

Illinois Softball Coaches Association



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Northern Coaches Clinic

January 20, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Club Fusion Volleyball Center
11104 S. Grant HWY (Rt. 20)
Marengo, IL 60152

Directions:

From the Northwest Suburbs:

Take I-90 West towards Rockford.
Take the US-20 exit toward
MARENGO/HAMPSHIRE. Turn
LEFT onto US-20.

From Rockford: Merge onto I-90
E toward CHICAGO (Portions toll).
Take the exit toward US-
20/MARENGO/HAMPSHIRE. Turn
LEFT onto US-20.

Coaches Clinic Agenda

Michelle Venturella.....8:30
Catcher Fundamentals: The forgotten position to coach up

Michelle Venturella.....9:00
Recruiting: What can we do as coaches to help with the
process

Dwain Nance.....9:30
Fielding Routine: Scoop to Belly the Old Fashion Way

Break.....10:00

Jeff Tylka.....10:15
Base Running: Little Things that Score More Runs

Jeff Tylka.....10:45
Hitting Mechanics & Drills

Dwain Nance.....11:15
Using Dartfish for Video Analysis

Lunch Provided.....11:30

Randy Skaggs.....12:00

Jim Goranson.....12:45
Fielding Grounders: Scooping/Running Through the Ball

Break.....1:30

Randy Skaggs.....1:45

Cost

Pre-Registered by Jan. 15th

\$50 per coach

At the Door

\$60 per coach

Make checks payable to MCHS.

Coaching Clinic Staff

Michelle Venturella

Head coach Michelle Venturella enters her fourth season at the helm of the UIC softball program. Since taking over, she has placed eight Flames members on 11 different occasions to the all-conference team, while being named the Horizon League Coach of the Year in 2009. Her squad claimed a regular season championship in 2009 and the tournament crown in 2011, which propelled the Flames to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2004. Upon taking over the program, the South Holland, Ill., native turned a squad that had finished the 2008 season under .500 along with a fifth-place finish in the Horizon League into a team that claimed 16 wins in conference play during the 2009 campaign and a trip to the conference championship game, while winning the regular season.

Jeff Tylka

Jeff Tylka, who has spent the last three seasons as the head softball coach at Antioch High School in Antioch, Ill., is in his first season as assistant softball coach on Missy Beseres' staff at Loyola University Chicago. Over the last three seasons, Tylka compiled a 91-17 (.843) record at Antioch and saw a multitude of his players move on to play collegiate softball. In 2010, Tylka steered Antioch to a school-record 32 victories and a third-place showing at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) 3A state tournament. One of his most prized pupils at Antioch was current Loyola sophomore third baseman Lauren Moore, who had an impressive rookie season with the Ramblers last spring. During the 2009 campaign, Tylka piloted the Sequoits to 32 wins and a regional championship. In addition to his success as the head coach at Antioch High School, Tylka has served as an assistant coach for the Illinois Chill 18U Gold Softball squad for the past four years. While with the Chill, Tylka filled the role of hitting instructor and defensive coordinator. A former baseball team co-captain at Knox College, Tylka also lettered in football and basketball there.

Jim Goranson

Coach Jim Goranson is in his second year as the head coach of Regina Dominica High School. Jim is the founder and president of Illinois Bash Travel Softball program. Jim is an outstanding ambassador for the game. He has a lot of passion for the game. Coach Goranson has traveled all around the United States with his Illinois Bash program. He holds several indoor tournaments for travel teams over the winter months. Coach Goranson has hosted indoor spring jamboree for high school teams during March the last two years.

Randy Skaggs

Coach Randy Skaggs led his Schlarman Toppers to the school's best finish of 2nd place finish in class 1A in 2011. Coach Skaggs has won 6 regional championships in the last 8 years. He is the founder and president of Eastern Central Illinois (ECI) Travel Softball program.

Dwain Nance

Coach Dwain Nance is his sixth season as Head Coach at Marengo Community High School. He guided his 2011 Indian Softball Team to the IHSA Class 3A State Championship. Coach Nance has won 8 Regional Titles, 4 Sectional Titles and 2 Super-Sectional Titles. He had a four year stint at Paxton Buckley Loda High School from 2002 – 2005. Coach Nance has a career head coaching record of 239 wins and 88 losses and 1 tie.