PIRATE SOFTBALL SUMMER CAMP

August 25th, 2018

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LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE DON’T MISS OUT!

• Pirate Camp Goals

The Pirate Camp is designed to develop beyond the basics. These include throwing, infield, outfield, pitching, bunting, and creating a productive fastpitch swing. Campers will have an opportunity to implement these skills. The ECU coaches are responsible for drilling the skills while providing continuous feedback to the athletes. This camp’s main goal is to prepare campers to play at the collegiate level!

• WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

SOFTWARE UNIFORM OR SOFTWARE PANTS AND T-SHIRT, CLEATS, GLOVE, BAT, CATCHER’S GEAR (only if a catcher), SNEAKERS AND WATER BOTTLE.

DO NOT BRING VALUABLES

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Greenville, NC 27858

Email for a response:
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ABOUT EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

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Courtney Oliver, Head Coach, ECU
Courtney Oliver, a five-time NCAA Regional participant as an assistant coach, was appointed head softball coach at East Carolina University in June 2015. Oliver's hiring makes her the fifth head coach in ECU softball program history. Oliver brings seven years of NCAA Division I coaching experience to ECU after having spent three years at NC State, with stops at Hofstra, Boston and Monmouth University along the way. In her previous positions, Oliver has gained valuable experience as a pitching and infield coach while also planning and executing practices, and serving as the recruiting coordinator. Under Oliver's tutelage, the 2015 NC State pitching staff owned a team ERA of 2.61 to rank 34th in the nation and second in the ACC. NC State pitchers did their job in the circle fanning 441 batters for second in the conference. Additionally, the Wolfpack struck out 94 batters looking to lead the league. The Swansea, Mass., native helped NC State to its first-ever Top-25 finish as the Wolfpack concluded the 2015 season at No. 19 in the final polls after winning the NCAA Regional en route to an appearance in the University of Oregon Super Regional. In her last season with the Wolfpack, Oliver boasted a pair of All-Southeast Region selections in right-handed pitcher Emily Weiman and shortstop Renada Davis.

Emily Weiman, Graduate Assistant, ECU
Weiman finished her third and final season playing professionally for the Akron Racers of the National Pro Fastpitch league in 2017. She put together her best season in the league, leading the team in innings pitched (59.2), wins (5), and second in strikeouts (48). During the 2016 season, she compiled a 3.15 earned run average and recorded two saves to go along with 46 strikeouts in 71 innings pitched for the now defunct Pennsylvania Rebellion. In her collegiate years at NC State, Weiman developed into the most successful pitcher in Wolfpack program history. She concluded her prolific career as the NCAA Division I active leader in appearances (195), games started (167), complete games (128) and innings pitched (1,084). She also stood second in career wins (108) and strikeouts (1,056). Weiman left Raleigh as holder of 14 single-season or career records. During her senior season, the ace pitcher helped NC State reach the Super Regionals for the first time in program history. The Wolfpack wound up 38-22 and ranked No. 19 in the final National Fastpitch Coaches Association and USA Softball/ESPN polls. It marked the first time the program had been ranked in the Top 25 at season's end.

Camp Staff

Jess Hirschbuhl, Assistant Coach, ECU
Hirschbuhl comes to ECU after working as the head trainer at Orangetheory Fitness. Prior to her employment at Orangetheory Fitness, Hirschbuhl interned with the New York Yankees as a strength coach where she created strength programs for athletes at the professional, collegiate, and high school levels. With the Yankees, she also provided feedback on exercise techniques and proper form during observation and coaching throughout the training sessions. As a strength coach intern, Hirschbuhl was responsible for conducting athletic performance assessments and adjusting training programs as necessary. From 2009 – 2013, Hirschbuhl assisted at the Hofstra Softball Clinics and followed that experience working at the NC State Softball Camps. While working camps and clinics, Hirschbuhl coached both offensive and defensive strategy while emphasizing the use of proper mechanics for both fundamental and advanced levels. As a student-athlete at Hofstra, Hirschbuhl earned First Team All-Colonial Athletic Association honors in 2011 after batting .311 on the year with 26 RBIs. A Colonial Athletic Association All-Tournament Team selection, Hirschbuhl lead the Pride to a 46-13 record in her senior year as Hofstra advanced to the NCAA Regional Finals and concluded the year ranked 25th in the USA Today/NFCA Poll.

Molly Fichtner, Assistant Coach, ECU
Fichtner, comes to ECU after two years as an assistant coach at Dartmouth, one season in the National Pro Fastpitch (NPF) league, and an honor-filled collegiate career at national powerhouse Alabama. Fichtner is a 2014 graduate of Alabama who started her collegiate career at UTSA in San Antonio, Texas, before transferring to Tuscaloosa for her final two seasons. With the Crimson Tide, Fichtner appeared in 102 games, starting 88. As a senior, she was named to the All-SEC Second Team after pacing the Crimson Tide with a .391 average in conference play as well as tallying 27 hits, seven doubles and 16 RBI. Fichtner threw out a conference-leading seven would-be base stealers and committed just two errors in 125 chances with no passed balls behind the dish for a .984 fielding percentage in SEC play. As a senior, Fichtner helped the Crimson Tide reach the Women's College World Series as Alabama advanced all the way to the national championship series.