



SOMO is pleased to announce that we have been able to pull together all of the necessary pieces to have a Middle School/High School Softball Development Team this spring! Our goal is to encourage athletes who are interested in learning the skills of the game to train in this development program as they prepare to advance to our young adult Softball Teams. It will be a short season due to the holiday schedule, but we are excited to have this program “on the books” in our new, exciting partnership with The Bullis School!

We are very fortunate to have The Bullis School as our new Community Partner. We have the pleasure of being able to hold our practices on the Bullis Softball field and to have the Bullis Varsity Softball Team players as volunteers to work on skills with our athletes and to play with them in Unified Format games.

High School Volunteer Sarah Groh will be taking the lead on the organization of the team and is very excited to have a leadership role! We are fortunate to have a few “seasoned vet coach Dads” as well, and invite parents and family members to join in the practice and games. You will recognize Coach Ron and Coach Sean from our Landon Youth Basketball program! Coach Jim Downs (Head Coach of our adult SOMO Team Downs) will also be on hand to help us organize the practice in the most effective way and to learn the rules of the game.

If you have not yet gone online to sign up, please do. The link for athletes to sign up is:

<http://www.somdmontgomery.org/wp2/sport-season-signup-athlete/>

Reach out to your friends and invite them to join us! If they do not have a current SOMO athlete medical they will need one, but they can get that done in the next couple of weeks as we get geared up for our season start!

We will train on Sundays from 1-2:15 at the Bullis Softball Field (it is the first field on the left as you enter the Bullis School main entrance. Parking is on the temporary gravel lot) Bullis address: 10601 Falls Road, Potomac 20854. We will begin following the Easter weekend – April 16th and hold practice April 16-23 and 30. On May 7th our two Traditional Adult teams are hosting a tournament and so we will not have our practice but encourage you to come on out and cheer for our team! They will play from 10AM-2PM. We will train the following Sunday: May 14th (Mother’s Day- so bring Mom out to play!), and as a team will decide if we will train on May 21 which is Spring Games at Landon and there may be conflicts for many players. Likewise, we will decide if we will train on Memorial Weekend May 28th. On June 4th the team is invited to the PEP Rally BBQ at the Potomac Community Center where we will organize a softball game VS Team Downs (10-11:30), and then enjoy a yummy BBQ hosted by the Knights of Columbus from 12:00-2.

Since it is very important for a player to have their own glove, we recommend that you purchase your own glove. The folks at Dicks will give you some good advice and help you with fitting and with the best way to break it in. We do have a few gloves for the athletes to borrow if needed. Come dressed to play with good supportive running shoes- baseball cleats are not necessary. Please bring a water bottle and remember to wear sunscreen!

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