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**THE BRITISH ARE COMING BACK!
SOCCER TRAINING CAMP SIGNUPS BEGIN NOW**

SILVER SPRING, MD - The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and Challenger Sports, the leading soccer company in the United States, invite soccer moms and dads to register their kids for a series of British soccer training camps in two Montgomery County parks during the weeks of **June 19-23 and July 31-August 4, 2006**.

M-NCPPC has teamed up again to host two week-long British soccer camps at **Martin Luther King Jr. Recreational Park in White Oak and Ray's Meadow Local Park in Chevy Chase**.

The camps will run Monday through Friday and each child will be coached by a member of Challenger's British coaching staff flown to the USA exclusively to work on these programs. Challenger will hold over 1,600 British Soccer camps this summer and will coach over 60,000 players between the ages of 4 and 18 and over 10,000 parents and coaches.

To sign up for the camp, those interested can go online www.challengersports.com or contact M-NCPPC park manager Steve Chandlee at 301-299-1981 or email Stephen.chandlee@mncppc-mc.org

The British soccer camp is more than a week of drills and skills. In addition to taking part in a daily regimen of foot skill development, technical and tactical practices and daily tournament style plays, each child will also be treated to a rich cultural experience and lessons on teamwork, sportsmanship and self discipline.

The most popular part of each camp is the **Camp World Cup**. The coaches use this daily tournament to teach the players about life, customs and traditions of other countries. The campers are asked to make up cheers, bring flags, dress up and learn as much as they can about the country they represent.

M-NCPPC Montgomery County Parks is offering British Soccer camp sessions for the following ages:

a. First Kicks (3-4yrs.)	10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	\$65
b. Mini Soccer (4-5yrs.)	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	\$95
c. Half Day Camp (6-9yrs.)	9:00 a.m. –12 noon	\$140
d. Half Day Camp (10-14yrs.)	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	\$140
e. Full Day Camp (6-16 yrs.)	9:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	\$195

Teams are also welcome to attend and receive a week of focused instruction to prepare them for the fall season.

Each camper will receive a free camp t-shirt, soccer ball, player evaluation and end of camp gift. Don't miss out on this exciting international opportunity.

Challenger has been conducting soccer camps in the U.S. for over 15 years and in addition to coaching youth players throughout the country, Challenger also run European soccer tours and soccer tournaments. To find out more about Challenger Sports visit their web site www.challengersports.com

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