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HIGHLAND HEIGHTS - For girls who want to work on their change-up pitch, perfect their bunt or just polish their fielding skills, Northern Kentucky University's softball team is offering a fast-pitch softball academy starting Sunday at Regents Hall and running the following two Sundays. The academy is open to girls in grades 4-12.

"They will be getting very good instruction and will be interacting with collegiate players," said head coach Kathy Stewart. The academy will offer hour-long sessions in pitching, hitting, defense and catching led by the coaches and current and former NKU players.

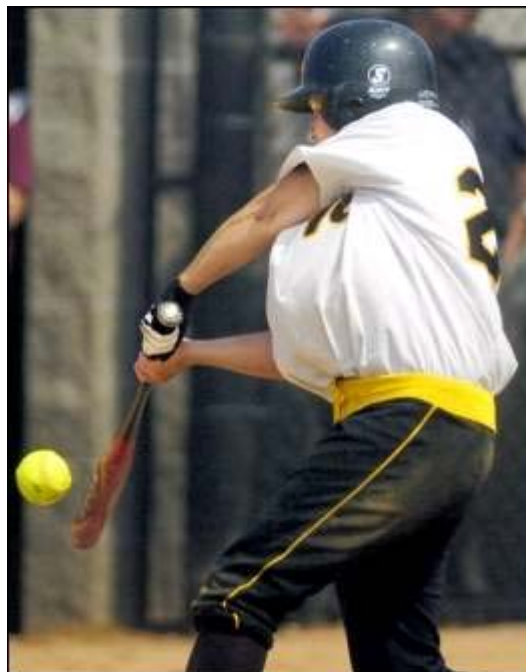
"We have the clinic to help the growth and development of fast-pitch softball in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area. In addition, it may also help the high school players gear up for their seasons," Stewart said.

ADVERTISEMENT The NKU softball team has competed in the NCAA Tournament the past four years and won the NCAA Regional Tournament the past two years, earning them spots in the Elite Eight. Last year, NKU broke the NCAA consecutive game winning record with 55.

"Our secret to success is getting players that want to play at NKU. Then, once they're at NKU, for them to maintain their commitment to the philosophy of the softball program," Stewart said.

The cost of the three-week Softball Academy is \$60. Funds are used to pay for the annual spring-break trip and gear for the players.

Enrollment for each session is limited. Walk-on registration is allowed on Sunday. Information: (859) 572-5939.



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