

# Heat Coaches

## **Will Barker - Heat Head Coach**



Will brings 20 years of coaching experience to the club as an ASCA Level 4 Coach. He has been a head coach at Storm Aquatics for 14 years, and is also head coach for Champaign Country Club and Central High School Girls and Boys teams. Will swam competitively for 8 years and played water polo at University of Miami. Will has also coached for Aquachiefs, the Champaign Park District, and was the age group coach for Hurricane Aquatics in Miami, Florida. He was an assistant Zone coach in 1993 and 2005 and Head Zone Coach in 2009. In 2006, he was selected for the USAS Coach Mentor program and was fortunate to spend three days here in Champaign with Richard

Quick (multiple time head and assistant Olympic coach) who offered much wise council on the finer points of technique, training, organization, national recognition, and club development.

## Assistant Coaches

**Becca Fundator** - Becca swam previously for Central HS and Storm Aquatics and coached for the Nadiators. Her favorite event is the 100 breaststroke. Her favorite foods include pizza and pasta. Also, Becca is a twin!



**Ryan Hays** - Ryan grew up in Champaign and graduate from Centennial. Ryan has coached for Sholem the last four years and head coached for three. His favorite food is cereal. Ryan's favorite even is the 500 free. Ryan hates cats!!



**Tina Johnson** - Tina grew up in Chicago then moved to Urbana. She graduated from Illinois State University (Go Redbirds!). Tina has taught swim lessons and coached at ISU and the YMCA. She has experience teaching children with disabilities. Including hard of hearing individuals, as well as a student who utilized bio-feedback. Tina's favorite foods are pizza and fruit. She enjoys swimming distance and relays. Tina was the only girl on the all guys swim team at UHS



**Emily Love** - Emily grew up in South Windsor Connecticut. She coached 2 years with Peak Performance Nike Swim Camps, was an assistant coach for the Manchester Swim Club in Manchester, CT, and the current head coach at Centennial High School. Emily's favorite food is sushi. Her favorite events to swim are 200 Backstroke and 200 Freestyle. Emily is afraid of deep water, which is why she became a backstroker, so she would not have to see the bottom!



**Elliott McGill** - Elliott grew up in Champaign and graduated from Central High School. Previously he has been a volunteer part time coach with Heat and Storm, and a volunteer dry land and conditioning coach at EIU during the 2009 spring. Elliott enjoys swimming any type of relay. One time Elliott swam two meets back to back with a broken toe!



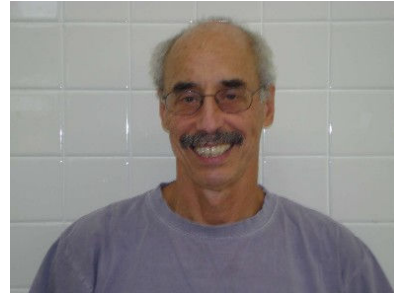
**Erich O'Donnell** - Erich has coached with Storm Aquatics and Centennial High school over the past 11 years. Erich swam for Eastern Michigan University and Urbana High School.



**Ed Pacey** - Ed has coached with Storm Aquatics and was also the Head Coach for the Paxton Swim Team during the summers. He grew up in Paxton and was a PBL graduate. He enjoys eating anything Italian, especially when in Italy! Ed's favorite event is the SC 50M breaststroke. He is a quadruplet; he has 2 brothers and 1 sister the same age, as well as an older sister and younger brother!



**Howie Shine** - Howie is a current Urbana resident. He coaches for the University High School.



**Josh Smothers** - Josh is a Centennial High School graduate. This is his second year with Heat. Previously he coached for Storm, Indian Acres, assisted at Centennial, and has been the head coach of Sholem for the past 3 summers. Josh's favorite food is Lasagna. His favorite swim even is 100 breaststroke. One time Josh did 100 pull-ups in a pull-up competition!



**Justin Striebel** - Justin grew up in Lake Saint Louis, Missouri and was a graduate of Wentzville Hold High School. His favorite foods are steak and mashed potatoes. In the pool his favorite event is the 200 backstroke. Justin is a senior graphic design major at U of I and works as a designer for the Illinois Athletic Department.



**Emily Westervelt** - Emily grew up in Champaign and graduated from Centennial High School. She has taught swim lessons for the last four summers, but this is her first year coaching. Emily's favorite food is peanut butter. Her favorite event is the 50 free. In the winter, Emily will be participating in a study tour to South Africa!

