

# **National Youth Baseball Convention in Branson**

## **Youth Baseball Network announces inaugural Youth Baseball Convention in family-friendly Branson, Missouri**

**Boston, MA (April 2016)** – Youth Baseball Network has finalized plans to launch its inaugural National Youth Baseball Convention™. ;The convention is the first of its kind for youth baseball coaches, parents, umpires and industry leaders.;

The National Youth Baseball Convention will occur August 17-20, 2016 in family-friendly Branson, Missouri. The convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel Branson.

Coaches and leadership workshops, plus parents' seminars will be conducted by industry leader, *Positive Coaching Alliance*. In addition, umpires' workshops and on-field clinics will be conducted by The Baseball Project, the leading baseball instructional organization in the Southwest.

The annual convention will be held in conjunction with the Youth Baseball Network National Championship – a prestigious tournament of champions featuring multiple major youth baseball organizations' 12U National Champions and the Missouri State Champions, who will serve as the host team.

The championship and convention are important aspects of Youth Baseball Network's mission of *Bringing the Youth Baseball Industry Together™*. It will feature several guest speakers, who will be announced in the coming weeks. A special opening ceremony will occur at the spectacular Branson Landing Wednesday evening, 17 August, at 6:30pm.

"The development of the National Youth Baseball Convention is key to the vision of Youth Baseball Network," states Gil Vieira, founder and CEO of Youth Baseball Network, a marketing and online media company. "We're pleased to be working with several major youth baseball organizations, Positive Coaching Alliance, The Baseball Project, Radisson Hotel, and the City of Branson to conduct this educational and very important event for the Youth Baseball Industry."

The convention occurs during 'championship week' in Branson. The YBN National Championship features the 12U National Champions from American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC), Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), Continental Amateur Baseball Association (CABA), Dizzy Dean Baseball (ddb), and National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF). The Missouri State Champions will be crowned via a series of tournaments in Missouri managed by Greater Midwest Baseball (GMB) of St. Louis.

Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) workshops and seminars combine the latest in sports and educational-psychology and organizational behavior with practical advice from a National Advisory Board of top pro and college athletes and coaches, educators, and organizational leaders. All use the PCA principles at the highest levels of competition. Many workshops are complemented with books by PCA Founder Jim Thompson. Workshops and seminars are highly interactive and engaging, as facilitated by PCA Trainers with deep experience in coaching, sports parenting, and athletic administration.

"Positive Coaching Alliance is excited to be a part of the inaugural YBN National Youth Baseball Convention in Branson," said Jason Sacks, PCA National Director of Business Development. "We are grateful for the opportunity to work with leaders from some of the top baseball organizations in the country, and with coaches and parents from throughout the Youth Baseball Industry."

The umpires' workshop and on-field clinic will be conducted by The Baseball Project, a leading baseball instructional operation featuring Brandon "Pedro" Costales, one of the premier umpires in the Southwest. Pedro studied baseball umpiring mechanics, positioning and rules at *Harry Wendelstedt School for Umpires*. The Baseball Project was founded in Springfield, MO, and is currently building a new training facility in Branson.

One of the main attractions of the Youth Baseball Convention is its location – Branson. The City of Branson is nestled in the lakeside beauty of the Ozark Mountains and is truly a one-of-a-kind family vacation destination. It features dozens of live performance theaters, an international award-winning theme park, dozens of attractions and museums, a Historic Downtown district and championship golf courses. It is the ultimate family destination – and recently voted the #1 best value city in America by *trivago.com*.

"Along with the educational value of the convention and excellent caliber of play provided by the champions participating in the YBN tournament; the week in Branson also provides much fun for everyone," states Vieira. "Branson is the ideal host city for families and the entire Youth Baseball Industry – and we're proud to be working with city officials to make this a memorable week for all who attend."

For more information about the convention, log on to:  
<http://www.youthbaseballnetwork.com/page/show/2385481-about-the-convention>

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### **About Youth Baseball Network:**

Youth Baseball Network LLC is a marketing and online media company dedicated to youth baseball. Its mission is to be a trusted brand and an indispensable source for the Youth Baseball Industry – and to promote, encourage and assist the ongoing development of Youth Baseball. See more at: [www.youthbaseballnetwork.com](http://www.youthbaseballnetwork.com).

### **About Branson, Missouri:**

Branson is a one-of-a-kind family vacation destination nestled in the lakeside beauty of the Ozark Mountains with dozens of live performance theaters, three pristine lakes, championship golf courses, an international award-winning theme park, family attractions and museums, a Historic Downtown district, shopping galore, a full range of dining options, and a host of hotels, motels, resorts, RV parks, campgrounds and meeting and convention facilities. Less than one day's drive for one-third of U.S. residents with flights to the Branson Airport (BKG) and nearby Springfield-Branson National Airport (SGF). Call 1-877-BRANSON for help planning your next vacation, convention or reunion. See more at <http://www.explorebranson.com>