

WINTER 2022-23

ACTIVITY GUIDE



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mission statement

Create impactful recreational experiences, promote wellness and connect the community.



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The Parks and Recreation Department office and Community Center will be closed for the following holidays: **Thursday, November 24 and Friday November 25**

Friday, December 23 – Monday December 26

Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2

Monday, January 16

Notice of non-discrimination: Pursuant to Title II ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, no otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance or under any program or activity conducted by Oconee County, Georgia. Additionally, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, no person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by Oconee County, Georgia.



general information

ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION BEGINS

Oconee County Residents: Monday, October 3

Out of County Residents: Monday, October 10

PAYMENT

We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express payments. We also accept online eCheck payments. Cash not accepted. Payee will be responsible for paying debit/credit card/eCheck convenience fees.

OUT OF COUNTY

Out of County residents pay 200% of the program fee.

PROGRAMS REFUND POLICY

No refunds or credits will be granted unless requested by program registration deadline. If request is made by program registration deadline, you will have two options: (1) Receive an immediate credit for the full amount valid for 12 months or (2) Receive a refund, minus a 25% administration fee. Out of County fees and/or School Facility Usage fees will be returned with refund; registration convenience fees are non-refundable.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS AND CLOSURES

Facility closures and program cancellations may occur due to weather and field conditions. These conditions will be assessed throughout the day in an effort to make a decision by 4 p.m. Facility closures and program cancellations are posted to our social media outlets, website, and weather hotline: 706-769-3965, option 2.



CREATE ONLINE REGISTRATION ACCOUNT

All activities fill on a first come, first serve basis. Most of our activities have limited enrollment, so register early! It is easy, quick and convenient! Register for activities 24/7 through your family account.

Go to register.communitypass.net/OconeeCounty

- Create and update your family account information
- Click on "Register Now!" icon
- Select desired Season
- Payment must be completed at the time of registration
- Confirmation receipts are emailed upon registration. Ensure you have a current email for your account.
- Thank you for using our online registration!

Need help? Call the OCPD office at 706-769-3965 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

instructional basketball

Age Control Date:
September 1, 2022

Start Smart Basketball

Program Coordinator: McKenzie Maddux
Email: mmadux@oconee.ga.us

Start Smart is a developmental program for boys and girls age 4. Participants work together with their parent(s) or guardian(s) to begin developing motor skills necessary to participate in league basketball by utilizing positive reinforcement and fun activities.

Age: 4
Days: Wednesdays
Session I: 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Session II: 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Dates: December 7-January 25*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park Gym
Fee: In County Fee: \$75
Out of County Fee: \$150
Registration Deadline: December 2 (or until full)

*No class on December 21 or 28

Instructional Junior Basketball

Program Coordinator: Tyler Hartzog
Email: thartzog@oconee.ga.us

Instructional class that introduces basketball skills in a fun and challenging environment. Class sizes are limited to 40 per session.

Age: 5-6
Days: Saturdays
Session I: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Session II: 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Session III: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Dates: November 5-December 17*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park Gym
Fee: In County Fee: \$95
Out of County Fee: \$190
Registration Deadline: November 2 (or until full)

*No class on November 26



Basketball Academy

Program Coordinator: Tyler Hartzog
Email: thartzog@oconee.ga.us

Basketball Academy will provide advanced basketball training without traveling outside the county. Taught by Strong Basketball coaching staff, this instructional program is recommended for those seeking extra coaching and additional court time in a fun and challenging environment. Interested youth may still register for the recreational basketball league for team competition.

Age: 10-14
Days: Sundays
Times: 2-4 p.m.
Dates: November 6-December 18*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park Gym
Fee: In County Fee: \$160
Out of County Fee: \$320
Registration Deadline: November 2 (or until full)

*No class on November 27

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PARENT REQUIREMENT

NAYS Coordinator: Maggie Polson

Email: mpolson@oconee.ga.us



In order for a child to participate in any competitive youth activity, at least one parent must be a current member of the NAYS Parent Orientation & Membership Program. To fulfill this requirement, follow the steps below:

1. Go to <http://nays.org/parents/>
2. Select blue "Sign Up!" button
3. Completing the PAYS program: click "Get Started"
4. Contact Information: Complete contact info, then click "Next"
5. Program affiliation requirement: click "Yes"
6. Navy affiliated sports program: click "No"
7. League/Agency: select "Oconee County Pks & Rec Dept" and then click "Next"
8. Payment Information : NO PAYMENT OR DONATION REQUIRED, simply click "Confirm"
9. Confirmation: Click "Process"
10. Thank You for Registering page appears, click "Next"
11. Click "Start the NAYS Parent Course"
12. Click on video to begin course
13. Answer required course questions to complete

A graphic with a basketball background. In the center is a white shield-shaped box with a black border. Inside the box, the text reads: "NOW HIRING SCOREKEEPERS & REFEREES Flexible Schedule Training Provided EMAIL Payton Massey or Jake Thornton: SCOREKEEPERS: pmassey@oconee.ga.us REFEREES: jthornton@oconee.ga.us". At the bottom left of the graphic is the Oconee County Parks and Recreation logo, and at the bottom right is the website "www.oconeecounty.com/OCPRD" and the phone number "706-769-3965".

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coach's corner

Volunteer Coaches Needed for Basketball

OCPRD relies on the commitment of hundreds of volunteers to ensure our youth athletic programs are successful season to season. From the soccer field to the basketball court, you can make a difference in your community.

All Coach Requirements

- Register as a coach on Community Pass
- Complete and pass an online background screening
- Complete free online concussion training course
- Complete the NYSCA Coach Training

NYSCA (Attend One)

- Wednesday, November 2 at 6 p.m. at OVP
- Thursday, November 10 at 7:15 p.m. at OVP
- Wednesday, November 16 at 6 p.m. at OVP

Volunteer Coach Clinic (Required)

- Thursday, November 10 at 6 p.m.
- (Mite – Pee Wee at HCM Gym; Minor – Senior at OVP Gym)

Youth Basketball Coach Commitment

Mite – Pee Wee Leagues

- Two, one-hour activities per week
- Eight game regular season
- No post-season
- Post-Season Jamboree (Pee Wee only)

Minor – Senior Leagues

- Practice length depends on age group
- Certified referees for games
- Eight game regular season
- Post-season tournament



youth basketball leagues

Mite-Pee Wee Leagues

Program Coordinator: Payton Massey
Email: pmassey@oconee.ga.us

Minor-Senior Leagues

Program Coordinator: Jake Thornton
Email: jthornton@oconee.ga.us

Recreation basketball leagues are open to boys age 7-14 and girls age 7-13. Led by a volunteer coach, teams are broken up into age groups. Reversible tank jersey is included in the registration fee.

Ages: 7-14
Age Control Date: September 1, 2022 (Age on date determines league placement)
Days: Monday OR Tuesday OR Thursday AND Saturday
Season: November-February
Location: Oconee Parks & Oconee School Facilities
In County Program Fee: \$110
School Facility Fee: \$35
IN COUNTY TOTAL DUE: **\$145**
Out of County Fee: \$220
School Facility Fee: \$35
OUT OF COUNTY TOTAL DUE: **\$255**
Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 27 (or until full)



Youth Basketball Season Timeline

Parents Contacted: Wednesday, November 9
Volunteer Coach Clinic: Thursday, November 10
First Team Practices: Saturday, November 12
League Games Begin: Monday, December 5
Holiday Break: Monday, December 19-Monday, January 2
End of Regular Season: Week of January 30th
Pee Wee Jamboree Games: Week of February 6
Minor, Major, and Senior Tournaments Begin: Week of February 6

Leagues	Practice Days	Player Evaluation Date/Time
Mite Boys North 7-8 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	No Evaluations
Mite Boys South 7-8 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	No Evaluations
Mite Girls 7-8 years old	Thursday AND Saturday	No Evaluations
Pee Wee Boys North 9-10 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	Tuesday, November 1 in OVP Gym A-K at 7:15 p.m.; L-Z at 7:30 p.m.
Pee Wee Boys South 9-10 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	Tuesday, November 1 in HCM Gym A-K at 7:15 p.m.; L-Z at 7:30 p.m.
Pee Wee Girls 9-10 years old	Thursday AND Saturday	Thursday, November 3 in HCM Gym A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Minor Boys 11 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	Tuesday, November 1 in OVP Gym A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Major Boys 12 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	Tuesday, November 1 in HCM Gym A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Major Girls 11-13 years old	Thursday AND Saturday	Thursday, November 3 in HCM Gym All at 7:15 p.m.
Senior Boys 13-14 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	Thursday, November 3 in OVP Gym A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:30 p.m.

*All dates subject to change pending cancellations. Leagues may utilize Fridays for make-ups.

intramural high school basketball league



Program Coordinator: McKenzie Maddux
Email: mmaddux@oconee.ga.us

Recruit your friends and PLAY! Form your own team to participate in this fun, recreational league. Individual player registration is required. Each team will play an eight-game regular season with a single elimination post season tournament.

Manager Meeting:	Wednesday, November 16 at 6 p.m. at Oconee Veterans Park
Player Registration:	November 2, November 4, & November 7*
Ages:	14-18 (Must reside or attend school in Oconee County)
Season:	December 4-February 1
Days:	Wednesdays and Sundays
Location:	Oconee Park and Oconee School Facilities
In County Program Fee:	\$110
School Facility Usage Fee:	\$35
IN COUNTY TOTAL DUE:	\$145
Out of County Fee:	\$220
School Facility Usage Fee:	\$35
OUT OF COUNTY TOTAL DUE:	\$255
Team Entry Deadline:	Thursday, October 27 (or until full)

***Player Registration held in person only at Oconee Veterans Park; teams are assigned a date and time.**

adult basketball league

Program Coordinator: McKenzie Maddux
Email: mmaddux@oconee.ga.us

Grab your friends and coworkers and come participate in our Adult Basketball Leagues. Men's A League, Men's B League, and Women's league offered. Each team will play an eight-game regular season with a single elimination post season tournament. Team and individual registration held online only.

Team manager must be an Oconee County Resident.

Managers' Meeting:	Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 6 p.m. at Herman C. Michael Gymnasium
Season:	December 1-February 2
Days:	Thursdays and Sundays
Location:	Oconee Parks and Oconee school facilities
Fee Per Team:	\$565
School Facility Usage Fee:	\$35
TOTAL DUE:	\$600 PER TEAM
Team Entry Deadline:	Tuesday, November 8 (or until full)



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	Outpatient Rehab	

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adult programs

Hatha Yoga

Program Coordinator: Andy Dunston
Email: adunston@oconee.ga.us

Celia Brooks, Certified Hatha Yoga Teacher, teaches a mind/body practice of relaxation and rejuvenation using awareness, breath and movement to bring balance to the systems of the body. Class is for all skill levels.



Ages: 16 and up
Days: Wednesdays
Sessions: November 2-December 14 (6 classes) *
January 4-25 (4 classes)
February 1-22 (4 classes)
Times: 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Oconee Veterans Park Community Center
In County Fee: \$50 (4 class session), \$75 (6 class session)
Out of County Fee: \$100 (4 class session), \$150 (6 class session)
Registration Deadline: Monday preceding first class of session

***No Class November 23**



fitness & open gym

Indoor Track and Gymnasium

Requires an annual membership fee for use. Members must be Oconee County residents. Please check our website for the current open gymnasium calendar or call 706-769-3965; select option 1.

Indoor Track/Gymnasium Membership

Fee: \$10 per person, per year (12-13 years old) *
Fee: \$10 per person, per year (14-59 years old)
Fee: FREE per person, per year (60+ years old)

*Children 13 and under not permitted on indoor track. Additionally, children 11 and under do not require a membership but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian with a current membership.

Fitness Center – Ages 14 and up

The Fitness Center features a wide array of state of the art cardiovascular and weight equipment including single and multi-station trainers. Members ages 14-15 require adult supervision.

Fitness Membership Fees

\$40 per person, per quarter
\$120 per person, per year

OVP Fitness Center Hours

Monday-Friday	8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday	12-6 p.m.



walking trails

OCPRD parks have walking trails for everyone to enjoy. Herman C. Michael, Bogart Sports Complex, and Oconee Veterans Park have paved walking trails. Trails at Heritage Park are open for seasoned hikers, mountain bike riders, and/or horseback riders. Visit oconeecounty.com/OCPRD for trail maps.



picnic shelters

Shelters at Herman C. Michael Park, Oconee Veterans Park, and the Bogart Sports Complex are available for rent. Call 706-769-3965 for rental information and to schedule your event. Rotary Picnic Shelters at Oconee Veterans Park are available on a first come, first serve basis.

tennis for life

Tennis Coordinator: Stacey Venker
Email: stacey@tennisforlife.net
Phone: 706-769-2954
Office Hours: 1-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday AND Thursday
Please visit www.TennisForLife.net for information on times, fees, and registration.

ADULT PROGRAMS - 6 Week Programs

Programs Offered: Men's Coupon Clinic- to begin March 6
50+ Coupon Clinic- to begin January 11
Step 1 Beginner, Step 2 Adv. Beg-Low Int,
Step 3-Intermediate: Sunday's – to begin March 5
Days and Times: Sunday afternoons, Weekday evenings & mornings
Fees: \$72-\$90



JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAMS

USTA NET GENERATION TENNIS

Beginner to Advanced Beginner Players

6 Week Programs

Programs Offered: 5 & 6yrs Lil Stars, 7 & 8 yrs Shining Stars, 9-11 yrs Future Stars I-III, Beginner Teen Tennis & Intermediate Teen Tennis, 13-17 yrs
Session: January 24-March 3 (No class Feb 18)
Days and Times: Week day afternoons, Saturday mornings
Fees: \$81-\$160



ACADEMY PROGRAM* – 8 Week Programs

Programs Offered: Shining Stars-Elite (8U), Future Stars-Elite (10U), Pre-Academy (12U), Junior Academy (13+), Tennis Academy (12+), TATT

Session: January 9-March 3
(No class Jan 16, Feb 17 & 20)
Days and Times: Weekday Afternoon,
Fees: \$169-\$320

*To schedule an evaluation, please email Stacey@tennisforlife.net

HIGH SCHOOL BOOT CAMP

High School Boot Camp #1- 3 days; for players who would like to participate on HS team or returning JV
Session: Dec 27-29, 2-4 p.m.
Fee: \$75

High School Boot Camp #2- 3 days; for players who participated on their HS Varsity or JV team last season.
Session: Jan 3-5, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Fee: \$75

trick or treat trail

Program Coordinator: Andy Dunston
Email: adunston@oconee.ga.us

Bring your family out for an afternoon of Halloween fun! At the Trick or Treat Trail, sponsored by DGD Farms, attendees are encouraged to wear their costumes and participate in activities.

Date: Wednesday, October 26
Time: 4-6 p.m.
Location: Oconee Veterans Park
Program Fee: FREE!





bogart sports complex

200 S. Burson Avenue
Bogart, GA 30622

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Phone: 706-769-3965



herman c. michael park

1051 Elder Road
Bishop, GA 30621

Facility Supervisor: Tyler Hartzog

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heritage park

2543 Macon Highway
Watkinsville, GA 30677

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Phone: 706-769-3965



oconee veterans park

3500A Hog Mountain Road
Watkinsville, GA 30677

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