

Clinic Coaching Staff



Head Coach Gretta Melsted 6th Year

Coach Melsted has been the head softball coach at Augustana since July of 2006 and is coming off her most successful season. She was named the 2009, 2010, & 2011 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Coach of the Year as the Vikings posted a 50-11 overall record while going 22-3 in the NSIC to earn the 2011 Conference Championship.

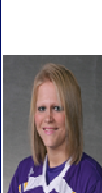
The Vikings have improved their record every season Melsted has directed the Vikings. In 2011, the Vikings climbed as high as No. 7 in the NFCA Top 25 Coaches Poll. The 2011 squad won the NSIC regular-season crown and placed seven on the 2011 All-Conference team, five on the all region team, eight academic all conference, and one academic all district. Traci Fransen became Melsted's first All American at Augustana. Augustana concluded its season in the Super Regional Tournament final. Eighteen total players have earned All-Conference honors at Augie under Melsted while eleven have garnered All-Region honors.

Prior to coming to Augustana, Melsted served as the head softball coach at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., for three seasons. She guided the Wildcats to two appearances in the NAIA Region V Tournament in 2004 and 2006. The 2004 squad finished third at the tournament. Culver-Stockton won the 2004 Heart of America Athletic Conference Tournament championship after finishing fourth in the HAAC during the regular season. The Wildcats finished third in the HAAC in the regular season in 2005 and 2006.

Assistant Coach

Mike Mook 3rd Year

Mook, enters his third season as a graduate assistant coach for the Augustana softball team. He will work primarily with pitchers. Prior to coming to Augustana, Mook spent one year as an assistant coach at the Division I level with the University of Illinois-Chicago.



Assistant Coach Kelsey Thompson 2nd Year

Thompson enters her second season as a graduate assistant coach for the Augustana softball team. Thompson is a 2010 grad of Minnesota State, Mankato where she was voted the 2010 NSIC and Central Region Player of the Year as well as a Daktronics and Louisville Slugger/NFCA 2nd Team All-American.

Augustana Softball 2012

February

10-11 Desert Stinger Tourney, Las Vegas
25-26 Husky Dome Classic, St. Cloud

March

1 Winona State (DH), Rochester
7 Minnesota Duluth (DH), Vadnais Heights
17-27 Rebel Spring Games
24 Northern State (DH)
25 U-Mary (DH)
28 **Southwest Minnesota State (DH)**
29 **University of Sioux Falls (DH)**
31 **Bemidji State (DH)**

April

1 **Minnesota Duluth (DH)**
3 **Minnesota State, Mankato (DH)**
5 St. Cloud State (DH)
7 Concordia-St. Paul (DH)
10 **Chadron State (DH)**
11 **Winona State (DH)**
14 Minnesota, Crookston (DH)
15 Minnesota State Moorhead (DH)
17 **Upper Iowa (DH)**
21 Wayne State (DH)
26-28 NSIC Tournament

May

4-6 NCAA Regionals
11-12 NCAA Super Regionals
15-19 NCAA Finals

*All home games are in bold. Please check www.goaugie.com for specific game times.



AUGUSTANA SOFTBALL CLINICS 2012



Hitting Clinics (Grade 3-6 & 7-12) \$40

Hitting clinics will focus on mechanics, one-on-one instruction in the batting cage, tee drills, vision training drills, and demonstration by the Augie players. Instruction emphasizes good form, swing speed, weight transfer, positive-feedback and hitting progression used by the current Augustana hitters.

Advanced Hitting Clinics \$60

The clinic is limited to 26 athletes. Each athlete will get one-on-one instruction, advanced hitting drills as well as swing analysis from the Augie Coaching Staff. This clinic will help participants learn to hit like the Augie players through advanced drills regularly performed in day-to-day practice routines.

Beginning Pitching Clinics \$40

Beginner clinics will include mechanics, practice drills, training instruction and continuous one-on-one feedback. Beginner clinics will also include basic technique and form instruction on throwing a change-up. Pitchers must provide their own catcher.

Advanced Pitching Clinics \$60

The clinic is limited to 18 athletes. The clinic will include advanced technique and form as well as instruction and critique in throwing the drop, rise, screw, drop curve, and change-up. The Augie Coaching Staff will analyze pitches with the help of advanced high speed video analysis. Pitchers must provide their own catcher.

Catching Clinics \$40

Catching clinics will focus on all of the mechanics of catching including; posture, glove position, framing, fielding bunts, blocking balls, pop-ups, throwing to bases, and retrieving wild pitches. Information on calling a game, relationship with the umpire, and helping the pitcher will also be covered. Catchers should bring gear.

Beginners Clinic \$60

Throwing, fielding (infield & outfield), hitting, pitching, and base-running will all be covered. Proper technique and form will be emphasized during a fast-paced Augie coach and player-led series of drills geared to develop and improve all around softball skills. Participants will learn fundamentals for all facets of the game.

Elite Defensive Clinic \$100

Do you want to take your game to the next level? Do you want to learn what makes the difference between good and great players? The Elite Defensive Clinic will focus on the intricate details it takes to play at the next level. This clinic is not for beginners but advanced athletes looking to compete at the next level. Be ready to breakdown softball skills to the minute details and learn the techniques and skills that have propelled the Augie Softball team to a national level. Be ready to be challenged mentally and physically! Participants must be on a 16U, 18U, or high school varsity team.

Clinic Schedule

Saturday February 18, 2012

#1 Elite Defensive Clinic 11:30am—2:30pm

Saturday March 3, 2012

#2 Beginners Clinic 8:00am—10:30am
#3 Hitting (7-12) 11:30am—1:00pm

Sunday March 4, 2012

#4 Advanced Hitting 9:00am—11:00am
#5 Advanced Pitching 12:00pm—2:00pm
#6 Hitting (Grades 3-6) 12:00pm—1:30pm
#7 Catching 12:00pm—1:30pm
#8 Beginning Pitching 2:15pm—3:45pm

Clinic News

-Registration for all clinics will take place in the half hour preceding that clinic session

-Those attending pitching clinics must bring their **own glove and catcher**

-Please bring your **own bat** for the hitting clinics and your own glove for any of the fielding clinics

-All hitting clinics will be at the Bill Hall Baseball/Softball Complex located at the corner of 37th St. and Lake Avenue. Pitching, catching, elite defense and beginners clinics will be at the Elmen Center located at the corner of 33rd St. and Grange Avenue.



Registration Form

Please register online at www.augiecamp.com or send this form and your check to:

Augustana Softball Clinics
2001 S. Summit Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57197

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

Check which clinic(s) you would like to attend:

Sunday February 18, 2012

#1 _____

Saturday March 3, 2012

#2 _____ #3 _____

Sunday March 4, 2012

#4 _____ #5 _____ #6 _____ #7 _____ #8 _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Register early, numbers are limited in order to provide adequate instruction and participation to all attendees. Participants will be registered in the order in which their registration forms are received.

No refunds will be given after the day of the clinic except for the case of inclement weather. Submit all such requests in writing.

I hereby release Augustana College, its employees, and Board of Trustees from all claims on account of any injury which may be sustained by my child as a result of participation in the Augustana Softball Clinics. Furthermore, I certify that within the past year my child has had a physical examination and that she is physically able to participate in softball activities. In the event illness or injury, I hereby give consent for medical treatment and permission to the attending physician apply all proper care that is necessary.

Parent Signature: _____

Emergency Contact #: _____