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# 2024 Softball Coaches Clinic

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

**Friday, January 26, 2024**

**8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

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## CLINIC AGENDA

8:00 a.m.	Doors Open (Registration, Donuts & Coffee provided by <b><u>Adrenaline Fundraising</u></b> )
8:30 a.m.	Welcome
8:40 a.m.	Dwain Nance: 16 Pet Peeves over 27 years of coaching softball
9:20 a.m.	Alaynie Woollard: Catcher Position Technique, Skills, and Drills
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:10 a.m.	Alaynie Woollard: Infield / Outfield Drills
10:50 a.m.	Jill Carpenter: Culture Matters
11:30 a.m.	Lunch Provided
12:15 p.m.	Kevin Hayhurst: Indoor Hitting Practice done Efficiently
1:00 p.m.	Break
1:10 p.m.	Dwain Nance: 7 Drills to Incorporate into Your Practices
1:50 p.m.	Fred Schlessinger: Officials are Super Important / New Rules for 2024
2:25 p.m.	Conclusion

### **\*\*\*Meet the Speakers\*\*\***

#### **Fred Schlessinger**

Fred is a 2019 Hall of Fame Umpire. He has been officiating since the age of 14. He has done numerous state finals and is one of the most accomplished officials in the Chicagoland area.

#### **Dwain Nance**

Dwain has been the head coach of Marengo Community High School since 2007. He has led the Indians to five state trips to the state tournament with two state championships (2011, 2017), two state runner-ups (2012, 2015) and one fourth place (2008).

#### **Jill Carpenter**

Jill has been the head coach of Sycamore Spartans since 2006. She has a career record of 315 - 272.

Sycamore won the 2019 state championship under Coach Carpenter's guidance. Sycamore has won six regional titles, three sectional titles and 1 super sectional title.

#### **Kevin Hayhurst**

Kevin has been the head coach of the Beecher Lady Bobcats since 2003. He has a career record of 591 - 106 - 2. The Lady Bobcats have won four state titles (2004, 2007, 2017, 2019), two state runner-ups (2018, 2023) and one fourth place (2014).

#### **Alaynie Woollard**

Coach Woollard begins her second season as an assistant coach at her alma mater in 2024. Woollard returned to NIU in 2023 following three years on staff at Green Bay. In her first season back at NIU, Woollard helped the Huskies to 26 wins, including 15 in conference play, with a young roster that featured 11 freshmen. Kelly Walinski and Danielle Stewart each earned First Team All-MAC honors while Kiley Conner was named Second Team All-MAC and the MAC Freshman Player of the Year. Sam Mallinder and Stewart were both named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-Region Third Team while Walinski received the Nan Harvey Award, given to a MAC player, coach or staff member who demonstrates commitment, leadership and toughness.

As a player, Woollard had a standout career at NIU under Christina Sutcliffe from 2014-18. A NFCA All-Great Lakes and Academic All-MAC honoree, Woollard made appearances at shortstop, catcher, and third base with the Huskies. She owns the NIU single-season triples record (9) and is tied for the third-most triples in program history (13). Woollard's 27 home runs in a Huskie uniform is tied for third-most in school history.

<b>*** Location ***</b> <b>Club Mission Volleyball Center</b> 11104 S. Grant Hwy (Rt 20) Marengo, IL 60152 <a href="https://www.missionvb.com/facilities">https://www.missionvb.com/facilities</a>	<b>***Directions***</b> <b>From the Northwest Suburbs:</b> Take I-90 West towards Rockford. Take the US-20 exit toward MARENGO/HAMPSHIRE. Turn LEFT onto US-20.  <b>From Rockford:</b> Merge onto I-90 E toward CHICAGO (Portions toll). Take the exit toward US- 20/MARENGO/HAMPSHIRE. Turn LEFT onto US-20.
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<b>***Cost***</b> \$80 per coach <b>Sign Up &amp; Pay Online at:</b> <a href="https://illinoissoftballcoachesassociation.ryzerevents.com/register.cfm">https://illinoissoftballcoachesassociation.ryzerevents.com/register.cfm</a>  Or <b>Make checks payable to MCHS &amp; Send to:</b> MCHS c/o Dwain Nance 110 Franks Rd. Marengo, IL 60152	<b>***Questions***</b> Contact Dwain Nance fisherman0916@yahoo.com (217) 778 - 9603
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