



## February Newsletter

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### Spring Sports Registration Now Online

Athlete registration for Spring Sports is now available online via our web site. [Click here to go the online registration](#). Sign up now for Aquatics, Beginner Aquatics, Athletics (Track & Field), Bocce, Cheerleading, Equestrian, Softball (ages 16-21), Softball (ages 22+) or Tennis.

### Inspiration Walk 2013

Planning has begun for our 12th Annual Inspiration Walk to be held on April 20, 2013 and we need your help. Our program relies on a successful Walk in order to maintain the quality sports training and competition opportunities we offer. You can assist by serving on the IW planning committee, soliciting business sponsors, ordering photo posters of your athlete and most importantly by asking friends and relatives for pledges. [Click here to START A FUNDRAISING PAGE](#) and then click on the JOIN NOW button to personalize a page that you can send out to friends and relatives.



Lots of volunteers are needed to put together this event, both before and during the event. If interested in helping, email Marilyn Miceli [marilynmiceli@somdhc.org](mailto:marilynmiceli@somdhc.org). The next IW planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12th at 8:00 in the SOHO office.

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### New SOMD President and CEO

*Special Olympics Maryland has selected our next President and CEO. His name is Jim Schmutz. Jim comes to SOMD with a wealth of Special Olympics, financial, and leadership experience. From 1987 to 2005, he served in roles from Section Director in SOVA to the Managing Director of Special Olympics North America. In between he also served as Vice President of Sports at Special Olympics International, SOI VP of Organizational Development, SOI Director of Golf, and Director of Sports and Coaches Education at Special Olympics District of Columbia. For the past four years he has been the Executive Director of the American Sport Education Program, a national organization for coach's education for scholastic and youth sports. He was also a financial advisor for three years with Merrill Lynch.*

*I'm very excited about Jim's selection and look forward to SOMD becoming a top tier state program under his leadership. Come meet Jim at our Inspiration Walk on April 20, 2013. ~Bob Baker*

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## Outback Night for Special Olympics - March 5th

Come out and enjoy an evening with friends at our annual Outback Night for Special Olympics at the Ellicott City Outback Restaurant on March 5, 2013. [Click here to download a flier](#) to bring with you. Special Olympics will receive 10% of the total proceeds.

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## Volunteer Opportunities / Volunteer Orientations

If interested in volunteering for spring sports (aquatics, bocce, softball, track and field, cheerleading, equestrian, tennis) or with a one-day event such as the Annual Inspiration Walk or competitions, please email [info@somdhc.org](mailto:info@somdhc.org).

If you haven't attended a Volunteer Orientation, this is required prior to helping with any sports. Volunteer orientations are scheduled for Saturday, February 9th from 10:00-12:00, and Sunday, February 24th from 1:00-3:00, at the Special Olympics Howard County office at 8970 Route 108, Suite A-1, in Columbia. Pre-registration is required by sending an email to [info@somdhc.org](mailto:info@somdhc.org). Provide your name, age, and preferred date. Parents of athletes are highly encouraged to attend a Volunteer Orientation as well.

### Coaches Resources



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## SOHO Merchandise Clearance Sale

We have rock-bottom prices on SOHO clothing with old logos. Sizes are limited, first come, first served. Cash or checks (made out to Special Olympics Howard County) only.

Navy blue sweatpants - \$15.00 (sizes M, L, XL, XXL)

Navy pullover sweatshirt - \$15.00 (size XL)

Navy full-zip hoodie - \$15.00 (sizes S, L, XXL)

Navy pullover hoodie - \$15.00 (sizes S, L, XL, XXL)

Navy zip fleece - \$18.00 (size XXL)

Navy warm up suits, originally \$75.00, now:

New: \$25.00 (sizes YL, S, L)

Almost new: \$20.00 (sizes YM, YL, S, L, XL, XXL)

In addition, we have a few Jackets only.

New: \$15.00 (size XL)

Almost new: \$10.00 (sizes YL, S, M, L, XL, XXL)

Stop by the office or call Adele about purchasing an item.

Thank you for your support!!



SOHO Office, 8970 Route 108 Suite A1, Columbia, MD 21045 Hours: Monday 8:30 - 5:00, Thursday 8:30 - 5:00

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