

21st Annual Mountain West Baseball Academy Spring Training

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The 21st Annual Baseball Academy's Spring Training was held in Mesquite on February 19th, 20th, and 21st. The annual President's Day Weekend event has brought into Mesquite as many as 700 players, 60 instructors, and countless parents each year since its inception in 1989. It has become one of the few events that attracts the attention of USA Baseball, The Major League Scouting Bureau, professional scouts, area code baseball and college coaches.

Evaluations are made at hitting stations, game stations, defensive stations, and the Sparq testing station. These evaluations will help players get on the data bases of college baseball programs, USA baseball programs and scouting ledgers. Players from nine different states braved the elements of this year's event as we fought snow, rain, and cold. In twenty one years we have never had to cancel the weekend event and, as usual, the many instructors and Mesquite workers helped make this a great event.

The following key speakers helped make this a special weekend: Gary Pullins, BYU, Andy Campbell, Major League Scouting Bureau, Ted Heid, of the Mariners, Davin Bond, of Slammers in Colorado, Mike Foote, Albuquerque Baseball, Ryan Brewer, Albuquerque Baseball, Ralph Dickinson, Toronto Blue Jays, Steve Springer, St. Louis Cardinals, and Jon Hoover, most wins in Utah baseball history.

We would also like to thank the following instructors for their great effort at the camp: Theron Brockish, Trevor Heid, Dewayne Scott, Trent Pratt, Shawn Norris, Dave Heid, Jim Nelson, Jeff Nelson, Jeff Bearson, Mike Howard, Ross Arnold, Brent Labrum, Reed Secrist, Paul Cluff, Ryan Hall, Steve Hansen, Robert Frenauau, Brock Knight, Dan Madina, Justin Bauerle, Jason Crawford, Devin Kunz, Clark Stringfellow, Joe Sato, Justin Echols, Troy Norris, Chad Fife, Jason Jarvis, Frank Pezely, Chris Udy, Glen Roundy, and Justin McCoy. ≈ ≈



