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It has been a half-decade since the boys of Blink-182 last sold-out First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre in what became an almost every summer occurrence. However, the members of Blink-182—Mark Hoppus (bass, vocals), Tom DeLonge (guitar, vocals), and Travis Barker (drums)—have returned from their extended hiatus to hit the road. Chicago-area fans get a taste of the pop-punk and rock action when Blink-182 rolls through town Aug. 15 at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre.

Prior to current band members taking on other music projects within recent years—Tom DeLonge was a driving force behind the band Angels & Airwaves while Mark Hoppus and Travis Barker toured and recorded as rock band +44—Blink-182 was a mega hit that constantly played to sold-out arenas and amphitheatres.

Fans quickly gravitated to hit Blink-182 songs like “Adam’s Song,” “All the



# Blink-182 is Back

Small Things,” “Dammit,” “You,” “M+M’s,” “Stay Together for the Kids,” “The Rock Show,” and the rest is history. While Blink-182 fans love the band’s music, when playing live in

concert, the playful interaction between the band and the audience makes for a unique entertaining experience.

While the band’s latest recording, a self-titled effort hit stores in 2003, plans appear to be in the works for future a Blink-182 release—a feat many fans never thought possible. Playing to sold-out crowds, with Chicago usually the largest venue on the tour, means Blink-182 is back and possibly better than ever.

First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre is at in south-suburban Tinley Park. Tickets to this concert appear to be sold out, while VIP Party Box Seats remain available as of press time. Showtime is slated for 6:30 p.m. and rock bands Fall out Boy, Panic at the Disco, and Chester French are also scheduled to perform. For more info log on to blink182.com

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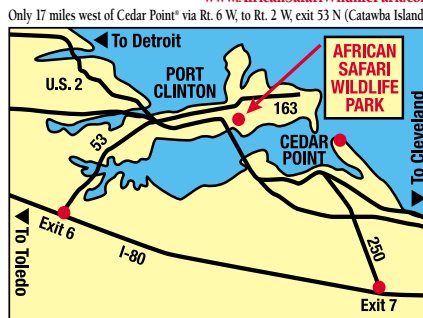


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