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Convention Hall - Main Stage*				History Lesson			Opening Ceremonies													Who are the 2009-10 Capitals?								Young Guns																	Closing Ceremonies			
National Harbor Room 2-3													Covering the Caps							Let's Make A Deal					You Make the Call																							
National Harbor Room 10-11													Cap-ology							Talent Evaluators					Kids Ask the Craziest Questions																							

* Sign Language Interpreter will be present

AUTOGRAPHS & PHOTOGRAPHS

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Player Autographs																				Session 1					Session 2																							
Player Photographs																				Peter Bondra																												

CONVENTION HALL ACTIVITIES

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DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. History Lesson

Main Stage. Take an intriguing journey through NHL and Capitals history, exploring turning points, the highs, the lows, the characters, the superstitions.

Panelists include: Capitals Alumni

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

Main Stage. Get an up-to-the-minute Capitals update from one of professional sports' most accessible and popular owners, Ted Leonsis. Joining Ted will be NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, who will share his thoughts as the 2009-10 season approaches.

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Covering the Caps

National Harbor Room 2-3. You watch, read and listen to their coverage of the Capitals, but who are these broadcasters, reporters and bloggers? How do they approach their coverage and what can they tell you about your favorite Capital?

Panelists include: local media – Joe Beninati, Steve Kolbe, Craig Laughlin, Corey Masiasak, Jon Press and Lindsay Czarniak

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Cap-ology

National Harbor Room 10-11. Hear about the conversations that transpire between the team and a player's agent. Learn how to juggle the salary cap and what it means to put a player on waivers. Get the skinny on how arbitration works and a layman's version of the CBA.

Panelists include: Don Fishman and Gary Bettman

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Let's Make a Deal

National Harbor Room 2-3. Learn how a trade is constructed and how it progresses, who is involved and what actually is in the Caps "war room." We'll take a look at the best moves as well as those that didn't pan out.

Panelists include: George McPhee and Dick Patrick

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Talent Evaluators

National Harbor Room 10-11. What do NHL scouts look for when evaluating a prospect? What questions do they ask? What piques their interest? What is a red flag?

Panelists include: Capitals Scouts Ross Mahoney and Brian MacLellan

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Who are the 2009-10 Capitals?

Main Stage. Coach Boudreau will give you the skinny on his lineup and let you know who looked good in training camp.

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. You Make the Call

National Harbor Room 2-3. So you've expressed your frustration at the referees, knowing that you've seen a play unfold differently than their set of eyes. But are you really that smart? Get a rare glimpse from the eyes of the NHL's czar of officiating. He'll provide examples of why some calls were made and others weren't. You might be fascinated by what you'll learn.

Panelists include: Mike Murphy, NHL senior vice president of hockey operations

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Kids Ask the Craziest Questions

National Harbor Room 10-11. This press conference-style discussion allows kids to ask players questions – from their favorite ice cream flavor to type of car they drive to what's on their iPod to what brand of stick they use. Kids ask and the players tell.

Only kids 14 and younger are allowed to ask the questions in this session.

Panelists include: Brooks Laich, David Steckel and Matt Bradley

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Young Guns

Main Stage. Young and talented, this group has led an exciting resurgence of the Capitals, helping turn the team into a Cup contender. What makes them tick? We've seen the spectacular from them, but what haven't we witnessed yet?

Panelists include: Nicklas Backstrom, Mike Green and Alex Ovechkin

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Droppin' the Gloves

National Harbor Room 2-3. "Let's go" means something different to these guys. Hear from players who had more than their fair share of fighting majors. They recall a few of their more memorable dust-ups. When did they determine it was time to fight and when was it appropriate to walk away? Who are the toughest players in the NHL?

Panelists include: John Erskine, Gary Rissling, Ken Sabourin and Alan May

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. First Day Jitters

National Harbor Room 10-11. The first day of school or first day at a new job always carries a little anxiety. What's it like to be traded or sign with a new team? Disappointed to leave your old team? Excited to join a new franchise? What did these Capitals encounter when they walked into the dressing room for this first time?

Panelists include: Chris Clark, Mike Knuble, Brendan Morrison and Brian Pothier

5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Quirky

Main Stage. Goalies are known to march to their own beat – or are they just misunderstood? What goes into painting that mask, and what is equipment really like? Hear from a Vezina Trophy winner and a rookie.

Panelists include: Goaltending coach Arturs Irbe, Jose Theodore and Semyon Varlamov

5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. The "Bear" Facts

National Harbor Room 2-3. We'll take a look at the Capitals affiliation with the AHL-champion Hershey Bears, one hockey's most storied franchises. Find out firsthand what life is like in the "A" and how it prepares players to excel at the NHL level.

Panelists include: Bob Woods, Karl Alzner and Michal Neuvirth

5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Stitches, Sticks, Strength and Stories

National Harbor Room 10-11. Hear from the athletic trainer, equipment manager and strength coach. How do they deal with injuries during a game? What does today's equipment look and feel like? What conditioning schedule is maintained in the off-season and how does it compare with in-season workouts?

Panelists include: Athletic Training and Equipment Staff – Brock Myles, Mark Nemish and Greg Smith

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. The State of the NHL

National Harbor Room 2-3. NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly will provide you with a compelling overview of the league and discuss what is on the horizon. If you have a question about the NHL, this is the man to answer it.

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Behind the Bench

National Harbor Room 10-11. Evaluating the game as it unfolds. Matching lines and defensive pairings. Managing the bench and ice-time. Let the assistant coaches take you behind the bench as they share conversations that take place during a game.

Panelists include: Assistant coaches Dean Evason, Bob Woods and Blaine Forsythe

7:30 p.m. Closing Ceremonies

Main Stage. As the inaugural Capitals Convention comes to a close, let's get ready for the 2009-10 season as we catch a peek at the opening night video and get ready to Rock the Red.

Autographs

Session 1: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Session 2: 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.
Session 3: 4 – 5 p.m.
Session 4: 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Session 5: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Alumni will be available throughout the day to sign autographs for all fans

- Pick up your autograph session wristband from the designated area outside the exhibit hall for one of the sessions noted above.
- You will receive one wristband for each Convention ticket you purchased.
- Wristbands must be obtained before going to the player autograph tables.
- Each wristband entitles you to one designated autograph session and one player autograph table.
- Only those with the appropriate wristband will be allowed in an autograph line.
- Golden ticket holders should enter through the golden ticket line. You must have a wristband and Convention ticket to enter each line.
- Due to time constraints, posed photographs with the players will not be permitted.
- Player names for each autograph session will be announced 30 minutes prior to each session or once the majority of the wristbands have been handed out.

Pictures

12 – 1 p.m. Peter Bondra
1 – 2 p.m. Rod Langway
2 – 3 p.m. Mike Green
3 – 3:30 p.m. Alexander Semin
3:30 – 4 p.m. Jose Theodore
4 – 4:30 p.m. Semyon Varlamov
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Bruce Boudreau
5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Nicklas Backstrom
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Alex Ovechkin

- Photograph tickets are \$20 per picture.
- You will receive a 4 x 6 picture in a commemorative Convention picture frame and a digital copy will be emailed to you.
- Sign up in advance in the picture area to reserve your picture time.

Convention Hall Activities

Equipment Sale: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Open only to season ticket holders from 9 to 10 a.m.
Available to everyone 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. while equipment last.

Silent Auction: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Skills Clinics

Stickhandling & Passing: 11:30 a.m. – noon, 4:30 – 5 p.m.
Shooting and Face-offs: 12:30 – 1 p.m., 5:30 – 6 p.m.
Slap Shot: 3 – 3:30 p.m.

Interactives: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

****All autographs, pictures and panel sessions subject to change



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