



Welcome to the
PBA Spring Showcase

Presented by the Lethbridge College and
University of Lethbridge
April 29- May 1st 2016
Lethbridge, AB



Tournament Information Package

Hosted By:



In Conjunction With:





Welcome Baseball Teams,

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to welcome you to the 2016 Prairie Baseball Academy Spring Showcase. As the President/CEO of Under the Lights Sports and Entertainment it is with great pride that we welcome all of the teams and fans to Lethbridge. We hope you enjoy the game experience we provide, and trust that the action on the field will be captivating, culminating on Sunday with the Championship. We are very proud of all of our facilities and hope you enjoy playing at, and touring these facilities while you participate in the showcase!

The organizers have worked hard to create an event that is competitive, educational, and enjoyable for all teams, which attend. We thank you for your work in baseball and showcasing your players to our program and partners, Lethbridge College and the University of Lethbridge. It is our desire to allow players an opportunity to see a glimpse of what post secondary baseball is like in Canada, and consider the Prairie Baseball Academy, and either post-secondary institution for their future plans. Our sample of recruitment material is included in this package.

A short opening ceremony is planned prior to the evening game April 29th, 2016. Also, throughout the day the Lethbridge College and University of Lethbridge will have representatives located in the Indoor Facility to meet and handout information regarding their respective schools. Meals will be provided Friday night at Spitz Stadium – by the Lethbridge College and Saturday Night at Spitz Stadium – by the University of Lethbridge.

Please take the time to recognize all of our sponsors, including the title sponsors to the event, the University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge College. Enjoy the tournament and your visit to our city.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kvame
President/CEO





Dear all players, parents and coaches,

Welcome all to the PBA Spring Showcase, presented by the Lethbridge College and the University of Lethbridge. My name is Mel Collier and I'm the president of the host team, the Prairie Baseball Academy. We are proud to be the host of the 1st inaugural PBA Showcase Tournament. Teams participating include: Calgary Rockies, Calgary Jr Dino's, Saskatoon Cubs, Saskatoon DBacks, Regina Expos, Trail Orioles, Vauxhall Jets, and the Prairie Baseball Academy Junior Varsity team.

PBA is partnered with the University of Lethbridge and the Lethbridge College to offer the finest education to our students. Our scholarship program supports all of our students in their pursuit of academia, thus creating a climate where education & baseball are affordable as well as rewarding. If the student athlete chooses to move on to a United States college his transcripts are easily transferable from both schools. We continue to build great relationships with both institutions. We very much appreciate all the behind-the-scenes work that goes into preparing these young men for the future.

The dates for this year's tournament are April 29th – May 1st, 2016. It's a round robin format and all games will be played at Lloyd Nolan yard and Spitz Stadium. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Sunday brings the semifinal game at 12:00 p.m., and the final game to follow at 3:00 p.m.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge College for being the main sponsors for this event. I'd further like to thank all the other sponsors, volunteers, and the board of directors of the PBA for helping put this tournament together.

The baseball should be great. See you all around the Fields!

Sincerely,

Mel Collier
Tournament Director

Message from the University of Lethbridge

The University of Lethbridge is proud to have been a partner with Prairie Baseball Academy for 21 years, and with our shared vision of excellence, we provide each player with the highest quality academic and athletic experience. We work closely with the PBA to ensure players have access to advanced training and learning facilities, scholarship support, and easy transferability around Canada and the United States. Plus, Lethbridge experiences some of the most moderate winters in Western Canada so PBA players can spend more time outdoors playing the game they love!

The University Lethbridge offers more than 150 undergraduate programs in education, fine arts, health sciences, humanities, management, nursing, sciences, and social sciences. We are one of Canada's leading universities and research institutions, maintaining our top-three position for the third consecutive year in the annual Maclean's University Rankings. We provide our students with exceptional opportunities, beyond the classroom and the baseball pitch, to discover the world.

uLethbridge strives to support the academic, professional, and personal development of our students. In addition to a wide range of academic and personal supports, students can participate in numerous clubs, events, and activities designed to enhance student life. Our students also have access to world-class sport facilities including an Olympic-sized pool, climbing wall and an outstanding recreation centre.

Are you interested in becoming a student at the University of Lethbridge? One way to see if we are a good fit is to be a student-for-a-day! We will pair you with a student in the program that interests you; they will take you to class, labs and even out for lunch.

Register online at ulethbridge.ca/future-student/request. If you would like more information, visit our website at ulethbridge.ca/future-student, or contact us at inquiries@uleth.ca or 403-329-2762. We are always happy to help.

Best of luck in the tournament!



University of
Lethbridge

2016/2017 Lethbridge College Institutional Update

To view the digital copy of the Lethbridge College information package please go to the following website: https://issuu.com/widerhorizons/docs/viewbook_2016-2017_web

Representatives

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Contact Information

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Academic Advising Office: 403.320.3202 ext. 4905 or 1.800.572.0103 ext. 4905

Student Awards and Financial Aid: 403.320.3372 or 1.800.572.0103 ext. 3372

Application Dates & Deadlines

Deadline for Fall 2016: September 6, 2016

Deadline for Winter 2017: January 6, 2017

Application Fee: \$75

Applications are assessed on a first-qualified, first-accepted basis

**Bachelor of Nursing students apply directly to the University of Lethbridge; Deadline is March 1st*

Apply Online: www.lethbridgecollege.ca/admissions/how-apply

New Programs

Community Health Promotion Certificate

This certificate program prepares qualified, competent and credentialed healthcare workers for employment opportunities within, or as a liaison between, First Nation communities and provincial health services. Graduates of this program will have an understanding of the provincial and federal healthcare systems and First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) and indigenous cultures and practices, highlighting FNMI and western cultural parallels.

Ecosystem Management- Bachelor of Applied Science

This program prepares graduates for exciting work in the fields of environmental management and restoration, as well as fish and wildlife management. It integrates applied field and lab skills into a framework of theoretical studies, and culminates in a capstone learning experience. Students who have completed either the Environmental Assessment and Restoration or the Renewable Resource

Management diplomas from Lethbridge College will be accepted directly into this program. A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required for admission.

Agriculture Business Risk Management

This program will create opportunities for learners in advanced agribusiness practices that will enable them to successfully transform, create and engage in a diverse range of business practices in the agriculture industry.

Apprenticeship Training- Plumber

This program will give students the skills they need to plan, install and service plumbing systems, fixtures, piping equipment and controls. Students will spend approximately 80 percent of their time learning from a qualified tradesperson and the rest in specialized courses. Upon completion of the required four years of apprenticeship training and testing, students will receive their Plumbing journeyman certificate.

Scholarships and Awards

This year over **\$1, 000,000** in scholarships and awards will be received by students of Lethbridge College. One application form, completed online, puts the student's name in the running for all Lethbridge College awards that they are eligible for.

Deadline to apply: May 1

Apply online: www.lethbridgecollege.ca/awards

Admissions Requirements

The following information outlines the three routes to 2016/17 admission to Lethbridge College:

- High School diploma:** For most of our programs, all you need is a high school diploma. However, some programs require additional high school courses, and in some cases, no high school diploma is needed. Please refer to the Admissions Chart on pg. 67 in the 2016/17 Viewbook for programs that have additional or alternate admission requirements.
- Transfer:** If you're transferring from another institution, you will need your post-secondary transcripts showing the completion of at least three post-secondary credit courses from a publically-funded, Canada-accredited institution and that you are in good standing. You must have completed these courses in the last five years.
- Mature Student:** If you are 19 years of age or older by the first day of classes and have been out of high school for a minimum of one year, you could be considered a mature student. To be considered for admission, you must have completed either a grade 12 or post-secondary English class or successfully complete a placement assessment and ensure you comply with any additional or alternate admission requirements listed for your program.

Residence

Students who require on-campus housing should apply to residence at the same time they apply for entrance into a Lethbridge College program to ensure a space is available.

Application Fee: \$35

Apply Online: www.lethbridgecollege.ca/student-experience/housing

Come for a Visit!

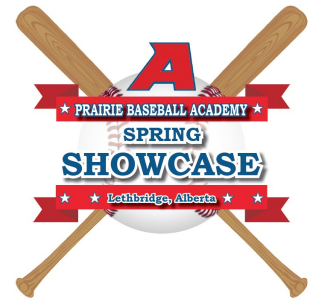
Student for a Day: Current Lethbridge College students host prospective students in Grades 11 and 12 as they try out a program. **Runs:** October-November and February-March.

Visit: www.lethbridgecollege.ca/student-for-a-day

Campus Tours: Individual and group tours tailored to your interests. Monday-Friday 11:00am and 2:00pm daily. **Visit:** <https://www.lethbridgecollege.ca/tour-request>



Special Events and Meal Schedule



Friday:

5:30- 7:30 p.m. BBQ Dinner @ Spitz Stadium *Sponsored by the L.C

- Burgers and Fries
- Teams will alternate who is eating to avoid congestion.

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies @ Spitz Stadium

** We ask that teams please be at Spitz Stadium by 6:15 p.m. at the latest on Friday to get situated for the opening ceremonies.

7:00 p.m. Feature Game – PBA JV Vs. Regina Expos @ Spitz Stadium

Saturday:

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner @ Spitz Stadium * Sponsored by the UofL

- Spaghetti and Caesar salad

7:00 p.m. Feature Game – PBA Varsity Vs. VIBI @ Spitz Stadium

Schedule of Campus Tours

Friday

University of Lethbridge

1:30pm UofC Dinos
4:30pm Vauxhall Jets
Trail Orioles

Lethbridge College

1:30pm Sask Dbacks
PBA JV
4:00pm Calgary Rockies
Sask Cubs

Saturday

University of Lethbridge

12:30pm Regina Expos
1:00pm Calgary Rockies
Sask Dbacks
4:30pm Sask Cubs
PBA JV

Lethbridge College

1:15pm Vauxhall Jets
Regina Expos
4:30pm Trail Orioles
UofC Dinos

PBA Spring Showcase Tournament Schedule

Hosted at Spitz Stadium and Lloyd Nolan Yard

Friday: Lloyd Nolan Yard

10:00 a.m. PBA JV vs. Calgary Rockies
1:00 p.m. Saskatoon Cubs vs. Calgary Rockies
4:00 p.m. Saskatoon DBacks vs. Calgary Junior Dino's

Friday: Spitz Stadium

11:00 p.m. Vauxhall Jets vs. Calgary Junior Dino's
2:00 p.m. Vauxhall Jets vs. Trail Orioles
7:00 p.m. PBA JV vs. Regina Expos

Saturday: Lloyd Nolan Yard

10:00 a.m. Saskatoon Cubs vs. Regina Expos
1:00 p.m. Saskatoon Cubs vs. PBA JV
4:00 p.m. Calgary Rockies vs. Regina Expos

Saturday: Spitz Stadium

10:00 a.m. Saskatoon DBacks vs. Trail Orioles
1:00 p.m. Calgary Junior Dino's vs. Trail Orioles
4:00 p.m. Saskatoon DBacks vs. Vauxhall Jets
7:00 p.m. **PBA Varsity vs. VIBI**

Sunday: Lloyd Nolan Yard

9:00 a.m. #3 Pool A vs. #3 Pool B
12:00 p.m. #1 Pool A vs. #2 Pool B
3:00 p.m. Winner of Semi #1 vs Winner of Semi #2

Sunday: Spitz Stadium

9:00 a.m. #4 Pool A vs. #4 Pool B
12:00 p.m. #1 Pool B vs. #2 Pool A
2:30 p.m. PBA Varsity vs. VIBI
5:00 p.m. PBA Varsity vs. VIBI

RULES

*7 Inning Games 2.5 hour time limit (committed to pace of play)

*Coin Toss will determine home and away for each game. Please find head coach for flip when you arrive at game.

*Cages available at both diamonds 30 min/team starting 1.5 hours before game (team on left of schedule hits first)

*Courtesy runner at all times for the catcher.

*Infield/outfield first game of the day only.

*10 Runs rule after 5 innings.

Ticket Pricing

Tournament Tickets	Price
Tournament Pass	\$20.00
Day Pass	\$10.00
Championship Single Game	\$5.00

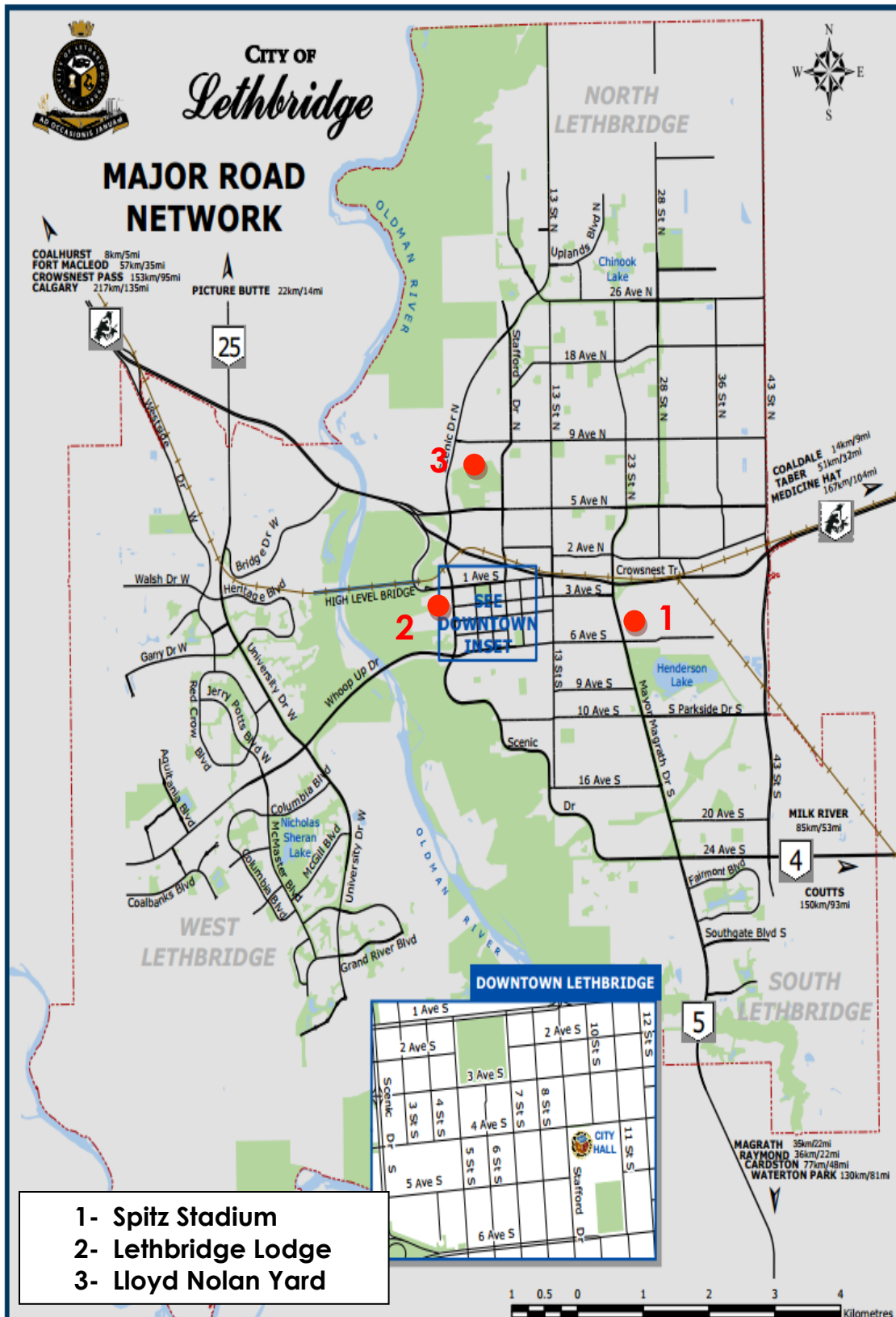
- Tournament passes and day passes are good for games at both the Spitz Stadium diamond, and the Lloyd Nolan diamond.
- All tournament passes will be valid for the championship game.

Contact Information

Name:	Position:	Phone Number:
Kevin Kvame	President/CEO UTLSE	403-315-4064
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Jesse Sawyer	Tournament Host / Head Coach PBA JV	587-220-1613
Glenda Kurtz	Food Services	403-308-3216
Spitz Stadium Administration Office		403-320-2025

Important Lethbridge Addresses

Spitz Stadium	2425 North Parkside Drive
Lloyd Nolan	545 6 Avenue N.
Lethbridge Lodge	320 Scenic Dr. S
Sandman Hotel	421 Mayor Magrath Dr S



Prairie Baseball Academy New Recruit Information

About our program:

The Prairie Baseball Academy was founded in 1995 as a program designed to help young athletes in Canada pursue post-secondary education while continuing their baseball careers. To date the Prairie Baseball Academy has over 700 alumni spread across Canada from coast to coast. Over 130 players have gone onto four-year schools in the United States and close to 30 PBA alumni have played professional baseball after their time in the program.



Lethbridge College Campus

As a potential player in this program it is important that you and your family evaluate the options you have in Lethbridge. The academic standards of both post-secondary institutions in Lethbridge are phenomenal.

The University of Lethbridge sits on the west side of town, and has a beautiful campus that overlooks the Coulees. Lethbridge College is on the south side of town and boasts strong academic standards with numerous programs and courses that transfer to most United States post secondary institutions. Advisors from both institutions are in place to guide new students through what will be an eye opening experience in their first year at university.

As a prospective student athlete at the Prairie Baseball Academy there are a few things you need to know. The first thing that is absolutely imperative is that all new players are coming to the Prairie Baseball Academy to further their education. Although the PBA has been established, as a program that provides the opportunity to play baseball at a high level it must be understood the tremendous sacrifice it will take to be successful here.

Education must come first. The reality is that you must be successful in the classroom in order to be able to play college baseball.



University of Lethbridge Campus



Lloyd Nolan Yard

We are very proud of our baseball facilities. Lloyd Nolan Yard is the home of the Prairie Baseball Academy. Lloyd Nolan has a beautiful playing surface that is maintained by the players throughout the year. Inside, upstairs, there is a baseball space with turf and two full-length cages that pull out. Downstairs there is another bullpen pitching lane with three full clay mounds. Also downstairs there is a weight room and a locker room for both the Varsity and Junior Varsity players. Along with our facilities we have a tremendous spring schedule where the Varsity team competes against some of the top Junior College's in the U.S. Each spring the Varsity team heads to Las Vegas to start the season in the College of Southern Nevada's Icebreaker tournament. The ten-day trip to Vegas during spring break is always a memorable trip for PBA players.

If you are looking for any more information or have questions or concerns about the Prairie Baseball Academy feel free to contact us at pba@telusplanet.net or at 403-320-1302. You can also check out our website www.prairiebaseball.ca to get up to date information on the Prairie Baseball Academy.

Once a player has chosen to attend the Prairie Baseball Academy they will need to know the following information:

The coaching staff at the Prairie Baseball Academy is confident that the experience you will receive at PBA will be a tremendous one if you come prepared to work hard on and off the field. This program will teach you not only baseball skills, but life skills such as: hard work, commitment, self-discipline, teamwork and loyalty. Each fall the program starts fresh and each new group of players becomes a family. Some of the friendships and connections you will make at PBA will last a lifetime.

When enrolling in school for the fall semester we try to have our players arrange their schedules to be done by 3:00pm. This is not always possible depending on which program you are in, and the coaching staff will work with the player if there are issues. That being said we like to practice as early as possible in the fall as the days become shorter the window for practice time shrinks. In the fall we practice approximately 3 Hrs. per day and we will play 12 to 20 games during the fall season with not many weekends off. The fall wraps up with the annual 100-inning Marathon Game around Halloween each year.

There will be a short break at the end of October, which will be followed by an extensive conditioning program. Each player will be expected to attend every workout session up to an hour and a half hour per-day until the Christmas break. Following the fall season the Prairie Baseball Academy starts up a Winter Elite Camp for local youth players. The PBA Winter Elite Camp has become one of the best camp programs in Alberta. The camp runs five nights per week with sessions for player's ages 7-18. Academy players are asked to volunteer their time one night every week to help develop youth baseball in Lethbridge and surrounding communities. The campers love being able to interact and learn from the players and coaches in the program.



2016 PBA Spring Training Camp

Before the players go home at Christmas time each athlete will sit in a one on one meeting with the coaching staff where that players position in the program will be discussed. Players will be split into the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. The top 25 players in the program will make up the Varsity team, and the next 20-25 players will make up the Junior Varsity team. Junior Varsity players are guys that may need to sharpen up their skills in a few different areas before making the jump to the Varsity level. Some of the top players to every make their way through this program started with a year in the Junior Varsity program. The Varsity team starts their spring schedule in mid to late February, and the Junior Varsity starts in March. The Prairie Baseball Academy Varsity team plays in the Canadian Collegiate Baseball Conference and PBA has won the CCBC Championship 5 consecutive years dating back to 2011. The hard work instilled into our players from day one is a testament to the success this program has had on the field in recent years.



The coaching staff looks forward to seeing all of the fresh young faces next fall ready to dedicate themselves to being successful in the next chapter of their lives.

Sincerely,

Todd Hubka – Varsity Head Coach

Ryan MacDonald – Varsity Assistant Coach

Jesse Sawyer – Junior Varsity Head Coach

Shayne McInnis – Junior Varsity Assistant Coach