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### **OMYA Newsletter**

OMYA is a non-profit youth sports organization since 2007. We offer various sports programs under our organization and serve the Old Mill and surrounding communities. We are committed to the betterment of making youth sports a fun experience for all involved in our programs.



Demetrius Ballard President



Jennifer Ballard Executive Secretary



#### A Message from our President:

Hello OMYA Families!

I am thrilled to welcome you as we are about to embark on another exciting Football and Cheer season! We just celebrated the 9th season of Millersville Blue Devils Youth Basketball. It is always a joy to watch boys and girls showcase their skills on the court. Currently, we are in the 11th season of OMYA Boys and Girls Youth Lacrosse. Lacrosse has always been one of my favorite sports, seeing boys and girls gear up and hit the field to learn something new is so fun to watch!

As the President of OMYA, I am proud to lead a team of dedicated commissioners, coaches, volunteers, and board members who are committed to providing a positive and rewarding experience for all of our athletes. I truly believe we have the best group of amazing and committed coaches and volunteers that our community has to offer.

With the new season upon us, we are excited to offer a range of programs and events that will help our athletes develop their skills, build lasting friendships, and have fun. From training sessions and games to team-building activities and community service projects, we have something for everyone.

At Old Mill Youth, we believe that sports have the power to transform lives and empower young people to achieve their full potential. Through our programs, we aim to instill important values such as teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship that will serve our athletes well both on and off the field.

As we embark on another season, I want to thank you for your support of our organization and our mission. I am confident that together, we can make 2024 another memorable year! Go Patriots!

Best regards,

Demetrius Ballard

#### **Meet the OMYA Team**



Shanise Hall Football & Medical Director



Andrew Hall Member at Large



Danny Lee Boys Basketball Commissioner



**Renee Smith** Marketing & Events Director Football Commissioner

Katie Yoh

Member at Large



Joey Hall

Melvin Thomas

Member at Large

Sharnae Hunt

**Girls & Clinic Basketball Commissioner** 



**Rowshae Pinkney** 



Zakary Null Cheer Commissioner Flag Football Commissioner



Beniamin Gischel Football Equipment Manager



Lisa Farley **Girls Lacrosse Commissioner** 





We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who have chosen to be a part of our community. Your support and enthusiasm are what fuel our commitment to Old Mill's mission of fostering a spirit of teamwork, health, and personal growth in our young athletes. We believe in not only developing their skills on the field but also in nurturing their character off it. Together, we're building more than just a team; we're cultivating a family that values perseverance, respect, and sportsmanship. Thank you for trusting us with this vital part of your children's journey.





#### **Krispy Kreme Fundraiser**

Our mission is to provide a safe and supportive environment for young people to learn and grow through sports and community involvement.

As a non-profit organization, we rely on the generosity of our community to continue our important work. Your support allows us to offer community events, obtain necessary equipment and provide quality programs that promote physical activity, teamwork, and leadership skills.

Your donation will make a difference in the lives of young people and help us continue to make a positive impact in Anne Arundel County.



Thank you for considering supporting the Old Mill Youth Association. Together, we can empower the youth of our community to reach their full potential. To support please visit: <u>https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/40841-old-mill-youth-association-krispy-kreme-digital-dozens</u>

### **Our Fan Store is OPEN**

Please visit our fan store at <u>https://chesapeakedistribution.com/collections/old-</u> <u>mill-youth-athletic-association.</u>



Place your order early to ensure you have your items before the season officially starts. If you would like Free Names/Numbers on your item/s be sure to write the details in the notes at checkout.

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**GAMES**: AACO Recreation & Parks schedules all games for our entire season. Game locations are determined and set by Recreation and Parks depending on availability and numerous other factors.

**GAME SCHEDULES:** All game schedules are created by Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks Department. Most games are scheduled Saturdays and Sundays at various times, Friday evening games are occasionally scheduled. Typically, the youngest teams (7U) play the earliest in the morning. OMYA has no control over game schedules or game locations.

#### UNIFORMS: New uniforms in 2024.

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**EQUIPMENT:** All players (7U-14U) are issued a pair of shoulder pads, one helmet, one chin strap. Players are responsible for having their own cleats, practice pants w/pads, practice jerseys, and athletic supporter. Helmet and Shoulder Pads must be returned at the end of the year.

OMYA Cheer is a side-line cheer program, we do not participate in winter competition cheerleading.

Registration package includes:

- One \*Game Day\* Cheer Shirt
- One \*Game Day\* Cheer
  Skirt
- Two game day OM Cheer Bows
- Two pair of game day socKs

Available to add on if needed: One Cheer Hoodie (Same design from 2023)



Patriots ages 3-4 years old will be placed on our BABY PATRIOTS teams.

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Patriots ages 5-6 years old will be placed on our JUNIOR PATRIOTS teams.

Practices begin in AUGUST. Exact practice days will be announced closer to the season start and at the discretion of Head Coach, our Commissioner, field availability and may change due to weather. We're excited to announce our new OMYA GIRLS FLAG LEAGUE in 2024!





LAX season is currently underway. Good luck to both our boys and girls LAX teams.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MILLERSVILLE BLUE DEVILS ALL STAR COMPETITION



The First Annual Millersville Blue Devils All Stars competition and game was a remarkable achievement! Organized by Commissioner Danny Lee for the boys and Sharnae Hunt for the girls, this event showcased the dedication of our talented athletes. Our outstanding coaches wore multiple hats—coaching, refereeing, managing the clock—and their efforts contributed to the event's success. The parents also played a crucial role, enthusiastically cheering on all the participants. It was a day filled with excitement, teamwork, and celebration. Thank you to our commissioners and everyone who helped make this event a success.



























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OMYA Football workouts and conditioning starts on May 2. It is open to ALL athletes ages 7-14, no registration required. Athletic attire and cleats required. Be sure to bring a drink for your athlete.

OMYA Cheer will host 3 different clinic sessions in the months of May, June & July. Open to ALL cheerleaders, no registration required.



Full details and registration for the Severn Basketball Academy can be found here:

https://severnbasketballac ademy.com/

## GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

Contact: Sharnae Hunt Email: <u>S.Hunt@severnschool.com</u>

**2024 Dates:** June 24 - 27 Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ages: Grades 1st - 9th Camp Fee: \$220

Register at: https://form.jotform.com/24031476 9066156







#### "The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital" ~ Joe Paterno



https://www.oldmillyouth.com/camps

## **STAY INFORMED**



# THANK YOU

For over ten years, our sports organization has thrived thanks to the unwavering support and dedication of countless individuals. From the enthusiastic volunteers who give their time selflessly, to the committed athletes who strive for excellence, the supportive parents who cheer from the sidelines, and everyone in between, your contributions have been the cornerstone of our success. Together, we've built not just sports teams, but a community that stands as a testament to the power of unity and shared passion. Here's to the memories we've created, the challenges we've overcome, and the future we're shaping — with immense gratitude, we say thank you.