



# STAFF INFORMATION

## Scot Thomas Head Coach - 15th year



Now entering his 15th season, Coach Scot Thomas has positioned Hokie softball as one of the most respected programs, not only in the conference and region, but on the national map as well. Since taking the job in 1995, he has recorded over 500 wins and has averaged nearly 36 wins per season, including ACC titles and region coaching staff of the year honors in both 2007 or 2008.

In 2008, he took the Hokies to the Women's College World Series and also led his team to a historic upset of the U.S. National Team, breaking the Red, White & Blue's 185-game pre-Olympic exhibition tour winning streak with a 1-0 win. This is the same program that had won the previous three Olympic gold medals in the sport and took silver in Beijing.

While success on the field is important, Thomas also places a strong emphasis on success in the classroom. In 13-plus seasons, he has had several players earn Academic All-America honors, including Angela Tincer who was named the Academic All-American of the Year in 2008. She was also named the National Player of the Year, earning the rare double play of awards.

Thomas graduated from East Tennessee State University in 1991 with a bachelor's in physical education. A native of Blacksburg, Va., Thomas graduated from Blacksburg High where he was a member of the football and baseball teams.

Thomas is married to the former Carolyn Croy, a Tech graduate from Blacksburg. The couple has a son, Andrew Scot, who is 11, and a daughter, Eliza Leigh, who is 7.

## Al Brauns Associate Head Coach - 12th year



Al Brauns enters his 12th year on the Tech softball staff and his second as the associate head coach. His responsibilities include working primarily with the outfielders, as well as helping with the infielders and hitters and he has been an integral part in the staff earning back-to-back NFCA Northeast Region Coach Staff of the Year honors.

A favorite among current and past players, Brauns also is in charge of field maintenance, travel, equipment and has a heavy hand in recruiting. Virginia Tech's summer softball camps, which have seen a huge spike in attendance over the past few years, is also run by the long-time assistant coach. Brauns started playing fastpitch in the 1960s and finished his career playing with a men's major team from 1970-74. He is originally from Uniontown, Pa., and graduated from Penn State in 1973 with a degree in criminology.

## Barb Sherwood Assistant Coach - 2nd year



Assistant coach Barb Sherwood is in her second year with the Hokie coaching staff as the pitching coach. Sherwood has also spent time at Florida State University, the University of Wisconsin and Troy University.

A four-year letterwinning catcher and team captain at Troy, Sherwood earned her bachelor's of science degree in physical education in 1999 and followed-up with a Master's in education in 2000. Sherwood remains the winningest player in Troy softball history. The Trojans won 176 games while Sherwood was on the roster from 1995 to 1998. She was a three-time team captain and helped lead the Trojans to the 1996 Mid-Continent Conference championship and a berth in the 1996 NCAA Tournament.

**Camp Staff** will consist of the Virginia Tech coaching staff as well as other collegiate and high school coaches. Current and former Virginia Tech players will also be assisting.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

*It is the aim of the Virginia Tech Softball Camp to provide athletes with the best instruction and atmosphere in which to improve upon softball fundamentals and sharpen skills.  
Camp includes instruction on fielding, hitting, throwing, base running, pitching, catching and situational play.  
Camp is open to fifth grade through newly graduated seniors.*

## COST

### PITCHER/CATCHER CAMP: JUNE 21-23

Resident \$250 .....Commuter \$180  
This fee includes housing, insurance, camp T-shirt and meals.  
Sunday-Tuesday

### SKILLS CAMP: JUNE 23-26

Resident Campers.....\$360  
This fee includes housing, insurance, camp T-shirt and meals.  
Tuesday-Friday

Commuter Campers.....\$250  
This fee includes insurance, camp T-shirt, lunch and dinner.  
Tuesday-Friday

**A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$100 MUST ACCOMPANY EACH APPLICATION.  
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Scot Thomas Softball Camp**

## REGISTRATION

- Completely fill out registration, and enclose \$100 deposit for each session or entire balance. Once received, a confirmation packet will be sent to you. **If roommate preferences are desired, please indicate on registration form.**
- *If late check-in is needed, contact Coach Brauns.*
- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 10, 2009.** Registration will be cut off prior to the deadline date if the camp becomes full. **Registration will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.**

## CAMP SCHEDULE

### Pitcher/Catcher Camp

Check in: June 21 ..... 3:00-4:00  
Session I 4:30

Check out: June 23 ..... 12:00

### Skills Camp

Check in: June 23 ..... 3:00-4:00  
Session II 4:30

Check out: June 26 ..... 12:00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Ht./Wt. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall '09) \_\_\_\_\_ H.S. Coach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Camper's Health Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Session Attending:  I Pitchers/Catchers  I & II  
 Resident (\$250)  Resident (\$360)  Resident (\$585)  
 Commuter (\$180)  Commuter (\$250)  Commuter (\$405)  
 Roommate Preference: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I do hereby acknowledge and understand the my child's participation in the Virginia Tech Softball Camp is purely and entirely voluntary and the Camp shall not in any way be responsible or liable for any injuries, ailments, infirmities and/or disabilities which my child may encounter or sustain as the result of such participation. I understand the nature and potential risks from injury, and I agree to accept those risks.  
 Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and mail by June 10, 2009 (**camp will close once full**) to:

SCOT THOMAS SOFTBALL CAMPS, c/o AL BRAUNS, 218 CASSELL COLISEUM, BLACKSBURG, VA 24061