

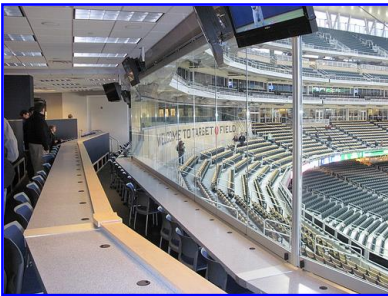
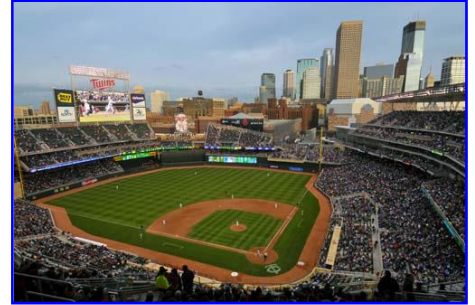
## 2015 TECH TOURS - Minneapolis

### MONDAY, MAY 18

#### Tech Tour 1: Target Field “Behind the Scenes”

2:00-5:00pm

Don't miss your chance to explore the MN Twin's ballpark - Target Field. Target Field is rated the #1 Fan Experience in all of major league sports by ESPN the Magazine and is one of America's most urban ballparks. The ballpark is located in the historic Warehouse District of Downtown Minneapolis. The 39,504 seat ballpark was completed prior to Opening Day 2010 at a construction cost of \$440 million. Most recently the Target Field hosted the 2014 All-Star Game!



During the 90-minute guided tour of Target Field, you'll see areas of the ballpark fans normally don't see. These spaces may include the press box, stadium electrical room (exclusively arranged for us!), scoreboard operations, clubhouse, dugout, Legends Club, and Champions Club (all subject to availability). You will be exposed to the art work, displays of Twin's memorabilia, environmental and sustainability features of Target Field, and how a ballpark operates.

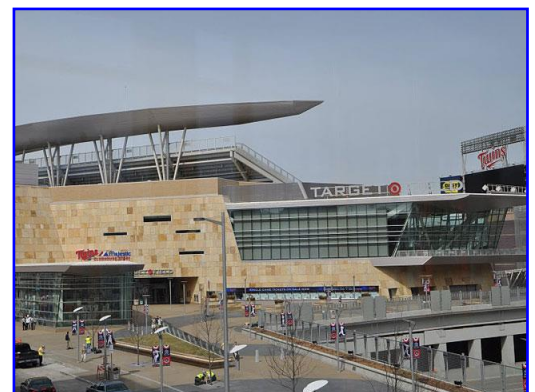
Picture taking is allowed on the tour but NO VIDEO photography is allowed. Loaner wheelchairs are available for use on the tour but are not allowed to leave the property. The tour will be conducted rain or shine but access to some areas may be limited due to weather.

A tour host will guide you from the hotel to the Government Plaza light rail station where you will board a METRO Green or Blue Line train for the short trip to the Target Field. At the conclusion of the tour the group will ride the light rail back to the Government Plaza light rail station and then walk the three blocks back to the hotel. Should you prefer to walk back to the hotel from the Target Field that will also be an option.

Space is limited so sign-up early!

#### **Details:**

Tour Starting Point:	Depot Renaissance Hotel
Tour Ending Point:	Depot Renaissance Hotel
Duration:	3 hours



**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

**Tech Tour 2: Hiawatha Project**

**1:00-4:30pm**

**PPE Requirements:**

- Close-toed shoes (no sandals or high heels).
- 100% natural fiber pants/shirts (i.e. cotton or wool) required for this tour.
- Other PPE will be provided to attendees (safety glasses, hard hats, and FR) or bring your own if preferred (FR upper required at a minimum).



Come and take part in an up close tour of one of Xcel Energy's most recent urban projects. The Hiawatha Project was a complex urban project completed in 2014. The project was proposed in 2009 as a solution to serve the needs of an expanding and revitalizing region of Minneapolis and to bolster the reliability of the system. The overall project consisted of constructing two new substations and two 115 kilovolt transmission lines along with the necessary distribution facilities to tie these new substations into the surrounding distribution system.

After an extensive regulatory review of the Hiawatha Project, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission order located the transmission lines underground in the heart of a highly-populated urban area. The substations were also to be located in highly populated and highly visible areas. In addition to confirming the route and location of the new facilities, the order stated that the community have input into the aesthetics for both new substations.

This tour will cover the unique aspects of the overall project as well as the challenges that were faced. You will travel the route of the transmission lines and get an inside look at the two substations, Hiawatha West and Midtown, where you will see both air-insulated and gas insulated substation equipment as well as a unique aesthetic appearance to these facilities that stemmed from community outreach and input. Don't miss out on a chance to view a very unique project.

Snacks and refreshments will be served on board the transfer.

***Details:***

Tour Starting Point:	Depot Renaissance
Tour Ending Point:	Depot Renaissance
Duration:	3 ½ hours

