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Members of the Chase County softball team, along with some junior high players, took in a one-day softball camp at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln July 8.

Asst. Chase County Coach Jason Speck said it was the first time local players attended the camp.

It was very beneficial, he said, because at the three-hour team camp, members of the Husker softball team and a coach worked one-on-one with the eight local players attending.

The camp included a lot of fundamental work, Speck said, starting out with base-running. Players rotated to stations, working on running to first and second base, and tagging up at third. Other fundamentals stressed and drills at the camp included throwing, outfield play, infield footwork and fielding, batting stances and hitting.

Speck said a lot of the drills emphasized use of two hands on defense.

Husker players working with the local players were Alex Hupp and Amanda Duran. Camp director was Amanda Buchholz, formerly of Ogallala, who now works with the Husker program as a volunteer coach.

The camp was held at UNL's Bowlin Stadium in Haymarket Park.

High school players at the camp included Taylor Wilson, Bre Brown, Kacia Smith and Jordan Gibb.

Junior high players attending were Abbi Vetter, Ally Vrbas, Blair Hartman and Mallory Coleman. Also traveling to Lincoln with the team and Speck was Head Longhorn Softball Coach Denise Smith.

Longhorn softball practice starts Aug. 10.