

2012 Appalachian State University baseball season tickets are on sale now. A reserved, chairback seat for all 29 games slated to be played at Beaver Field at Jim and Bettie Smith Stadium this spring costs just \$50 for adults, \$40 for ASU faculty/staff and \$30 for youth (ages 3-12).

Highlighting the Mountaineers' 29-game home schedule are a

non-conference matchup versus Duke (March 7) and seven three-game weekend series, including sets versus Southern Conference foes Davidson (March 9-11), The Citadel (March 16-18), College of Charleston (April 6-8), Furman (April 20-22) and UNC Greensboro (May 4-6). Appalachian returns 8-of-9 members of its starting lineup and 4-of-5 starting pitchers from last season, when it put together its fifth-consecutive 30-win campaign (33-27) and advanced to the SoCon Tournament semifinals for the second-straight year.

Season tickets can be purchased online at GoASU.com, by phone at (828) 262-2079 or in person at the ASU athletics ticket office, located in the Holmes Center. Single-game tickets go on sale Feb. 15.

FOUR MOUNTAINEERS HONORED BY COLLEGE SPORTS MADNESS:

Four Mountaineers, highlighted by senior right-handed pitcher Ryan Arrowood (Rutherfordton, N.C./R-S Central), have been named to College Sports Madness' preseason all-Southern Conference squads, the website announced on Tuesday. In addition to Arrowood, a first-team pitcher, College Sports Madness tabbed junior infielder Hector Crespo (Miami, Fla./Florida Christian), junior outfielder Tyler Zupcic (Charlotte, N.C./Providence) and sophomore utility player Preston Troutman (Rockwell, N.C./East Rowan) as second-team preseason all-conference honorees.

Arrowood was a second-team all-SoCon selection last season after going 8-3 with a 2.96 ERA, 83 strikeouts and only 31 walks in 94.1 innings pitched. Zupcic hit a team-best .350 with three home runs, 14 doubles, 29 RBI and 15 stolen bases while starting 57 games in center field, Crespo hit .316 with a home run, eight doubles, three triples, 25 RBI, 18 steals and a sterling .980 fielding percentage at second base and Troutman was a SoCon all-freshman selection after hitting .275 with three triples and 16 RBI in 40 starts.

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SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR BASEBALL 101 AND HOT STOVE BANQUET: A limited number of spots are still open for ASU's annual Baseball 101 and inaugural Hot Stove First Pitch banquet, which will both be held on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Appalachian Athletics Center. Tickets for Baseball 101, a ladies-only event/baseball clinic led by Mountaineer coaches and players, cost \$20 per person. Tickets for the Hot Stove First Pitch banquet, featuring keynote speaker Bobby Richardson, an eight-time All-Star and three-time World Series champion with the New York Yankees from 1955-66, cost \$50 per person. Corporate tables are available for \$300 and include dinner for six and access to VIP lounge with Richardson and the ASU baseball staff.

Details and ticket sales for both events are available at GoASU.com.

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