

# The Giant line is already forming

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When the South Lake Tahoe Parks and Recreation Complex opened this morning at 9am, Paula Bruyn was standing there. Others soon followed to catch a glimpse or take their photograph with the World Series trophy won by the San Francisco Giants last baseball season.

While the Giants begin their quest to repeat as World Series Champions with a current road trip to Los Angeles, the World Series trophy is in town on its multi-city tour presented by Visa. It began Jan. 4 in San Francisco and has included stops throughout Northern California, New York, Arizona and Oregon.

“We didn’t know what to expect— whether people would be spending the night,” Bruyn said, while standing in line. “We had to make it. It was our last chance.”

At age 53, the Giants fan of six years remembers the days of camping out to get good concert seats. She has a game in May this year secured at AT&T Park where they play. For now, it’s all about last year.

The yesteryear dreams of Willie Mays and Willie McCovey and the modern-day reality that a red rally thong worn by outfielder Aubrey Huff and the lyrical, off-the-wall antics of a pitching closer named Brian Wilson led to the San Francisco Giants taking home the grand prize in last year’s baseball season.

The trophy will be seen in the gymnasium at 1180 Rufus Allen Blvd. from 2-4pm.



Fans will have an opportunity to have an official photograph taken with the trophy and will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Only one photo per group will be permitted to keep the lines moving.

Giants fans are advised to get there early as staff will have to cut off the line to close the viewing at 4pm.

There's no touching the trophy.

The event is free and open to public.

The city beefed up security in addition to the Giants own unit.

"It's quite an honor – the fact that they thought of little South Lake Tahoe (for the tour)," said city Councilman Tom Davis, who with four decades in town considers this event the largest in the city's sporting history.

Details can be found at [www.sfgiants.com](http://www.sfgiants.com).