

# FIGHTING ILLINI 2014 BASEBALL CAMPS

**SESSION 1:  
COMPLETE SKILLS CAMP**  
JUNE 15-18 ■ AGES 7-18

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PITCHING/CATCHING CAMP**  
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EVALUATION/EXPOSURE CAMP**  
JULY 27-30 ■ AGES 14-19

CAMPS ARE OPEN TO ANY AND ALL BOYS WITHIN THE SPECIFIED AGE RANGES

## SESSION 1: COMPLETE SKILLS CAMP JUNE 15-18 ■ AGES 7-18

The Fighting Illini Baseball Camp offers youngsters the opportunity to receive MAJOR LEAGUE-CHAMPIONSHIP caliber playing instruction. This camp features an intense concentration on fundamentals, the cornerstone in the development of any young ball player. Hustle, hard work and the desire to improve will be ingrained by our professional instructors.

The camp session offers any and all players an opportunity to dramatically improve their individual baseball skills. An emphasis will be placed on improving a camper's hitting skills. There are more than 30 hitting stations and each station has a specific drill to improve the batter's hitting stroke.

Each ball player will be assigned by age and ability to a "team" which will travel as a group through various instructional "stations." Techniques common to all position players—hitting, bunting, fielding, running and throwing—will be taught. Campers also will concentrate on specific defensive stations, including pitching and catching.

### Complete Skills Camp Schedule (Tentative)

7:00 a.m.	Wake-up Call
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Depart for Illinois Field
8:45 a.m.	Stretching/Throwing
9:00 a.m.	Cage Hitting
10:00 a.m.	Bunting/Base Running
11:00 a.m.	Hitting Fundamentals
Noon	Lunch/Rest
1:00 p.m.	Game Situations
2:00 p.m.	Position Play
3:00 p.m.	Games
4:00 p.m.	Review of Instruction
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Free Time/Recreation
7:00 p.m.	Games/Films
10:30 p.m.	Bed Check
11:00 p.m.	Lights Out

## FEATURES

### Complete Skills Camp

The Complete Skills Camp puts a special emphasis on the development of the young hitter. Each camper will have the opportunity to rotate through offensive situations for 2+ hours each day.

### Championship-Caliber Instruction

University of Illinois Baseball Staff, outstanding high school and college coaches, and Fighting Illini players.

### Individual Instruction Emphasis

Fielding, bunting, hitting, pitching, catching, outfield play and base running.

## SPECIALTY CAMPS

**SPECIALTY CAMPS FORMAT** The Fighting Illini Specialty Camps offer players an intense concentration on the specific skills necessary to compete at a higher level of play. The camp coaching staff will work with each player to provide instruction designed to help each camper reach their full potential.

**INSTRUCTION** Fighting Illini Specialty Camps will feature the Illini Coaching Staff, other outstanding coaches and guest speakers. The coaches will be able to improve your game and illustrate drills that you will be able to utilize in your daily workouts throughout your career.

## SESSION 2: PITCHING/CATCHING CAMP JUNE 22-24 ■ AGES 12-18

Pitchers, this is your opportunity to learn the absolutes of pitching that are necessary for success at any level. The correct techniques and mechanics learned will be used throughout your pitching career. Illinois pitching coach, Drew Dickinson, oversees each player daily. Pitchers will also learn to hold runners on base, improve their pick-off moves and field their position. The proper pitching mechanics and grip techniques will be emphasized to prevent injuries. The catchers are taught the same fundamentals as the Illinois catchers which helped them cut down a league high percentage of base stealers. They will learn to improve their stance, blocking, handling pop-ups, calling the game, throwing to each base, fielding bunts, tagging plays, pitching to different hitters, catching the different pitches and becoming a team leader.

## SESSION 3: HITTING CAMP JUNE 24-26 ■ AGES 12-18

A must for all hitters who seriously want to improve their hitting stroke and techniques. In a number of hitting stations, campers will learn the fine points of hitting the Illini way. Developing the short, quick stroke that will increase contact and power. Hitting the breaking ball and situational hitting will be taught. Bunting for a base hit and sacrifice bunting techniques will also be covered. Each camper will leave camp with the knowledge of the many drills that have helped the Illini develop into one of the top offensive teams in the nation as well as freshman All-Americans, and Big Ten RBI, and hitting leaders. Eric Snider, the Illinois hitting coach, leads this camp.



### Specialty Camp Schedule (Tentative)

7:00 a.m.	Wake-up Call
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Depart for Illinois Field
8:45 a.m.-Noon	Teaching Stations 1-4 (specific skill instruction and drills)
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15-4:30 p.m.	Skill evaluation and videotape review
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Chalk talks/films/guest speakers
10:30 p.m.	Bed check
11:00 p.m.	Lights out



Players can be checked out of camp to attend games.

# SESSION 4: EVALUATION/EXPOSURE CAMP

JULY 27-30 ■ AGES 14-19

## EXPOSURE

High profile college and junior college coaches will be hired to teach and evaluate you!

## EVALUATION

The Fighting Illini Evaluation/Exposure Camp includes an EVALUATION DAY in which all campers will have their skills assessed for strengths and weaknesses. This assessment will be conducted in a professional tryout style format and will include both position and hitting evaluations. The assessment forms will be provided to EVERY CAMPER at the conclusion of camp.

## CAMP FORMAT

The Fighting Illini Evaluation/Exposure Camp has been especially designed for high school baseball players to be exposed to the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in high school, compete for a position on a college team and prepare for a professional baseball career. On a daily basis, the coaches will be teaching players to reach their individual goals through self-motivation, a positive attitude and self-discipline. Evening sessions will be used to reinforce the above through films, lectures and rap sessions.

## COMPETITION

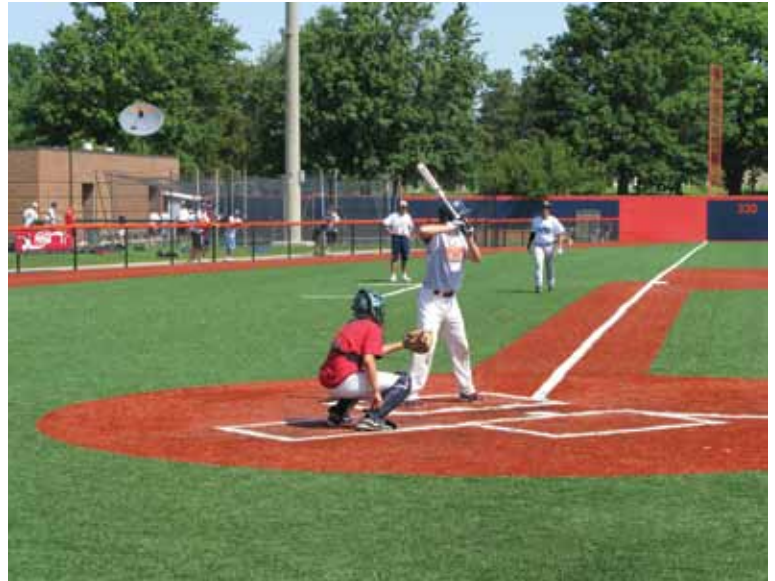
EVERY CAMPER will play EVERY DAY. You'll play on a team coached by one of our championship-caliber staff members. It's not enough to "know baseball." In order to develop the physical and mental skills that go into making a good player, you must know how to use this knowledge in game situations. Many former Illinois campers have gone on to play Division I, II, III college baseball, junior college baseball as well as professional baseball. The Fighting Illini Evaluation/Exposure Camp is your opportunity to work on individual skills and techniques that will bring your game to the next level.

## INSTRUCTION

Members of our camp coaching staff will lecture and demonstrate during the instructional phase of our camp. Personalized coaching in our teaching stations will include: hitting, pitching, throwing, fielding, running and bunting. All coaching will be held at the home of the Fighting Illini baseball team, Illinois Field.

## POSITIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE

Each day you will learn how to motivate yourself, how to set meaningful goals and how to do what it takes to reach your goals. Films, lectures, and rap sessions will help you get your "attitude in shape" so you can realize your full potential as a baseball player.



## EVALUATION/EXPOSURE CAMP SCHEDULE (Tentative)

7:00 a.m.	Wake-up Call
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45 a.m.-Noon	Stations* or seven-inning game
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15-4:30 p.m.	Stations* or seven-inning game
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
10:30 p.m.	Bed check
11:00 p.m.	Lights out

\*Stations include hitting/throwing/position play/bunting/base running.



Camp information available at [www.fightingillini.com/camps](http://www.fightingillini.com/camps)

For more information phone: 217-244-7278

# CAMP FEES, GENERAL CAMP AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

MAIL TO PROCESSING CENTER:  
University of Illinois  
Sport Camps & Clinics  
P.O. Box 3264  
Springfield, Illinois 62708-3264

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Camp \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Paymode \_\_\_\_\_ Payment \_\_\_\_\_  
Document \_\_\_\_\_

## CAMP FEES

Session 1	Resident: \$360	Commuter: \$275
Session 2 or 3	Resident: \$245	Commuter: \$185
Attend Session 2 and 3	Resident: \$445	Commuter: \$345
Session 4	Resident: \$360	Commuter: \$275

Every Camper Receives a Fighting Illini Baseball T-Shirt & Certificate of Participation

## GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

### Personal Needs

Campers should bring the following items: baseball spikes, bat, tennis shoes, glove, long pants (baseball or sweat pants), batting gloves, sweatshirt, gym shorts, athletic supporters and cup, towel and sunscreen. For residents camp, include washcloths, toiletries, and an extra blanket. Linens will be provided.

### Rules and Regulations

Any actions deemed detrimental to the health and safety of oneself or to another camper, or the destruction of property will result in immediate dismissal from camp without refund.

### Accommodations

The Fighting Illini campers will enjoy the air conditioned, roomy and modern facilities of the Florida Avenue Residence Hall (FAR), located on the corner of Lincoln and Florida Avenues in Urbana. The boys will room with others their own age or with friends by special request. Roommate preferences will be addressed at registration.

### Nutritious Meals

Delicious, wholesome meals are served cafeteria style. All-you-can-eat meals and unlimited drinks are served in attractive surroundings.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### SESSION 1, COMPLETE SKILLS

**DATES:** June 15-18

**AGES:** Any and all boys 7-18 (7 year olds, commuter only)

**REGISTRATION:** Sunday, June 15, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

**CHECKOUT:** Wednesday, June 18, 4:30 p.m.

**FEES:** The fee for live-in (resident) campers is \$360 and includes room and board. Commuter camper fee is \$275 and includes lunch. (Dinner on June 15 only.)

### SESSION 2, PITCHING/CATCHING

**DATES:** June 22-24

**AGES:** Any and all boys 12-18

**REGISTRATION:** Sunday, June 22, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

**CHECKOUT:** Tuesday, June 24, 11:30 a.m.

### SESSION 3, HITTING

**DATES:** June 24-26

**AGES:** Any and all boys 12-18

**REGISTRATION:** Tuesday, June 24, 1:00 -2:00 p.m.

**CHECKOUT:** Thursday, June 26, 11:30 a.m.

**FEES FOR SESSION 2 OR 3:** The fee for live-in (resident) campers is \$245 and includes room and board. Commuter camper fee is \$185 and includes lunch and dinner on the first day. If one attends both sessions, the resident camper fee is \$445 and the commuter camper fee is \$345.

### SESSION 4, EVALUATION/EXPOSURE

**DATES:** July 27-30

**AGES:** Any and all boys 14-19

**REGISTRATION:** Sunday, July 27, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

**CHECKOUT:** Wednesday, July 30, 11:30 a.m.

**FEES:** The fee for live-in (resident) campers is \$360 and includes room and board. Commuter camper fee is \$275 and includes lunch. (Dinner on July 27 only.)

## 2014 BASEBALL CAMP APPLICATION

(Please print)

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

2014-2015 Grade \_\_\_\_\_

2014-2015 School \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a returning Fighting Illini Camper?  Yes  No

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

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 misconduct 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."

Parent / Legal Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Session 1: June 15-18  Session 3: June 24-26

Session 2: June 22-24  Session 4: July 27-30

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Resident	<input type="checkbox"/> \$360	<input type="checkbox"/> \$245	<input type="checkbox"/> \$245	<input type="checkbox"/> \$360
Commuter	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	<input type="checkbox"/> \$185	<input type="checkbox"/> \$185	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275
Session 2 & 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident \$445		<input type="checkbox"/> Commuter \$345	

### METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Cash  Check (payable to University of Illinois)  Money Order

Credit Card:  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  American Express

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

V-code \_\_\_\_\_



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Champaign, IL 61820

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[www.fightingillini.com/camps](http://www.fightingillini.com/camps)  
or e-mail us at [sumcamps@illinois.edu](mailto:sumcamps@illinois.edu)

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## CAMP STAFF



**Dan Hartleb**  
Head Coach

- Led the Illini to an NCAA Regional in two of the last three seasons (2011 Fullerton Regional, 2013 Nashville Regional)
- Guided Illinois to a Big Ten regular-season championship and Big Ten Tournament title in 2011
- Coached the Illini to their lowest ERA in 37 years with a 3.76 ERA in 2013
- Has established Illinois as one of the most exciting teams in the Big Ten, ranking among conference leaders in runs, batting average and stolen bases
- 22 players have been drafted or signed professional contracts in the last 8 years
- Illinois has had 5 All-Americans and 4 Freshman All-Americans in the last 8 years
- Illinois has had 3 Big Ten Players of the Year and 32 All-Big Ten honorees in the last 8 years

**Eric Snider**  
Associate  
Head Coach



**Drew Dickinson**  
Assistant  
Coach



Illinois Field, home of the Fighting Illini, underwent a \$1 million facelift in 2008. FieldTurf Tarkett, an industry leader and the same provider that has installed playing surfaces at three Major League Baseball ballparks and 37 Division I baseball fields, converted the playing field to an artificial surface. FieldTurf covers the entire field, with the exception of the pitcher's mound, which will remain the traditional clay. The turf provides a playing surface that is more consistent than most natural grass fields and will have a life span of 10-12 years.