

WELCOME

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) warmly welcomes you to the 2011 NFCA Valley Invitational Recruiting Camp. We are proud to offer this valuable service to recruitable student-athletes.

The NFCA is a non-profit professional growth organization for fastpitch softball coaches at all competitive levels of play. Its purposes include education, promotion of the growth of softball and betterment of the sport. Our current total membership is over 5,000.

For those who are not coaches, we have an affiliate category for \$70 a year membership dues. This is an excellent opportunity for players, parents, and family members to stay updated on the latest fastpitch news, camps/clinics and services.

As you prepare for the day, let us remind you to have fun! Allow yourself to enjoy another great moment of softball on the field.

Welcome to camp!

NFCA Recruiting Camp Objectives

The NFCA Recruiting Camps provide benefits for the prospective student-athletes, the athletes' parents, institutions that field fastpitch softball teams, the NFCA college coaches, the Association and the fame of fastpitch softball. It is the mission of the NFCA camps to (1) create a positive experience for prospective student-athletes, (2) present an opportunity for the student-athletes to be observed by college coaches, and (3) assist the student-athletes in seeking a higher education degree while competing in softball. College coaches are provided the unique opportunity to effectively and efficiently use their recruiting dollars to observe and recruit high school age athletes. The specific camp goals are:

1. To provide an opportunity for prospective college-bound student-athletes from 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades to be evaluated by college coaches.
2. To provide a learning situation for the student-athletes in college-bound skills, academic importance and requirements, recruiting strategies, and procedures and goal setting.
3. To provide a service to college coaches for evaluating and observing prospective Student-athletes.
4. To create a professional recruiting atmosphere for the college coaches and prospective Student-athletes.
5. To promote the sport of fastpitch softball and its participants through the marketing of the camps nationally.
6. To provide an efficient and cost-effective recruiting atmosphere for college coaches.

Camp Rules

The following are the NFCA Recruiting Camp rules and will be enforced at all times throughout the camp. Failure to follow any of the rules will result in immediate dismissal from the camp.

1. The student-athlete must attend all parts of the session unless excused by the trainer or camp staff.
2. The facilities must be treated with respect.
3. Medical treatment will be handled by the camp trainer.
4. No smoking, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol are allowed at any time.
5. All schedule times must be observed.
6. There is no communication (talking, passing notes, etc.) with the observing college coaches by players, parents, summer coaches.
7. Only camp staff and players are permitted on the fields. Parents and recruiting coaches are to stay outside the field area.
8. The camp staff is not permitted to discuss specific colleges or college coaches with the student-athletes.
9. Campers and staff are not allowed to wear shorts or shirts with a specific college or university logo. Campers will receive a shirt from the NFCA at registration for their personal use. **Campers must wear their travel team jersey during participation at the recruiting camp.**
10. **After participating in this camp, each camper must complete and submit an evaluation of her camp experience, then pick up her camp T-Shirt prior to leaving and submit your evaluation of your camp experience.**

General Camp Information

Registration

Registration will consist of checking in, receiving the camp packet which includes the camp T-shirt*, the participant numbers for the front and back of the travel ball jersey, and the colored band designating classification. ***T-Shirts will be given out after your session once you turn in your camp evaluation form.**

Off Site

Registration will be available on Thursday night, from 5PM to 8PM at the Courtyard Marriott, 3050 NW Stucki Place, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124 (Phone: 503-690-1800)
We highly encourage you to check in on Thursday night, at the Courtyard, as we are going to have limited check-in time on Friday morning. Check in for all sessions will be available on Thursday night.

On Site

Players should plan to arrive no later than one hour prior to the start of their scheduled session. Check in will be at Hillsboro Stadium (Faber Recreation Complex), 4450 NW 229th Avenue, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124. (Phone: 503-681-6120)

Each participant should allow adequate time for warm-up prior to participation. (Warming up is the participant's responsibility and will not be done as a group).

Session Times

Session I	Outfielders/Catchers	-	8:00am To 10:45am
Session II	Pitchers	-	11:00am To 2:00pm
Session III	Infielders	-	2:15pm To 5:00pm

Parent Information

1. Parents are invited to attend and observe the skills and educational sessions.
2. Parents are encouraged to attend the post-skills session on the recruiting process for the college-bound student-athlete.
3. College coaches are in attendance at the camp to observe and evaluate talent.
4. Athletes and their parents **cannot speak** with specific college coaches at any time during the camp.

Format --- Session I

Outfielders/Catchers

8:00-8:10	Introduce staff and explain field rotations
8:10-8:15	Field manager gives field instructions
8:15-8:40	First Rotation
8:40-8:45	Water break; rotate fields
8:45-8:50	Field manager gives field instructions
8:50-9:35	Second Rotation
9:35-9:40	Water break; rotate fields
9:40-9:45	Field manager gives field instructions
9:45-10:20	Third Rotation
10:20-10:30	Water break
10:30-10:45	Student-athlete and parent information sessions (T-Shirts handed out after session upon receipt of your completed camp evaluation form)

Format --- Session II

Pitchers

11:00-11:10	Introduce staff and explain field rotations
11:10-11:15	Field manager gives field instructions
11:15-11:45	First Rotation
11:45-11:50	Water break; rotate fields
11:50-11:55	Field manager gives field instructions
11:55-12:35	Second Rotation
12:35-12:40	Water break; rotate fields
12:40-12:45	Field manager gives field instructions
12:45-1:25	Third Rotation
1:25-1:30	Water break
1:30-1:45	Student-athlete and parent information sessions (T-Shirts handed out after session upon receipt of your completed camp evaluation form)

Format --- Session III

Infielders

2:00-2:10	Introduce staff and explain field rotations
2:10-2:15	Field manager gives field instructions
2:15-2:45	First Rotation
2:45-2:50	Water break; rotate fields
2:50-2:55	Field manager gives field instructions
2:55-3:35	Second Rotation
3:35-3:40	Water break; rotate fields
3:40-3:45	Field manager gives field instructions
3:45-4:25	Third Rotation
4:25-4:30	Water break
4:30-4:45	Student-athlete and parent information sessions (T-Shirts handed out after session upon receipt of your completed camp evaluation form)

All-Star Games

We have 8 All-Star Games this year. All eight games will be held at the stadium complex at 6:30PM. These games will be on Friday night following the last session of the camp. All games will be 9 inning games.

Campers will be assigned to one of 16 teams. We will assign players in order of graduation dates starting with 2009, then 2010, then 2011, and then 2012. We have specific coaches that will be handling each team. Your regular summer team coach will not be allowed to coach you in the All Star Games.

You need to wear your camp assigned number on the front and back of your uniform during the All Star Games so the college coaches can identify you.

We will be having a barbecue for the college coaches, camp participants, and families at the stadium from 4PM to 6PM. College coaches & camp participants are free. Family member and guests will be \$10.00 per person.

Camp Staff

Our goal is to provide the best staff possible to benefit your needs and make the camp experience positive, fun, and memorable.

Our coaching staff will consist of top high school, summer, NAIA, and junior college coaches, as well as collegiate players, all of whom strive to carry out the ideals and objectives of the Association. Because of NCAA rules, NCAA college coaches cannot be included in our staff.

In addition, each camp will have a certified trainer available at all times. He/she will tend to injuries, taping, and any medical emergencies.

The camp is endorsed by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Please direct any questions regarding payment, insurance, waiver, personal profile, etc. to Mike Wells by e-mail at mrsoftball@mvwinsurance.com or by phone at (503) 445-2420 Voice, or (503) 329-0129 Cell.

Hotel Information

The host hotel for the camp is the Courtyard Marriott, 3050 NW Stucki Place, Hillsboro, OR 97124. Phone number - (503) 690-1800. A complete list of hotels for the area are listed on the website at www.mrsoftballinc.com. Hotel coordinator is Kym Wilson – (971) 645-0606.

Please call her if you need assistance.



GORDON FABER RECREATIONAL COMPLEX
4400 NW 229th
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Directions

Directions to Hillsboro Stadium (Faber Recreational Complex)
4400 NW 229th, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

FROM PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PDX) TO HILLSBORO STADIUM:

Take Airport Way to I-205 South. Follow I-205 South to I-84 West. Follow I-84 West to I-5 South. Follow I-5 South to I-405 North. Take the Highway 26, Beaverton, Exit. Take Highway 26 to the Cornelius Pass South Exit #63B. Exit will bring you around to Cornelius Pass Road. Go back across Highway 26 and stay on Cornelius Pass Road heading South. Go to the 3rd stop light which is NW Evergreen Parkway. Turn right onto Evergreen Parkway, going West. Turn right onto NW 229th. The complex is on your right. Follow the entrance road past the fields to the parking lot. You cannot miss it as the huge grandstand can be seen from miles.

FROM PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PDX) TO COURTYARD MARRIOTT:

Follow the same directions as outlined for Hillsboro Stadium, but take the Rock Creek/185th Avenue Exit #62 which is the exit before the Hillsboro Stadium exit. Come back across the bridge over Highway 26 and come down to the second stoplight which is NW Evergreen Parkway. Turn right on NW Evergreen Parkway. Go down two stop lights and turn right on NW Stucki Drive. The Courtyard Marriott is at the end of NW Stucki Drive. Address is 3050 NW Stucki Place, Hillsboro, OR 97124. Phone is (503) 690-1800.

FROM COURTYARD MARRIOTT TO HILLSBORO STADIUM:

Take Stucki Drive to NW Evergreen Parkway. Take a right onto NW Evergreen Parkway. Follow NW Evergreen Parkway, cross over Cornelius Pass Road, and continue to NW 229th. Take a right on NW 229th and you will see the stadium on your right.

FROM PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PDX) TO TOWN PLACE SUITES:

Follow the same directions as outlined for Hillsboro Stadium, but instead of turning right on NW 229th, take a left, follow 229th almost to NE Cornell Road. Just before Cornell Road you will see the sign for the Marriott Town Place Suites. Address is 6550 NE Brighton Street, Hillsboro, OR 97124. Phone is (503) 268-6000.

FROM TOWN PLACE SUITES TO HILLSBORO STADIUM:

Come out of the motel entrance and take a right on NE Brighton Street. Take a left onto NW 229th and follow it all the way out to Hillsboro Stadium. You will see the stadium on your right.

(If directions are unclear or further instruction is needed, please visit the tournament web site at <www.mrsoftballinc.com> or use mapquest.

What To Bring/Helpful Hints

1. You will need to bring comfortable athletic clothing including your team jersey to be worn at the camp.. Please bring appropriate clothing for cool weather.
2. Be sure to bring your glove, cleats, batting gloves, and bat. **Catchers must bring their own catching equipment!** Be sure to label your own equipment with your name. You will be responsible for your own equipment at all times.
3. No refunds will be granted except for inclement weather, as all camper profiles will appear in the college coaches recruiting book. A \$40 refund will be given by August 1, 2011 to all campers in attendance at a camp that must be cancelled due to inclement weather. (The NFCA Camps and Clinics Committee has determined that an indoor site, in case of inclement weather, is not feasible because of logistical, safety, and coaching participation concerns, however we do have the tartan surface at the stadium and will use that if necessary.)

4. You may want to bring a few extra dollars to purchase refreshments or camp souvenirs. Water will be provided on the fields.
5. Due to the limited camp time and space, **pitchers will be required to provide their own catchers**. This can be a parent, sibling, friend, teammate, or summer coach. Catchers must wear proper protective equipment. **(If you cannot find a catcher, please let us know by the May cutoff date so we can see what we can find)**
6. Again, because of the limited camp time, it will be important to make the most of every situation. Be aware, each athlete will have a limited number of swings, ground/fly balls, etc. Therefore, every drill/skill you perform should be taken seriously and done to the best of your ability.
7. Camp Results will be posted by participant number at www.mrsoftballinc.com within one week after the completion of the camp. Please remember your assigned number. (On the pitching session, JUGS Equipment Company will be providing reader boards at the stadium for viewing of all pitching speeds as they are performed by each participant.)

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