



## PASSION: PASTIME

 THE TRIPLE-A BASEBALL EXPERIENCE — WHERE HOME RUNS MEET HOMETOWNS.

GET IN ON THE ACTION! Don't just reach people - BECOME AN IMPORTANT AND MEMORABLE PART OF THE FUN.

## MORE INTIMATE BALLPARKS.

 ACCESSIBILITY TO THE PLAYERS. an authentic hometown feel.This is the Triple-A Baseball difference. It's the ultimate in fan participation and community pride. From standing beside a member of the hometown team during the National Anthem to cheering on Mr. Mustard in the crazy condiment race or finding yourself on the field for a dizzy bat contest. This intimate connection and high level of interaction is why fans love it. It's why communities love it. And it's why sponsors love it. You'll find Triple-A Baseball offers some amazing traditional and not-so-traditional opportunities for your brand to become a part of these communities, interacting in meaningful ways with this passionate, loyal audience. So grab a hot dog, take a front-row seat, and experience the Triple-A Baseball difference for yourself.

A RICH HISTORY. A BRIGHT FUTURE.

With a history dating back over 125 years, Triple-A Baseball has been in existence longer than the NFL, NBA, or NHL. Today, you'll find 30 teams throughout the United States developing talent for Major League affiliates while providing affordable, family entertainment for fans of all ages. Triple-A Baseball consists of two Leagues at Minor League Baseball's highest classification. Our most senior league, the International, is currently in its 128th consecutive season of operation, while 2011 marks the 108th season for the IL's counterpart, the Pacific Coast League. Even at that ripe old age, America's pastime is going stronger than ever.

In 2010, Triple-A Baseball drew over 14 million fans for the fourth straight year. That popularity spans the entire United States, from Pawtucket, RI to Sacramento, CA (see our geographic footprint on the next page). Amazing new ballparks are taking the excitement to new levels. Since 2009, new ballparks in Columbus, OH, Reno, NV, Lawrenceville, GA, and Omaha, NE have joined the list of 26 new or totally renovated facilities that have opened in Triple-A Baseball since 1990.

## DEVELOPING THE OF YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW.

Both the International and Pacific Coast Leagues boast a rich baseball history with an amazing number of past and present Major League stars on the roster of League alumni. Over 170 former Triple-A players, managers, umpires, and club executives are enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, NY.

## TRIPLE-A BASEBALL

 OFFERS FLEXIBILITY TO HIT MARKETING HOME RUNS IN CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

LOUISVILLE, KY
TRIPLE-A BASEBALL EXCITEMENT stretches from COAST TO COAST!

## MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL" $=$ MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES.

There are countless unique, creative, and effective ways to connect with Triple-A Baseball's great fans. Stadium signage. On-field contests. Program ads. Radio broadcast commercials. Giveaway nights. Pre-game hospitality packages. You name it.
The sponsorship possibilities are limited only by your imagination. You can be part of the action for a game or an entire season.

Creativity abounds in Triple-A Baseball as executives continually develop fresh and innovative ways to attract fans and nurture partner relationships. Triple-A Baseball prides itself on being able to craft the perfect program for every partner. Tell us your goals and together we'll develop an objective-based plan that most effectively connects you with the fans.


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# SPONSORS PARTNERSHIPS AND POSSIBILITIES 



## TRIPLE-A BASEBALL PROMOTIONAL STRATEGY.

Triple-A Baseball offers a customized approach to making a partnership more effective, going beyond tickets and media. Envisioning every promotion based on a 4-part promotional strategy including Brand Awareness, Brand Association, Brand Experience, and Hospitality allows a brand to form a true objective-based partnership, building an emotional connection with fans/consumers through an amazing breadth of available inventory and promotional opportunities.

A Partnership with Triple-A Baseball will:

- Add status and stature
- Differentiate
- Physically bring the brand experience to life
- Create customer experiences that help drive business growth
- Motivate and inspire workforce
- Be measureable against business and brand


BRAND AWARENESS
Signage
Media


# A FEW OF THE BIGGEST SPONSORSHIP HITS WE'VE SEEN IN OUR PARKS... 

## Partner: Fazoli's Restaurants

## Market: Indianapolis

The Goal: $\quad$ Drive traffic to Fazoli's restaurants - Build positive association between Fazoli's customers and the Triple-A Baseball fan experience Increase Brand Awareness

The Result: Fazoli's 2-for-1 Tuesdays

Every Tuesday at the ballpark became "Fazoli's 2-for-1 Tuesday," driving fans to Fazoli's locations to pick up admission coupons. The promotion was complemented by an aggressive messaging campaign, which included in-stadium elements such as videoboard spots, banners, collateral materials, P.A. announcements, and a ceremonial first pitch, along with public promotion online, on radio, in newsletters, on a downtown marquee, and through media announcements. The partner even had a presence on the tickets themselves, fully incorporating their brand image with the Triple-A Baseball experience.


## Partner: Cricket Wireless

## Market: 18 Triple-A Baseball Markets

The Goal: Take advantage of Triple-A Baseball's geographic reach to increase brand awareness in specific markets throughout the U.S. - Build brand loyalty for Cricket Wireless - Increase traffic to Cricket Wireless locations by tying into the fun and excitement surrounding the nationally televised Triple-A Baseball All-Star Game event

## The Result: All-Star Game Flyaway Contest

Cricket Wireless was the official sponsor of the 22nd annual Triple-A Baseball All-Star Game. In addition to a massive presence at the event and on the ESPN network telecast, executives crafted a national promotional element entitled "The Cricket Wireless All-Star Game Flyaway Contest" which was promoted heavily in each of the 18 markets in which Cricket Wireless and Triple-A Baseball co-exist. Throughout the month of June, fans were encouraged to visit Cricket Wireless locations to enter to win a "flyaway" trip to Portland to attend the Triple-A Baseball All-Star Game, part of a prize package which included airfare, hotel, gift bags, meal vouchers, and All-Star paraphernalia. Fans in all 18 markets were given special map posters, displaying both fun facts about Triple-A Baseball and information on Cricket's growing coverage area throughout the nation. The lucky winners participated in an on-field contest between innings at the All-Star Game, helping reinforce the brand experience to the more than 16,500 fans in attendance. The success achieved all of the sponsor's goals, prompting Cricket Wireless National Manager of Field Marketing Carolyn Hollowell to say, "It surpassed the expectations I set for our management. It's always nice to promise great things and get extraordinary results. Cricket is pleased with their investment."

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## Partner: Taco Bell

## Market: Des Moines

The Goal: Increase Brand Awareness - Create a positive Brand Experience that helps drive traffic to Taco Bell - Enhance the
Brand Association between Taco Bell and Triple-A Baseball

## The Result: Buy 3, See Free \& 10 Hits = FREE TACO

A two-pronged promotion was developed which drove baseball fans to restaurant locations while enhancing the experience for all customers of Taco Bell. Anyone purchasing three tacos at Taco Bell received a free game ticket, and any time the home team won with at least ten hits, fans could exchange their ticket stub for a free taco at any location within 24 hours. Supported through a variety of customer touch-points including P.A. announcements, video board messaging, ticket messaging, and in-stadium signage, fans would always cheer "Taco!" rooting for the tenth hit each night. Store operators reported an immediate surge of post-game traffic to their locations each of the 24 times the team collected ten hits, plus a constant flow of fans throughout the season coming in to receive their free game ticket.

lated over $\$ 6.5$ million TO CHARITIES IN 2010.

## Partner: Kia

## Market: Durham

The Goal: Build affinity for Kia through positive association with Triple-A Baseball Reward Kia customers for their loyalty - Strengthen Kia's presence in the market through multiple brand experiences at Triple-A Baseball games

## The Result: The Official Car of the Durham Bulls

Kia owners receive free premium parking in front of the ballpark at Durham Bulls games. If you don't drive a Kia, you can download a free parking pass by visiting the local Kia dealership's website. The partnership is featured prominently on all parking passes, ticket guides, schedules, and program listings while also supported through the stadium's many messaging avenues. Kia vehicles are highlighted on Opening Day when players and coaches are brought on to the field in the latest line of vehicles. Kia vehicles are on display all season on the concourse with test drive opportunities. The local dealership also hosts an exclusive "Meet the Team Day" with players, coaches and mascots signing autographs and posing for photos.


## Partner: The Bill Engvall Show on TBS Market: 7 Triple-A Baseball markets

The Goal: Connect with Triple-A Baseball's family-oriented demographic Focus messaging specifically to southern markets -
Develop Brand Association with Triple-A Baseball

## The Result: Bill Engvall Show / Triple-A Partnership

The Bill Engvall Show/Triple-A Baseball partnership kicked off in 2008, focusing exclusively on seven markets in the southern U.S. which best matched the show's target demographic audience. "Tune In" spots recorded by Bill Engvall aired on the videoboard and radio broadcasts, successfully reaching fans both inside and outside of the ballpark. The promotion was supported with additional presence in-stadium and online, and a contest element was added which provided lucky families with game tickets and show prizes. The promotion was repeated in 2009.


## DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT.

Triple-A Baseball is a fantastic value, offering unlimited, creative ways to connect with your consumers. Here are just a few words from some of the satisfied partners who have discovered the Triple-A Baseball advantage:
"The 15-year naming-rights partnership between Dell and the Round Rock Express Baseball Club continues to deliver significant value to Dell and the Round Rock Community. The Dell brand and logo are featured prominently at the stadium year round and also in numerous positive news stories each season about the Express. The direct benefit to Dell employees in the form of affordable tickets has been invaluable, contributing to the winning culture of Dell's global workforce. Perhaps even more meaningful is the benefit of our partnership on the community of Round Rock. The Dell Diamond has been instrumental in enhancing the reputation of Round Rock and contributing to the terrific quality of life of the region."
"As a five year sponsor, the Des Moines Taco Bell co-op has benefitted from a number of in-game, media and in-store tie-ins. The promotion engages the crowd with the brand at the stadium. In addition, the promotion acts as a traffic driver to the local Taco Bell's, as the operators notice a rush of traffic upon completion of that day's game."

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- Jim Danko, Account Supervisor Taco Bell
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## "For the past four years, Werner Enterprises has successfully

 partnered with the Triple-A Omaha Royals as their Season Sponsor. As the team moves to a new location for the 2011 season, we are once again committed to a long-term partnership and look forward to the season opener at their new facility - Werner Park."- Fred Thayer, Director Corporate Communications Werner Enterprises
"The sense of community we feel by being a part of Minor League Baseball is tremendous. The program we have established has been a cost-effective way to expand our brand not only in the ballpark and to the fans, but further engrained our products' name into the community."

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- Lawrence Gutierrez, Owner New Mexico Foods
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## HOW DOES TRIPLE-A BASEBALL COMPARE?

INCOME LEVEL BREAKDOWN

\$45k \$46-75k \$76-125k \$125-200k \$200k+

## GENDER BREAKDOWN



AGE BREAKDOWN:
Young Children (7 \& under) 4\%
Tweens (8-12) 7\%
Teenagers (13-17) 6\%
Young Adult (18-24) 13\%
Adult (25-35) 22\%
Mature Adult (36-50) 30\%
Early Seniors (51-65) 13\%
Seniors (66+)

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

Student
11\%
High School Graduate 19\%
Some College 14\%
Undergraduate Degree 42\%
Postgraduate Degree 14\%

OCCUPATIONAL BREAKDOWN:
Professional / Manager 49\%
Blue Collar / Trade 16\%
Student 11\%
Retired 10\%
Self-Employed 8\%
Homemaker 6\%

TRIPLE-A BASEBALL IS IN 13 MARKETS WITH AT LEAST ONE MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS FRANCHISE:

Buffalo
Charlotte
Columbus
Durham
Gwinnett
Indianapolis
Memphis

## OTHER FACTS:

-69\% of fans own their own home
-53\% of fans have children living in their household under the age of 18

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## TRIPLE-A ALUMNI

HALL OF FAMERS
Johnny Bench
Joe DiMaggio
Whitey Ford
Bob Gibson
Tony Gwynn
Mickey Mantle
Willie Mays
Cal Ripken, Jr.
Jackie Robinson
Babe Ruth
Nolan Ryan
Warren Spahn
Ted Williams

## FUTURE HALL OF FAMERS

Randy Johnson
Greg Maddux
Mike Piazza

## CURRENT PLAYERS

600 Home Run Club Alex Rodriguez
500 Home Run Club
Manny Ramirez \& Jim Thome
2010 Most Valuable Players
Josh Hamilton \& Joey Votto
2010 Cy Young Award Winners
Roy Halladay \& Felix Hernandez
2010 Rookies of the Year
Neftali Feliz \& Buster Posey
2010 World Series Heroes
Tim Lincecum \& Edgar Renteria
2010 Home Run Leaders
Jose Bautista \& Albert Pujols
Pitching Stars
Ubaldo Jimenez \& Cliff Lee
Hitting Stars
Carl Crawford \& Derek Jeter

## THE HITS KEEP COMIN. ATTENDANCE (1990-2010)

Attendance continues to climb. Since 1990, Triple-A Baseball has increased from 9.5 million to over 14 million fans per year.


## ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

One day after July’s Major League All-Star tilt, television audiences nationwide tune in for Triple-A Baseball excitement when players from the two Leagues compete in the Triple-A
 All-Star Game. The nationally televised excitement continues in September with the Triple-A Baseball National Championship, the annual one-game, winner-take-all showdown between the champions of each league.

## COMPARISON OF FAN COST INDEX

| LEAGUE | ADULT <br> TICKET | CHILD <br> TICKET | HOT DOG | SODA | BEER | PROGRAM | PARKING | TOTAL* |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Triple-A Baseball | 8.44 | 6.98 | 3.23 | 2.95 | 5.46 | 2.73 | 4.50 | $\mathbf{\$ 6 7 . 8 1}$ |
| Major League Baseball | 26.74 | 26.74 | 3.79 | 3.47 | 5.79 | 3.48 | 12.24 | $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 6 . 3 6}$ |
| National Football League | 74.99 | 74.99 | 4.40 | 4.09 | 6.80 | 4.53 | 24.13 | $\mathbf{\$ 3 6 8 . 0 0}$ |
| National Basketball Association | 49.47 | 49.47 | 3.97 | 3.69 | 6.37 | 3.34 | 13.13 | $\mathbf{\$ 2 5 0 . 3 5}$ |
| National Hockey League | 49.66 | 49.66 | 3.64 | 3.46 | 6.06 | 2.69 | 12.20 | $\mathbf{\$ 2 4 7 . 1 3}$ |

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[^0]:    -91\% of fans have a major credit card
    -49\% of fans attend 6+ games per season

[^1]:    *Totals include 2 adult tickets, 2 child tickets, 4 hot dogs, 2 sodas, 2 beers, a scorecard/program and parking.

