

We will have a booth at the upcoming Pirates Fest to be held at David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 26, 27 & 28, 2006. On display there should be both Jam-O-Drum Baseball and Quasi.

Permanent JOD installation at PNC Park during the season; periodic appearances by "Little Bucco" throughout the season. [This latter is to be handled ultimately by the Pirates' "in-game" entertainment folks.

Major League Baseball (MLB) will decide ultimately whether or not any of our technologies are to be incorporated into Fan Fest, the touring baseball memorabilia and interactive festival that accompanies the All-Star Game each year. The Pirates will serve as our interface with MLB.

Necessary Field Trips:

PNC Park, to see the room designated to hold the mini Negro League Museum

H.J. Heinz Regional History Museum, Pittsburgh, PA

Vivisimo, Incorporated, Pittsburgh, PA (Squirrel Hill)

Baseball Hall-of-Fame, Cooperstown, New York

Negro League Baseball Museum and HOF, Kansas City, Missouri

Other possible field trips:

Pittsburgh Pirates Spring Training, Bradenton, Florida