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University of Lethbridge opening doors for jungle-themed Play Day

It's scientific fact, the simple act of play is not only fun and creates family bonds and memories, it also <u>supports the development of healthy brains in children</u>. University of Lethbridge researchers have long studied the benefits of play and ULethbridge has taken that work to heart, offering the biggest play event in southern Alberta for more than a decade.

WHAT: Play Day 2023

WHEN: Monday, Feb. 20, 2023, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness

Presented by North & Company LLP Law Offices, Play Day 2023 celebrates a jungle theme and will include activities for the entire family. Featuring contributions from various campus groups, families will be engaged both physically and mentally. And for ULethbridge alumni, there's a special opportunity to connect and win some prizes.

Play Day Activities

Sport and Recreation Services — Basketball, soccer, bouncy castles and access to the Ascent Climbing Centre and Max Bell Regional Aquatic Centre

iGEM & High School iGEM — Synthetic biology and pipetting skills

Destination Exploration — Digital microscopes, camouflage animals and a Makey Makey safari game

Building Brains Together — Block table with brain flakes, squiggle art, brain logo tattoos and game resources for parents

University of Lethbridge Alumni Association — Construction zone cardboard building

North & Company LLP Law Offices and Lethbridge Sport Council — Roving gym

And, of course, face-painting and \$5 meal packs (hot dog, bottled water and chips).

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