

CANTERBURY PARK

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Canterbury Festival Fields Scheduled To Open In May

Host to three concerts this summer, newly developed site expands potential

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Shakopee, MN -- Canterbury Park is developing a 28 acre site on the north end of its property to be used for special events. Company officials hope the new area, named Canterbury Festival Fields, will be an attractive site for promoters to hold events, expanding the current schedule and furthering Canterbury's reputation as a premier entertainment destination in the Twin Cities.

"We've made the investment in the Festival Fields because it will provide a more comfortable setting for those attending concerts," Canterbury President Randy Sampson said. Previously, concerts had been held in the parking lot. "But we see this new area as much more than a concert venue. The flexibility of the Festival Fields will allow us to develop, over the next few years, a wide variety of unique events that we previously were unable to host due to lack of space and limitations on dates due to conflicts with our live horse racing schedule," he said.

Canterbury Festival Fields, bordered on the north by Fourth Ave. East and the west by a wooded area, offers a more secluded setting. "The new location will help to minimize the impact these events have on our neighbors due to the lower elevation of this area and the fact it is located further from residential areas," Sampson said. "We've received positive feedback from the community, especially the business community."

The first scheduled event, Soundset 2010, will be Sunday, May 30. Lilith Fair is Sunday, July 18 and Vans Warped Tour Sunday, Aug. 1.