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10 Great Reasons to Study in Lethbridge!

1) Safe, Welcoming Community:

- Lethbridge is a small city of approximately 100 000 people
- low crime rate
- clean, friendly environment
- parks, recreational facilities, bicycle trails, shopping, art galleries, museums, live theatre, movie theatres

2) Location:

- 2 hours' drive from Calgary International Airport
- 5 minute drive from Lethbridge Airport
- 1 hour's drive from the Rocky Mountains to the west
- 1 hour's drive from the US border to the south

3) Fabulous weather:

- Lethbridge has an average of 320 days of sunshine every year
- blue skies!
- warm Chinook winds in the winter give us milder winters than most places in Canada
- very little rain in spring and summer, and little snow in winter

4) Focus on Academics:

- in last 3 years, 100% of long-term students have graduated and gone on to post-secondary studies, most in North American institutions
- International Baccalaureate program and Advanced Placement courses for students who qualify
- English as a Second Language courses
- small class sizes

5) Choices:

- 4 high schools, one of which is faith-based (Protestant Christian)
- Optional courses such as career and technology (information technology, design, food, fashion, automotives, construction) and fine arts (band, choir, drama, dance, visual arts)
- Co-curricular activities: basketball, volleyball, Canadian football, rugby, curling, golf, badminton, cross-country running, track and field, wrestling, baseball, drama, dance, as well as a variety of other clubs
- Students who graduate from Lethbridge School District can apply to study at Lethbridge College or The University of Lethbridge
- Arts Academy (drama, music, dance, art) available
- Cooperation with highly acclaimed Judo Club located in Lethbridge

6) Modern Schools:

- All schools built or renovated within last ten years
- All schools equipped with 1-2 gymnasiums, fitness centres, outdoor recreation areas, cafeterias, comprehensive libraries and student work areas

7) Up-to-Date technology:

- Free high speed WIFI in all schools for academic purposes
- Classrooms equipped with SmartBoards
- All schools have access to computers for student use
- Parents can check student progress and attendance from home country

8) Excellent Homestays:

- welcoming homes where students become one of the family
- inspected by homestay relationship manager before and during stay
- homestay relationship manager also works in International Services office
- 24/7 homestay support
- organized by Canada Homestay Network which has hosted tens of thousands of students across Canada since 1995

9) Strong support for International Students, Families, and Agents:

- advisor teachers in each school
- vice principal oversees international students in each school
- International Services Office offers personal service, usually answering inquiries within 24 hours
- homestay relationship manager checks in with students and families to ensure all is going well

10) Value:

- small program, therefore great opportunity to improve English skills
- school fees include textbooks, locker rental, special supplies required for classes
- Alberta has 0% provincial sales tax
- most teachers have at least 5 years of university training. Many teachers also have a master's degree
- less expensive than programs in larger communities

