

WILDCAT CAMP STAFF

Cliff Rovelto - Camp Director

Cliff is in his 22nd year with the Wildcat program and his 18th as head track and field coach. During his tenure, the wildcats have won three women's championships in the Big 12 Conference, earned their highest ever women's NCAA team finish in cross country (5th), and top 10 NCAA finishes in men's and women's track and field. Rovelto's athletes have captured 100 All-America honors and 69 Big Eight/Big 12 titles over the last 21 seasons. Athletes that have excelled under Rovelto include: Scott Sellers, three-time NCAA Champion in the High Jump and current KSU school record-holder (7'7.5"); Kyle Lancaster (7'7" High Jump); Matt Hemingway, 2004 Olympic Silver Medalist-High Jump; Austra Skujyte, 2004 Olympic Silver Medalist-Heptathlon and 2001, 2002 NCAA Champion-Heptathlon; Nathan Leeper, 2000 Olympian-High Jump and NCAA champion in the same event in 1998; Shelia Burrell, 2000 Olympian-Heptathlon; Steve Fritz, 1996 Olympian-Decathlon; Ed Broxterman, 1996 Olympian-High Jump; Nicole Green, 1995 NCAA Champion-400m; and Percell Gaskins, 1994 NCAA Champion-High Jump. Prior to his arrival at KSU, Rovelto spent eight seasons coaching at the University of Kansas and began his coaching career at Leavenworth High School before moving to McLouth High School. Rovelto received his Bachelor's degree from KU in 1979.

Steve Fritz - Throws

Steve Fritz is a coach who can give Kansas State student-athletes a first-hand look at the experience of competing in track and field at the international level. Fritz, who is in his 18th season on the Wildcat staff, finished fourth for the U.S. in the decathlon in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. He scored a career-best 8,644 points. A member of the Kansas State Athletics Hall of Fame, Fritz was the U.S. national champion in the decathlon in 1997 and was fourth at the World Championships that same year.

Fritz has had his athletes earn 23 All-American certificates and 24 conference titles. He has had at least one athlete qualify for the NCAA meet every year he's been coaching at Kansas State. Under Fritz's guidance, the Wildcat women won every Big 12 indoor weight throw title and outdoor hammer title from 1997 to 1999. In the javelin, Fritz helped lead K-State to a sweep of men's and women's Big Eight titles in 1993 and 1994. Wildcat women won javelin titles in 1996, 1997 and 2002.

Fritz competed for Kansas State from 1989 to 1990 and holds the Big Eight decathlon record with 7,924 points. He was a two-time NCAA All-American for the Wildcats in the decathlon, finishing sixth in 1989 (7,548 points) and fourth in 1990 (7,729 points). He earned a Bachelor's degree in business from K-State in 1993. A native of Gypsum, Kan., Fritz is married to the former Suzie Wiemers.

Mike Smith- Middle Distance, Distance

Michael Smith is completing his 16th year as a member of the coaching staff at K-State and 6th year at the helm of the men's and women's cross country teams. Since arriving in Manhattan in 1994, Smith has played an integral role in the success of the K-State cross country and track & field teams in the Big 12 Conference and at the NCAA Championships. During his tenure, the Wildcats have won

three women's championships in the Big 12 Conference, earned their highest ever women's NCAA team finish in cross country (5th) and top 10 NCAA finishes in men's and women's track and field. Current K-State athletes under Smith's guidance include: Three-time NCAA All-American Beverly Ramos, Jason Collett, 1:47.39 800m and Jack Sachse 1:49.85 800m. In the summer of 2008, Coach Smith guided former Wildcat standout Christian Smith to the Olympic Trials and eventually onto the US Olympic team in one of the most memorable 800m finishes in Trials history. Christian Smith stands as the most decorated athlete under Smith's tutelage (3:38.10, 1:44.86). Smith has tutored a number of other Wildcats in their post-collegiate careers including 2005 KSU alumnus Lysaira Del Valle (2:02.85, 800m; 4:18.40, 1500m). Prior to coming to KSU in 1994, Smith served as the head coach of Boys Track and Field at Skyline High School in Oakland, CA, was an assistant track coach at the William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia, PA and spent 1 year as a graduate assistant coach at SUNY-Albany. He received his Bachelor's degree in animal behavior from Bucknell University in 1988. He earned a Master's degree in geography from SUNY-Albany in 1989, and a Master's degree in kinesiology from Kansas State University in 1996.

Andy Eggerth- Sprints, Hurdles, Relays

Andy Eggerth is in his 4th season at Kansas State and coaches the Wildcat sprinters and hurdlers. Eggerth came to K-State after three seasons as an assistant track and field coach at UAB. In his three years at UAB, Eggerth worked with the sprinters, hurdlers, jumpers and combined event athletes. In the 2005 season, he helped his athletes achieve nine school records and four freshman records. He coached one NCAA Indoor Championship provisional qualifier and six NCAA Regional Championship qualifiers during the 2005 outdoor season. In addition to his work with NCAA athletes, Eggerth has worked with post-collegians that have competed in the Pan-American Games, European Championships, World Championships and the Olympic Games.

Eggerth has a Master's degree in exercise physiology from Syracuse University and is a 2000 graduate of Bemidji State (Minn.) University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in sport management. Eggerth, who hails from Spring Lake Park, Minn., currently resides in Manhattan with his wife Agne.

Kyle Hierholzer- Jumps, Multi-events

Kyle Hierholzer is in his 4th year at Kansas State after joining the K-State coaching staff during the summer of 2006. Hierholzer comes to Manhattan after one season at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas, as the assistant track and field/cross country coach. While at South Plains, Hierholzer coached three NJCAA National Champions, nine NJCAA All-Americans, a 2006 U.S. Junior champion in the men's long jump and a 2006 World Junior finalist in the long jump. Prior to his stint at South Plains College, Hierholzer was a graduate assistant at Texas State University from 2003-2005. Coach Hierholzer's female athletes have jumped 6 ft in the HJ, 43 ft in the TJ, and 20ft in the LJ. His male jumpers have leapt to over 52 ft in the TJ, over 26 ft in the LJ, and vaulted over 17ft. Coach Hierholzer has a Master's degree in political science with a minor in international business.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Boys and Girls 10-18 years old are eligible to attend

Tuition costs: \$350 for resident campers

\$250 for commuter campers

Resident campers will be housed in residence halls on the KSU campus and meals will be provided by KSU dining services. Food service will begin on Thursday morning and conclude on Saturday morning. Athletic facilities include the newly refurbished R.V. Christian Track, Brandeberry workout facility, and the Ahearn Field House

Arrival: Wednesday, June 16 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. (residence hall TBD)

Activities will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Departure: Saturday, June 19 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Activities will conclude with a camp practice beginning Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

The goal of this camp is to help young track and field athletes to explore their interest in the various events and to learn from the experiences of successful coaches and student-athletes. Coach Rovelto and his staff have worked with many talented athletes with a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences in the sport. We will address the individual needs of each camper and create an enjoyable atmosphere in which to learn with a great deal of one-on-one attention.

Registration: Please clip and mail this form to:

Wildcat Track and Field Camp
106 Ahearn Field House
Manhattan, KS 66506
785-532-6567

Please include \$100 with your registration to secure your spot in the camp. Please include your medical statement with your registration.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please include a copy of your child's most recent physical, certifying that he/she is physically fit to attend and participate in the Wildcat Track and Field Camp.

Camper's name: _____

Parent/Guardian home phone: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Any known health concerns?

Medications or prescriptions?

Teams of 5 or more will receive reduced admission at the 2010 Wildcat Track and Field Camp. Teams must note on the registration what team they represent. The reduced fee for members of a team will be \$225 for commuters and \$325 for residents.