

# SOFTBALL

Camps open to any and all girls ages 10–18

## Instructional Camp ■ June 18–20

**Resident \$340 • Commuter \$240**

The Illinois Softball Instructional Resident Camp provides each camper with three fun-filled days of softball that will help her increase her knowledge of the game, develop her personal skill level and teach her techniques for the improvement of her overall game. The daily camp sessions will revolve around five main areas of concentration.

### The Five Phases of Each Day

- 1. INDIVIDUAL SKILLS** Each morning is dedicated to individual fundamental drills. These include throwing, catching, fielding, base running, hitting and bunting.
- 2. OFFENSIVE TECHNIQUES** Hitting drills are put to use in the offensive technique session.
- 3. DEFENSIVE TECHNIQUES** Defensive drills are put to use in the defensive technique session.
- 4. TEAM SKILLS** The afternoon phase will emphasize TEAM softball, offensive and defensive.
- 5. GAME COMPETITION** The fifth phase of each day is devoted to full games; competition is between teams of equal ability. All games are umpired. The purpose of these games is to put the day's activities into focus and to apply what has been learned. Competition is one of the best ways to improve one's game.



## Complete Skills Camp ■ July 11

**Commuter only \$125**

The morning session of camp will be held from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and focus on offense. Campers will learn about all aspects of hitting from the coaching staff that annually develops the Fighting Illini softball team into a national home run leader! The afternoon session of camp will be held from 1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. and focus on defense. This instruction will cover all the details involved with playing great defense in the infield, outfield, and as a pitcher or a catcher. Lunch is included in the camp fee and is provided in the Florida Avenue Residence Hall.

**TEAM DISCOUNT:** Reduced rates available for teams (minimum of 8 players). Team applications must be mailed together. Please check group discount on the application. A separate form for each camper is required.

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**COMPLETE SKILLS—July 11: Commuter \$95**

**RESIDENTIAL CAMP FEE: Resident fee includes:** two nights lodging, seven meals, camp instruction, recreation, and camp t-shirt. **Commuter fee includes:** three lunches, camp instruction, recreation, and camp t-shirt.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** The campers will enjoy the spacious air-conditioned Florida Avenue Residence Hall, located on the corner of Lincoln and Florida Avenue across from the softball fields. All camper roommate requests can be handled at check-in or by contacting the camps office, 217-244-7278.

**PERSONAL NEEDS:** Campers should bring the following items: softball spikes, bat, glove, catching gear (if applicable), long pants (softball or sweat pants), and running shoes or sandals to wear at meal times. For resident camp, include toiletries and an extra blanket. Linen is provided.

### INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY

8:00-10 a.m.	Check-in
10:30 a.m.	Depart for Fields/ Skill Work
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Depart for Fields/Warm-up
2:00 p.m.	Offense/Defense Fundamental drills
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Games
9:45 p.m.	Question & Answer with Camp Staff
11:00 p.m.	Lights Out

#### TUESDAY

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Depart for Fields/Warm-up
9:00 a.m.	Offense/ Defense Fundamental drills
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Depart for Fields/Warm-up
1:30 p.m.	Hitting (staff analysis)
2:30 p.m.	Position Play/Games
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Games (Staff analysis)
9:45 p.m.	Question & Answer with camp staff
11:00 p.m.	Lights Out

#### WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Depart for Fields/Warm-up
9:00 a.m.	Offense/Defense Fundamental drills
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Games
4:00 p.m.	Award Ceremony

# MEET THE COACHES...



**TERRI SULLIVAN** has brought success to Illinois softball at an unbelievable rate. In 2004, Illinois posted a 45-21-1 record, advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year, and reached the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16. This squad ended the year nationally ranked for the first time in program history, finishing with the highest ranking in Illinois history – 17th. The 2010 squad earned similar accomplishments, reaching the NCAA Tournament for the second year in a row while compiling the second-highest winning percentage in the nation with a 45-8 record. Sullivan’s continued mentoring led the Illini to earn the top combined batting average in the Big Ten as the team hit .322 while the pitching staff held opponents to less than two runs per game.

Over the past 11 seasons under Sullivan, Illinois has posted a 362-241-2 record and has ended the season in the top half of the Big Ten six times, including second-place finishes during the 2004 and 2010 seasons. Illinois regularly faces the top teams in the country, as the Orange and Blue are scheduled to face 13 programs that qualified for the 2010 NCAA Tournament. Under Sullivan’s tutelage, the Illini have accumulated 35 wins over ranked teams, earning a walk-off victory over #22 Florida State and a shutout of #17 Fresno State in 2010.



**DONNA DIBIASE** begins her eleventh season with Illinois softball after being promoted to Associate Head Coach in 2004. DiBiase has worked side-by-side with head coach Terri Sullivan in building Illinois into one of the top programs in the nation. DiBiase has organized recruiting and helped bring in some of the top athletes nationally.

From the very first recruiting class, DiBiase helped Illinois make an immediate impact on the softball world. As seniors, that group helped Illinois move to within just two wins of the Women’s College World Series in 2004.

DiBiase assists with all aspects of the program. Her primary duties on the field are working with the infield. DiBiase graduated from the University of Illinois-Chicago in 1993, earning a bachelor of arts degree in kinesiology. The third baseman served as a captain for two years and led the Flames to the College World Series in 1994.

Before coming to Illinois, DiBiase was the head coach at Loyola for 3 years.



**KATIE O’CONNELL** returns to her alma mater after a successful three-year stint as the head coach at Casey-Westfield High School where the Warriors finished as the Illinois Class A state runner-up in back-to-back years.

In addition to O’Connell’s success as the head coach at Casey-Westfield, she started at second from 2001-04 and also was a part of Illinois’ most prolific seasons, leading the team to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances. During her senior season, the Illini collected 45 wins, the most in school history, and made the NCAA Sweet 16, the best finish in school history. The Joliet, Ill., native ranks among the top ten in school history in games started, runs, hits, doubles, home runs, RBI and total bases.

O’Connell’s success on the field extends back to her high school days. As a member of the team at Joliet Township High School, O’Connell led her team to the Class AA State Championship under the tutelage of her father, Dale O’Connell.





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**2012 SOFTBALL CAMP APPLICATION**

(Please print)

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 Camper's Name

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 Parent/Guardian's Name

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 Home Phone

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 Emergency Phone

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 Email Address

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 City State Zip

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 Date of Birth 2012-2013 Grade

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 2012-2013 School

Are you a returning Fighting Illini Camper?  Yes  No

Position (circle one): P C 1B 2B 3B SS OF

T-Shirt Size (adult):  small  medium  large  x-large

"I hereby acknowledge that participation in the camp and related activities involves an inherent risk of physical injury or loss that might be sustained by my child. In consideration for accepting my child into the camp, I assume all risk of injury and loss that may be suffered by me or my child and release and forever discharge the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, its officers, employees and agents from any and all known liability of whatever kind or nature, arising from and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen body and personal injuries, including death, property damage and the consequences therefore resulting from the registrant's participation in or involvement with this camp or presence on University property, including any failure of equipment or defect in the premises, except to the extent caused solely by the willful and wanton conduct of the University.

I give permission to the University of Illinois to take photographs and videos of my child during the course of the camp activities. These photographs may be used for publicity purposes by the University of Illinois."

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 Parent / Legal Guardian signature

**Please check the camp(s) you wish to attend:**

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT:**

Cash  Check (payable to University of Illinois)  Money Order

Credit Card:  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  American Express

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 Credit Card # Exp. Date V-code

**ATTENTION CAMPERS**

General camp information along with a statement, a confirmation letter, a map with directions and a medical release form are mailed upon the enrollment. Please allow 5-7 days processing prior to the mailing of confirmation materials. If you prefer to pay by Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express, please complete the credit card information required on the application or visit our website at [www.fightingillini.com/camps](http://www.fightingillini.com/camps). If you prefer to pay by check, please make checks payable to the 'University of Illinois' and write the participant's FULL NAME on the check. Please mail the completed application form and FULL payment to the processing center, **University of Illinois, Office of Sport Camps & Clinics, P.O. Box 3264, Springfield, IL 62708-3264.**

**CANCELLATION/REFUND/NSF POLICY:** ALL refund requests need to be submitted in writing using the 'Refund Request Form' found on the website or by calling the camps office (217-244-7278). Your camp cost, less a \$50 non-refundable cancellation fee, is refunded without question if you cancel at least one week prior to the registration date. At any time after that date, refunds (less the \$50 non-refundable fee) are made for medical reasons only and a signed statement from your physician must accompany the written request. If a cancellation request is not received by the last day of instruction, a refund is not issued. Campers who must leave during camp due to an illness or injury verified by our medical personnel will receive a refund (written request is necessary). Refunds are not given to campers who voluntarily leave camp or who are sent home for disciplinary reasons. **REFUNDS, FOR ANY REASON, ARE NOT ISSUED AFTER AUGUST 31, 2012.**

NSF Checks submitted to the office are subject to a \$30 return check fee. This fee is assessed in addition to the face value of the check.

**CAMPER DESCRIPTION:** *Commuter Camper* is defined as a camper that is not staying in the residence hall. This camper participates in all camp activities. They must provide their own transportation to and from camp each day. Lunch is included in the commuter fee for those camps where meals are served. Additional meals included in the commuter cost vary from camp to camp. Passes for the remaining meals are available for purchase anytime at the front desk of the residence hall. *Resident Camper* is defined as a camper staying overnight for the duration of camp. All meals are included.

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or e-mail us at [sumcamps@illinois.edu](mailto:sumcamps@illinois.edu)

## EICHELBERGER FIELD



The 2009 Illinois softball team began the season with a completed facility upgrade. The new additions included a locker room, brick press box, public restrooms, concession stand and ticket booth. The new locker room also has a training room. The construction, made possible by generous contributions from Alice and Rex Martin, coincided with the construction of the Khan Tennis Center, which backs up to the softball field, and features a new parking lot as well.

