



ASA/USA Girls 18U Class “A” Softball National Championship Next Week

Salem, Botetourt Co., Roanoke Co. and Roanoke City Set to Host 89 Teams from 27 States

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The ASA/USA Girls 18-and-under Class “A” Fast Pitch National Championship will be held July 28 – August 4 on diamonds in the greater Roanoke Valley. The tournament, which is one of the most prestigious American Softball Association events in the country, is hosted by the City of Salem, Botetourt County, Roanoke County, Roanoke City, and The Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitor’s Bureau.

“There will be 89 teams with approximately 1,600 players and coaches from all over the country participating in the week-long event,” says John Shaner, the Tournament’s Director. “These players will be bringing friends and family members with them and that means the entire Roanoke Valley will benefit from this tournament.”

In addition to the meals, groceries and gas these teams will be buying locally, it’s estimated that the players and fans will occupy more than 6,000 hotel and motel rooms in the region.

“An event this big truly takes a cooperative effort between the various localities,” says Shaner. “We all believe that we can make this a huge success for not only the participants, but also the local economy by working together.”

Opening Ceremonies will be held Sunday, July 28, at Salem Memorial Ballpark/LewisGale Field at 5:30 p.m. The night will begin with the introduction of all the teams and later culminate with celebratory fireworks. The Salem Red Sox, Boston’s Class A minor league team, will host the Potomac Nationals, as well, at 7:05 p.m.

Tournament play will begin on Monday, July 29, at the James I. Moyer Sports Complex, Botetourt Sports Complex in Daleville, and the Darrell Shell Complex in SW Roanoke County.

For more information contact the Salem Parks & Recreation Department or visit the tournament’s website at www.roanokevalleyasanationals.com.

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