



BADLANDS  
BASEBALL  
ACADEMY

RECRUITING FORM



Dear Prospective Recruit:

We would like to introduce you to the Badlands Baseball Academy.

Badlands Academy is the newest High School Baseball Academy, which is located in Oyen, Alberta. Oyen is a centrally located town with a population of approximately twelve hundred. It is two hours north of Medicine Hat Alberta and between Calgary, Alberta and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan near the Saskatchewan border at the intersection of Hwy. 9 and Hwy 41. Oyen is in the Prairie Rose school district, which has a tremendous reputation for its academic excellence. The local High School is South Central High with a population of 138 students. The town has a long history with supporting baseball and developing baseball teams and players. Oyen has also hosted the Oyen Pronghorns who competed in the WMBL for a number of years in the nineties.

We are in the process of developing a new indoor player training facility which will house the academy dressing room, player lounge, batting cages, pitching mounds, and a weight room. There will also be an on sight video analysis machine to assist coaches in player development. The RCMP Centennial Ballpark Sr. Men's Diamond has been updated with a new sprinkler system and grass playing surface. Adjacent to the ballpark a clubhouse is being constructed with a food booth, locker rooms and visitor viewing areas.

An exceptional high performance coaching staff has been hired. We will also have support staff including a trainer and an athletic psychologist.

### **Why Badlands Baseball Academy?**

We provide a first class education while offering the opportunity to play high level baseball. Unlike many other Academy's, we have a brand new facility with all new equipment that will provide the necessary training to increase players skills to that of the highest caliber. An experienced and highly esteemed coaching staff at the facility brings years of baseball knowledge and experience to the Academy.

Thank-you for your time and we look forward to working with you in the future.

## **-Accommodations**

This year at the Badlands Baseball Academy we are planning on billeting our players with various families throughout the community. Each family will be put through a screening process, and only those whom we deem suitable to host a player(s) for this term will be selected. Player placements will be determined based upon player and billet personalities and we will do our best to give both the players and the billets a rewarding experience with no problems. Billets will be families from the community who are willing and wish to have a player stay with them for the upcoming year. We hope that by carefully choosing each billet and placement our players will feel comfortable and can fully enjoy their time at the Badlands Baseball Academy.

## **-Schooling**

South Central High School is a small institution; however it has a lot to offer. As of December 2010, SCHS had a population of 138 students with 13 staff members and 2 custodians. The small numbers gives South Central High School's students a sense of security as well as friendliness. The welcoming student body also reaches academic excellence each year, ranking high among the top schools the country. Last year's (2010) Valedictorians tied with an average above 95%, taking all science and math's as well English and Social courses. As well as the basic high school diploma required courses SCHS also has a variety of 'option' classes to offer to its students. A newly renovated kitchen and Home Economics room has allowed for new modules, such as embroidery and pastry baking to be completed by students. A new shop teacher with an excess of knowledge in woodwork, small engine mechanics, heavy duty mechanics, welding and much



more has allowed the shop program to take off and become a popular course. A new art teacher has also been hired who has experience working in photography, oil painting, water colour painting, and pottery has expanded the number of modules available in this program as well. The Business Education program has been upgrading over the past few years. They now have a variety of new modules available because of system upgrades as well as new Mac computers with movie making and photo finishing software. Other options include music, French, and Spanish courses. South Central High School is very proud of all its accomplishments both academically and athletically. Strong teams in both boys and girls Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Track and Field as well as curling are just one other part of what this school has to offer. Work Experience, Green Certificate and the R.A.P. (Registered Apprentice Program) are also excellent programs run by the school that allow students to collect apprentice and work hours that provide insight into the working world but also establish a good relationship with fellow entrepreneurs and business owners in the community.

## **-Facility**

A new building is currently being built for the Badlands Baseball Academy Training Centre. A renovator has been hired to start changes on the building constructing training and weight room, dressing rooms, showers, and appropriate washroom facilities are being incorporated into the existing building. The Academy is in the process of developing a new field house, which will house batting cages, pitching mounds, player lounge complete with big screen TV's, and a weight room. The ballpark has also been updated with a new sprinkler system and grass playing surface. Adjacent to the ballpark, a clubhouse is being constructed with a food booth, locker rooms and visitor viewing areas.

## **Staff**

### **Doug Jones – General Manager**

Doug Jones is responsible for leading the organization into the future, ensuring that the goals of the Badlands Baseball Academy are realized. Doug will also manage all aspects of the Academy's operations, approves the hiring of all personnel. The General Manager oversees all activities or functions deemed necessary to operate and promote the Academy and the Academy's supporters (Prairie Rose School Division, Town of Oyen, Special Areas, Oyen and District Multiplex Society) to ensure that all needs are met.

### **Jeff Amos – Head Coach**

Jeff Amos joins the Badlands Baseball Academy from Brantford Ontario. He brings with him 10 years of coaching experience, starting out with the Brantford Braves of the Junior Inter-county League. Coach Amos helped guide the team to its first ever national championship appearance while finishing top three in the province for three consecutive years. During this time the Edmonton born coach also was named Field Manager of the Inter-county Associations Cannon Cup Midget All-Star team. In two years as manager, Coach Amos led the team in back to back Cannon Cup Ontario Championships. After spending a season with the Mississauga Twins of the IBL he was named manager of the 2011 team before joining the Badlands Baseball Academy.

Over the years Coach Amos has enjoyed the chance to coach and assist several players who have or are currently playing NCAA Div 1 baseball. Also having coached several MLB drafted players, assisting young athletes to find college placements has always been something Coach Amos has enjoyed and excelled at. From running camps to helping start the new Can-Am Reds program, an elite midget program based out of Kitchener Ontario, Coach Amos has always shown a focus to provide players at the high school level the chance to take their skills to the next level.

Joining the Badlands Baseball Academy Coach Amos brings with him a demanding and enthusiastic style of coaching. While spending time at the Academy athletes will also

be shown the importance of education, nutrition, and fitness. While along the way Coach Amos and his coaching staff will not only focus on helping to develop great baseball players, but also respectful and hardworking young men.

### **Elliott Shrive – Assistant Coach**

Elliott Shrive made a name for himself while playing with the Guelph Silvercreeks of the Junior Inter-county Baseball League. Over the three years with the program Coach Shrive earned All-Star recognition in each season. Highlighting his career was a national championship victory in 2006 over Quebec where Coach Shrive scored the winning run. While continuing his education at the University of Waterloo Coach Shrive became a two time Ontario University all-star. During his graduating year he was awarded the Outstanding Graduating Athlete award for his success on the field as well as in the classroom. Coach Shrive graduated with honours in Kinesiology and a minor in Anthropology. After playing for two seasons in the Inter-county Baseball League Coach Shrive went on to finish his schooling at University of Western Ontario. Coach Shrive now holds a teaching degree in Physical Education. Coach Shrive will bring a focus to both education and athletics to the Badlands Baseball Academy.

## **Chad Marshall – Assistant Coach**

Chad Marshall also joins the Academy from Ontario and comes as one of the most accomplished Canadian players coming out of college over the last several years. While attending Stony Brook University in Long Island a four year NCAA D1 program, the short stop from Paris built himself an impressive resume. From being named a Freshman All-American to winning back to back conference titles, he helped the Seawolves make consecutive regional tournament appearances for the first time in school history. Over his career Coach Marshall has experienced playing in one of the top rated collegiate summer leagues in Alaska and also has had the chance to represent Canada at the 2010 world university games in Japan. Leaving Stony Brook as one of the programs all-time hits leaders the Badlands Baseball Academy is excited to have Coach Marshall bring his enthusiasm for the game and proven work ethic to the Badlands Baseball Academy.

## **-Town of Oyen**

The Town of Oyen is a small town located just west of the Alberta/Saskatchewan border. It lies directly between Calgary and Saskatoon, with a population of approximately 1200 residents. Oyen has three schools, Assumption Roman Catholic Elementary School, Oyen Public School, and South Central High School. The town of Oyen has five different restaurants, including a Subway. As well as a restaurant and lounge at the intersection of Hi-ways 9 and 41. This intersection is also home to the Co-op fuel and gas bar as well as a bulk fuel station and farm supply office. We have two hotels, The Antelope Inn, located in town and a Super 8, located next to the Co-op. In town we also have Prairie Bells Bed and Breakfast, as well as numerous 'Mini Motels' in various locations around town. Our small town also has a part-time dentist and physiotherapist, full-time eye doctor as well as three full-time doctors working in our newly renovated hospital. Two grocery stores, and both a Toronto Dominion and an Alberta Treasury Branch as well as a clothing and embroidery store, a flower shop and numerous other local businesses line the streets and help give Oyen it's character. It's a small town filled with friendly people and we have a lot to offer our visitors. Recreation wise, we have two dance studios, a new swimming pool facility with a full size water slide, an arena and curling rink, tennis courts, and so much more. Each year we host bull and bronc riding events, a boxing club, and various 4-H clubs.

## **-Mission Statement**

It is the goal of the Badlands Baseball Academy to provide its athletes with the best education possible while teaching them the necessary skills and knowledge required to become an elite baseball player. Through the sport of baseball we will teach our athletes teamwork, leadership, and respect while taking part in the experience of a lifetime.



**Badlands Baseball Academy**  
**Student Athlete Information**  
This is private information used  
For recruiting purposes only  
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**Family Information**

Student Athletes Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Province Postal Code

Parents or Guardians Name: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Guardian Father/Guardian

Home phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Work phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Parent's cell phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Student Athletes cell phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Parent's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Student Athletes email address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student Athlete Information**

Preferred position \_\_\_\_\_ Second position \_\_\_\_\_ Third Position \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_ Throws (R/L) \_\_\_\_ Hits (R/L) \_\_\_\_ 60 yard dash time \_\_\_\_

Last Team Played For: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Reference Name and position: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

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**Student Athlete Academic Information**

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_ Current grade Average \_\_\_\_

Current School Attending Name \_\_\_\_\_

Town / City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to add Academic and Athletic Accomplishments

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