

St. Louis Umpires,

February is a very busy month! There are three ASA clinics planned – two slow pitch, and the large “Metro” clinic.

The two Slow Pitch Umpire Clinics will be at the Soulard Market Building – 2nd Floor Gym (730 Carroll Street, St. Louis, MO 63104). If you plan to umpire slow pitch this year, please try to make at least one of the remaining four slow pitch clinics. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to register and sign in.

- February 11, beginning at 8:30 AM. Open To ALL Slow Pitch Umpires.
- February 25, beginning at 9:00 AM. This clinic will focus on the needs of the beginner slow pitch umpire!
- [Veterans, please attend the metro meeting on the 26th.](#)

Dress for the clinics is casual/comfortable – no need to wear your uniform! However, an ASA Umpire Cap or other Cap is suggested!

The **St. Louis ASA Metro Umpire Clinic** will be at Fontbonne University – February 26th. You can view the campus map by going here:

http://www.fontbonne.edu/upload/Revised_Campus_Map.jpg

Enclosed is the Metro Clinics Agenda. **Please review it carefully to determine when you should arrive as it is not the same for everyone.** There is a \$10.00 Clinic Registration ~ which can be paid the day of the clinic. We will be offering lunch to all umpires with paid clinic registration. I would like to see every St. Louis ASA Umpire attend this clinic! If you can attend – please make every effort to be there! That said, I do understand if you must miss, but it is my hope to see everyone sometime before the season begins. **It is also my hope that I will have ASA Uniform items available for sale at this clinic. If you have uniform needs, you can help your umpire association by making your purchases through the association instead of purchasing them through the national office.**

PARKING INFORMATION: Fontbonne University ~ **Dunham Student Activity Center (AM) & Library (PM):**

There are several parking spaces available at the South East Corner of the campus. From 614 South Big Bend Boulevard, Clayton, Missouri, take the student parking entrance just south of the Southmoor Dr. intersection and enter the campus. Go toward the back of the campus to a large student parking lot. There should be several spaces just south of the Dunham Student Center. There will also be several spaces available around the library.

Looking ahead ~ In March, we will have some more clinics for both Slow Pitch, and Fast Pitch umpires. Slow pitch clinics will be held at the Soulard Market Building on March 10th & at Forest Park – Aviation Fields on the 24th. There will be a Fast Pitch Mechanics clinic on **March 11th** at ABC Park. **It will begin at noon.** Please plan ahead and try to attend as many clinics as you can. The season is right around the corner, and we should all be ready to go!

For those umpires who would like to attend an ASA National Umpire School yet this year, there is one March 16 – 18 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Registration is Due to them by March 9, 2012. If you have an interest in going, please let me know and I will get you the paperwork and help coordinate your trip.

Finally, the St. Louis ASA Metro Softball Umpire's Association now has its own website. Please visit: www.StLMSUA.com. It is still a work in progress, but I would encourage you to look through it at your leisure. Currently, you can find staff contacts, a calendar (which will be updated frequently), a page full of various forms, along with a few pages honoring those umpires who are going the extra distance. Please take a look, and if you have suggestions for the website that you feel will make it better, please let me know!

At your convenience, please print out and complete either the FP or SP League Availability Form from the website and either mail it to me, or turn it in at one of the clinics!

Sincerely,

Greg Pohl
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Umpire-In-Chief