



SPRING 2023 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 holiday:

MLK Day: Monday, January 16, 2023

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, January 23

Out of County Residents: Monday, January 30

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 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](http://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 OCPRD office at 706-769-3965 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

coach's corner

Volunteer Coaches Needed for Youth Soccer

Without its volunteers OCPRD would be unable to provide the high-quality youth athletic programs that the people of Oconee County have come to expect. You can make a difference in our community by volunteering your time on the field.

All Coach Requirements

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

NYSCA (Attend One)

- Wednesday, February 22 at 6 p.m. *
- Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. *

Volunteer Coach Clinic (Required)

- U6, U10: Thursday, March 2 at 6 p.m. *
- U8, U12-U15: Thursday, March 2 at 7:15 p.m. *

Youth Soccer Rules Clinic (Attend One)

- Thursday, February 23 at 6 p.m. *
- Wednesday, March 1 at 6 p.m. *

*All clinics and trainings held at Oconee Veterans Park

Youth Soccer Coach Commitment

U6-U8 Leagues

- Two, one-hour activities per week
- Serve as referee during games
- Eight game regular season
- No post-season

U10-U15 Leagues

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



start smart soccer

Program Coordinator: Andrew Bishop
Email: abishop@oconee.ga.us

Start Smart is a developmental program for boys and girls age 3. Participants work together with their parent(s) or guardian(s) to begin developing the motor skills necessary to participate in league soccer by utilizing positive reinforcement and fun activities.

Age: 3
Age Control Date: March 10, 2023
Days: Wednesdays
Session I: 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Session II: 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Dates: March 15-April 26*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park
Fee:
In County Fee: \$75
Out of County Fee: \$150
Registration Deadline: March 10 (or until full)

***NO CLASS ON APRIL 5**



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/guardian 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 “Ocnee 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



youth soccer leagues

Under 6-Under 8

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

Play fun focused 4 v. 4 soccer where score is not kept and coaches serve as referees to create a non-competitive environment for the players. Each team will average one (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday activity (practice or game).

Ages:

4-7

Age Control Date:

April 1, 2023 (age on date determines league placement)

Days:

U6 Boys: Monday OR Tuesday OR Thursday (Select One) AND Saturday

U6 Girls: Monday OR Tuesday OR Thursday (Select One) AND Saturday

U8 Boys: Monday OR Tuesday (Select One) AND Saturday

U8 Girls: Tuesday OR Thursday (Select One) AND Saturday

March 11 – May 6*

Season:

Oconee Parks and School Facilities

Location:

In County Fee: \$90

Fee:

School Facility Usage Fee: \$5

IN COUNTY TOTAL DUE: \$95

Out of County Fee: \$180

School Facility Fee: \$5

OUT OF COUNTY TOTAL DUE: \$185

Registration Deadline:

February 17 (or until full)

U6 – U8 Soccer Season Timeline

Parents Contacted:

Wednesday, March 1

First Team Practice:

Saturday, March 11

League Games Begin:

Saturday, March 25*

End of Season:

Saturday, May 6*

*All dates subject to change pending rainouts and cancellations. Leagues may see activity on Friday for make-up games.

Under 10-Under 15

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

Competitive recreational soccer leagues for all levels of youth boys and girls. Each team will average one (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday activity (practice or game).

Ages: 8-14

Age Control Date: April 1, 2023 (age on date determines league placement)

Days: Monday OR Tuesday OR Thursday AND Saturday

Season: March 4 – May 11*

Location: Oconee Parks and School Facilities

Fee: In County Fee: \$100

School Facility Usage Fee: \$5

IN COUNTY TOTAL DUE: \$105

Out of County Fee: \$200

School Facility Fee: \$5

OUT OF COUNTY TOTAL DUE: \$205

Registration Deadline: February 17 (or until full)

U10 – U15 Soccer Season Timeline

Parents Contacted:	Wednesday, March 1
First Team Practice:	Saturday, March 4
League Games Begin:	Monday, March 20*
End of Regular Season:	Week of May 1*
U10 Jamboree Games:	Week of May 8*
U12-U15 Tournaments Begin:	Week of May 8*

League	Practice Days*	Player Evaluation Date	Player Evaluation Time
Under 10 Boys	Monday/Saturday	Saturday, February 25	Last Names A-K at 9:30 a.m.; L-Z at 9:45 a.m.
Under 10 Boys	Tuesday/Saturday	Saturday, February 25	Last Names A-K at 11 a.m.; L-Z at 11:15 a.m.
Under 10 Girls	Tuesday/Saturday	Saturday, February 25	Last Names A-K at 9:45 a.m.; L-Z at 10 a.m.
Under 10 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Saturday, February 25	Last Names A-K at 11:15 a.m.; L-Z at 11:30 a.m.
Under 12 Boys	Monday/Saturday	Monday, February 27	Last Name A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Under 12 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Monday, February 27	Last Name A-K at 6:15 p.m.; L-Z at 6:30 p.m.
Under 15 Boys	Monday or Tuesday or Thursday AND Saturday	Tuesday, February 28	Last Name A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Under 15 Girls	Monday or Tuesday or Thursday AND Saturday	Tuesday, February 28	ALL at 6:15 p.m.

*All dates subject to change pending rainouts and cancellations. League may see activity on Friday for make-up games.

EVALUATIONS HELD AT OCONEE VETERANS PARK



intramural high school 3v3 soccer

Program Coordinator: Payton Massey

Email: pmassey@oconee.ga.us

Competitive co-ed recreational 3v3 soccer league for high school students within Oconee County. Recruit your friends and form your team; each team must have at least two females. The roster minimum is 4 players, and the roster maximum is 6 players.

Team Registration: Monday, January 23-Friday, February 24 (or until full)

Manager Meeting: Wednesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at Oconee Veterans Park

Individual Registration: Friday, February 24-Friday, March 3

Ages: 14-18 (Must be a high school student within Oconee County)

Season: March 22-May 7*

Days: Wednesdays and Sundays

Location: Oconee Parks and School Facilities

Fee: In County Fee: \$100

School Facility Usage Fee: \$5

IN COUNTY TOTAL DUE: \$105

Out of County Fee: \$200

School Facility Fee: \$5

OUT OF COUNTY TOTAL DUE: \$205

Registration Deadline: March 3 (individual deadline)

*All dates subject to change pending rainouts and cancellations.

The Road to the Big Leagues

Starts with Little League

Oconee County Little League offers a fun and exciting environment, on and off the field, whether your child is a first-time player or a veteran athlete.

Coaches,
Sponsors and
Umpires Needed

Spring and Fall
Seasons

First-Time and
Veteran Players
Welcome



oconeelittleleague.com

2023 REGISTRATION SAVE THE DATE

Spring

In County – January 23
Out of County – January 30

Summer

In County – April 17
Out of County – April 24

Fall

In County – July 10
Out of County – July 17

Winter

In County – October 2
Out of County – October 9



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Start Smart Baseball

Program Coordinator: Andrew Bishop
Email: abishop@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 the motor skills necessary to participate in league baseball by utilizing positive reinforcement and fun activities.

Age:	4
Age Control Date:	March 10, 2023
Days:	Tuesdays
Session I:	4:30-5:15 p.m.
Session II:	5:30-6:15 p.m.
Dates:	March 14-April 25*
Location:	Herman C. Michael Park
Fee:	In County Fee: \$75 Out of County Fee: \$150
Registration Deadline:	March 10 (or until full)

***NO CLASS ON APRIL 4**

Recreational Advanced Development Soccer (RAD)

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

This co-ed soccer program instructed by Oconee Futbol Club USSF licensed coaches is designed to provide enhanced skills development through instructional drills on dribbling, shooting, receiving, gamesmanship and small sided games. This is a supplemental program to our recreational soccer league. Participants should still register for the recreation soccer league to be on a team for game play.

Junior RAD

Ages:	7-10
Days:	Wednesdays
Times:	5-6 p.m.
Dates:	March 22-May 3* (6 sessions)
Location:	Oconee Veterans Park
Fee:	In County Fee: \$120 Out of County Fee: \$240
Registration Deadline:	March 20 (or until full)

Senior RAD

Ages:	11-13
Days:	Wednesdays
Times:	6-7 p.m.
Dates:	March 22-May 3* (6 sessions)
Location:	Oconee Veterans Park
Fee:	In County Fee: \$120 Out of County Fee: \$240
Registration Deadline:	March 20 (or until full)

***NO CLASS APRIL 5**



programs

Sticks for Kids Golf Program

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

An exciting golf activity for the beginning golfer, which will provide basic instruction for the beginner golfer. This is a co-ed program.

Ages: 6-12
Days: Mondays and Wednesdays
Times: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Dates: April 10-May 17* (12 classes)
Location: A&F Driving Range, Elder Rd
Fee: In County Fee: \$200
Out of County Fee: \$400

Registration Deadline: April 7 (or until full)

*All dates subject to change pending rainouts and cancellations. A maximum of two (2) rained out classes may be made up at the end of the season; any additional rainouts will be lost.



Volleyball

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

This program is designed for the young athlete who wants to learn the basics of volleyball: passing, setting, spiking and digging. Games are then played using the skills learned. Experienced coaches lead this instructional program.

Ages: 8-11
Days: Mondays and Wednesdays
Times: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Dates: March 13-April 26*
(12 sessions)
Location: Oconee Veterans Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$110
Out of County Fee: \$220

Registration Deadline: March 10 (or until full)

***NO CLASSES APRIL 3 AND 5**



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: February 1-22 (4 sessions)
March 1-22 (4 sessions)
March 29-April 26 (4 sessions)*
Times: 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Oconee Veterans Park Community Center
In County Fee: \$50 (4 class session)
Out of County Fee: \$100 (4 class session)
Registration Deadline: Monday preceding first class of session



***NO CLASS APRIL 5**

Adult Softball Leagues

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

Teams must register online **AND** submit a roster form to the program coordinator. Leagues with less than 4 teams may be combined. Eight game regular season with a seeded single elimination tournament.



All team managers must be a resident of Oconee County.

Team Manager's Meeting: Thursday, February 23 at 6:15 p.m. at Herman C. Michael Park

Season Timeline: February-June*
Leagues: Men's Church – Tuesdays

Co-Ed – Tuesdays
Men's Open – Thursdays
Women's – Thursdays

Location: Herman C. Michael Park
Fee: \$600 per team, online only

Team Entry/Registration Deadline: February 23 (or until full)

*Dates are subject to change pending rainout and cancellations.

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.

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special events

Touch a Truck – FREE

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

Hands-on event for children to see, touch, and explore their favorite big trucks, heavy duty equipment and large vehicles. Each vehicle will be staffed with a trained operator. Fun family activities offered.



Date: Saturday, March 18
Time: 1-4 p.m.
Location: Heritage Park



Bicycle Rodeo – FREE

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

Bring your bike to Oconee Veterans Park for our second annual Bike Rodeo. Activities will include bike inspection, helmet fitting, general bike riding safety, and an obstacle course.

Ages: 5-12
Date: Sunday, April 23
Time: 2-4 p.m.
Location: Oconee Veterans Park



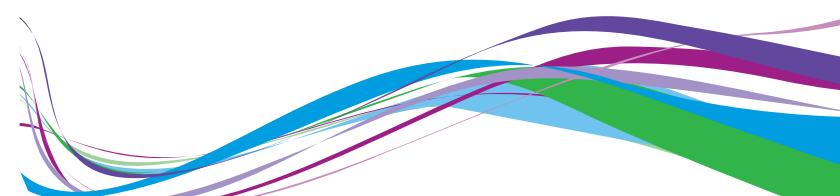
Pitch, Hit, and Run – FREE

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

The Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with Major League Baseball, will be hosting this competition. Open to all boys and girls.

Winners from each group (7/8, 9/10, 11/12, & 13/14) have the opportunity to progress to a sectional, regional, and national competition. All participants must pre-register online; link will be posted on website and social media once Major League Baseball opens registration.

Ages: 7-14
Date: Saturday, April 22
Time: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Location: Bogart Sports Complex



Tennis Coordinator: Stacey Venker

Email: stacey@tennisforlife.net

Phone: 706-769-2954

Office Hours: 1-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

For information on times, fees, or to sign up please visit
www.tennisforlife.net.

ADULT PROGRAMS* - 6 Week Programs

Programs Offered: Step 1 Beginner

Step 2 Adv. Beg./Low Int.

Step 3-Intermediate

Sunday's Men's Coupon Clinic

50+ Coupon Clinic

Women's Coupon Clinic

March 5-April 16

(no class April 2)

Session I: Sunday afternoons, weekday evenings, and mornings

Fees: \$72-\$90



JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAMS

USTA NET GENERATION TENNIS

Beginner to Advanced Beginner Players - 6 Week Programs

Programs Offered: 5 & 6 years Lil Stars

7 & 8 years Shining Stars

9-11 years Future Stars I-III,

Beginner Teen Tennis

Intermediate Teen Tennis

March 13-April 29: 6 weeks

(No classes April 1-7)

Weekday afternoons, Saturday mornings

\$87

ACADEMY PROGRAM* - 8 Week Programs

Programs Offered: Shining Stars-Elite (8U)

Future Stars-Elite (10U)

Pre-Academy (12 & U)

Junior Academy (13 & 0)

Tennis Academy (12 & 0)

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March 13-May 5: 7 weeks

(no class April 3-7)

Afternoon, Early evening

\$182-\$280



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



bogart sports complex

200 S. Burson Avenue
Bogart, GA 30622

Facility Supervisor: Tyler Hartzog
Email: thartzog@oconee.ga.us
Phone: 706-769-3965



heritage park

2543 Macon Highway
Watkinsville, GA 30677

Facility Supervisor: Tyler Hartzog
Email: thartzog@oconee.ga.us
Phone: 706-769-3965



herman c. michael park

1051 Elder Road
Bishop, GA 30621

Facility Supervisor: Tyler Hartzog
Email: thartzog@oconee.ga.us
Phone: 706-769-3965



oconee veterans park

3500A Hog Mountain Road
Watkinsville, GA 30677

Facility Supervisor: Andy Dunston
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