

# 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](https://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 "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

# 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

**Season:**

March 11 – May 6\*

**Location:**

Oconee Parks and School Facilities

**Fee:**

In County Fee: \$90

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

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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.  
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Coaches,  
Sponsors and  
Umpires Needed

Spring and Fall  
Seasons

First-Time and  
Veteran Players  
Welcome



## 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

# youth instructional



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
Herman C. Michael Park  
\$600 per team, online only  
**Location:**  
**Fee:**  
**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.

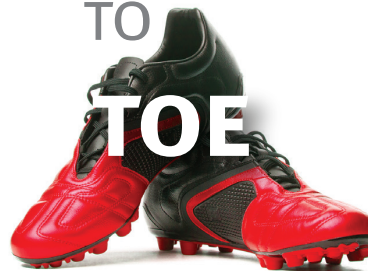
Sunday

12-6 p.m.

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Rehabilitation

Lab Services

Medical Group

Memory Care

Senior Living  
Community

Stroke Care

Surgical Services

Wellness Center

Wound Care



# 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 for life



**Tennis Coordinator:** Stacey Venker

**Email:** [stacey@tennisforlife.net](mailto: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](http://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

**Session I:** March 5-April 16  
(no class April 2)

**Days and Times:** 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

**Session:** March 13-April 29: 6 weeks  
(No classes April 1-7)

**Days and Times:** Weekday afternoons, Saturday mornings

**Fees:** \$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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**Session:** March 13-May 5: 7 weeks  
(no class April 3-7)

**Days and Times:** Afternoon, Early evening

**Fees:** \$182-\$280



**\*To schedule an evaluation, please email [Stacey@tennisforlife.net](mailto:Stacey@tennisforlife.net)**



## bogart sports complex

200 S. Burson Avenue  
Bogart, GA 30622

**Facility Supervisor:** Tyler Hartzog

**Email:** [thartzog@oconee.ga.us](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:thartzog@oconee.ga.us)

**Phone:** 706-769-3965



## oconee veterans park

3500A Hog Mountain Road  
Watkinsville, GA 30677

**Facility Supervisor:** Andy Dunston

**Email:** [adunston@oconee.ga.us](mailto:adunston@oconee.ga.us)

**Phone:** 706-769-3965

