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# FALL 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:

**Labor Day: Monday, September 4, 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, July 10**

**Out of County Residents: Monday, July 17**

### 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 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

Program registration is ONLINE ONLY. All of our activities have limited enrollment, so register early to secure your spot. Create your family account at <http://register.communitypass.net/OconeeCounty>

- Create or update your family account information.
- Click on “Register Now!” icon.
- Search for desired Season.
- Payment must be completed at the time of registration.
- Confirmation receipts are emailed upon registration so ensure your account is updated with your current email address.
- 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.



## 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 please visit <https://oconeecounty.com/1400/Parents-Corner> and complete the steps outlined.



# coach's corner

## Volunteer Coaches Needed for Soccer and Youth Flag Football

### 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

### Youth Flag Football Coach Commitment

#### Volunteer Coach Clinic

- Micro, Mite: Thursday, August 10 at 6 p.m.
- Pee Wee, Major, Senior: Thursday, August 10 at 7:15 p.m.

### Micro and Mite Leagues

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

### Pee Wee, Major, and Senior Leagues

- Two, one-hour activities per week
- Eight game regular season
- Post-season jamboree OR tournament

### All Clinics and Coach Training held at Oconee Veterans Park

#### NYSCA (Attend One)

- Wednesday, August 9 at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 16 at 6 p.m.

### Youth Soccer Coach Commitment

#### Youth Soccer Rules Clinic (Attend One)

- Thursday, July 27 at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 2 at 6 p.m.

#### Volunteer Coach Clinic (Required)

- U6, U10: Thursday, August 10 at 6 p.m.
- U8, U12-U15: Thursday, August 10 at 7:15 p.m.

### U6-U8 Leagues

- Two, one-hour activities per week
- Serve as referee for 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

**ALL CLINICS AND TRAINING HELD AT OCONEE VETERANS PARK**



# youth flag football

**Program Coordinator:** Jake Thornton

**Email:** jthornton@oconee.ga.us

Flag football leagues for boys and girls of all levels. Each team will average one (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday activity (practice or game). Leagues may be combined if less than four teams.

**Ages:** 5-14  
**Age Control Date:** September 1, 2023 *(age on date determines league placement)*  
**Days:** Monday OR Tuesday OR Thursday AND Saturday  
**Season:** August 12-October 26\*  
**Location:** Oconee Veterans Park  
**Micro and Mite Fee:** In County Fee: \$105  
Out of County Fee: \$210  
**Pee Wee, Major, and Senior Fee:** In County Fee: \$115  
Out of County Fee: \$230  
**Registration Deadline:** August 2 (or until full)

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



League	Age	Player Evaluation Date	Player Evaluation Time
Micro (Coed)	5-6	No evaluation	No evaluation
Mite (Coed)	7-8	No evaluation	No evaluation
Pee Wee (Boys)	9-10	Saturday, August 5	Last Names A-H at 8:30 a.m.; I-P at 8:45 a.m. Q-Z at 9:00 a.m.
Pee Wee (Girls)	9-11	Saturday, August 5	ALL at 12:00 p.m.
Major (Boys)	11-12	Saturday, August 5	Last Names A-K at 10:00 a.m.; L-Z at 10:15 a.m.
Major (Girls)	12-14	Saturday, August 5	Last Names A-K at 11:00 a.m.; L-Z at 11:15 a.m.
Senior (Boys)	13-14	Saturday, August 5	ALL at 12:00 p.m.

**EVALUATIONS HELD AT OCONEE VETERANS PARK MULTI-PURPOSE FIELDS**

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Memory Care  
Senior Living  
Community  
Stroke Care  
Surgical Services  
Wellness Center  
Wound Care

# start smart soccer

**Program Coordinator:** McKenzie Maddux

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



<b>Age:</b>	3
<b>Days:</b>	Wednesdays
<b>Session I:</b>	4:30-5:15 p.m.
<b>Session II:</b>	5:30-6:15 p.m.
<b>Dates:</b>	August 30-October 4
<b>Location:</b>	Herman C. Michael Park
<b>Fee:</b>	In County Fee: \$80 Out of County Fee: \$160
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	August 25 (or until full)



# youth soccer leagues

**Program Coordinator:** McKenzie Maddux

**Email:** mmaddux@oconee.ga.us

## Under 6 – Under 8

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).

*Please note all U6 will have activity at the OCMS Micro Fields.*

- Ages:** 4-7  
**Age Control Date:** September 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:** August 12-October 14\*  
**Location:** Oconee Parks and School Facilities  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$95  
Out of County Fee: \$190  
**Registration Deadline:** August 2 (or until full)

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



# NOW HIRING SOCCER REFEREES

Age 16 & older

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**EMAIL Payton Massey**  
**[pmassey@oconee.ga.us](mailto:pmassey@oconee.ga.us)**



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# youth soccer le

**Program Coordinator:** Payton Massey  
**Email:** [pmassey@oconee.ga.us](mailto:pmassey@oconee.ga.us)

## Under 10 – Under 15

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).



<b>Ages:</b>	8-14
<b>Age Control Date:</b>	September 1, 2023 (age on date determines league placement)
<b>Days:</b>	Monday OR Tuesday OR Thursday AND Saturday
<b>Season:</b>	August 12-October 24*
<b>Location:</b>	Oconee Parks and School Facilities
<b>Fee:</b>	In County Fee: \$105 Out of County Fee: \$210
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	August 2 (or until full)



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## Youth Soccer Season Timeline

<b>Parents Contacted:</b>	Wednesday, August 9
<b>First Team Practice:</b>	Saturday, August 12
<b>League Games Begin:</b>	Monday, August 28*
<b>End of Regular Season:</b>	Week of October 9*
<b>U10 Jamboree Games:</b>	Week of October 16*
<b>U12-U15 Tournaments Begin:</b>	Week of October 16*

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



League	Practice Days	Player Evaluation Date	Player Evaluation Time
Under 10 Boys	Monday/Saturday	Friday, August 4	Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Under 10 Boys	Tuesday/Saturday	Friday, August 4	Last Names A-K at 7:15 p.m.; L-Z at 7:30 p.m.
Under 10 Girls	Tuesday/Saturday	Friday, August 4	Last Names A-K at 7:15 p.m.; L-Z at 7:30 p.m.
Under 10 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Friday, August 4	Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Under 12 Boys	Monday/Saturday	Monday, August 7	Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Under 12 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Monday, August 7	Last Names 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, August 8	Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Under 15 Girls	Monday OR Tuesday OR Thursday AND Saturday	Tuesday, August 8	ALL at 6:15 p.m.

**EVALUATIONS HELD AT OCONEE VETERANS PARK**

# youth instructional programs

## Recreation 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 skill 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 gameplay.

### Junior RAD

**Ages:** 7-9  
**Days:** Wednesdays  
**Times:** 5-6 p.m.  
**Dates:** August 23-September 27 (6 classes)  
**Location:** Oconee Veterans Park  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$130  
Out of County Fee: \$260  
**Registration Deadline:** August 17 (or until full)

### Senior RAD

**Ages:** 10-13  
**Days:** Wednesdays  
**Times:** 6-7 p.m.  
**Dates:** August 23-September 27 (6 classes)  
**Location:** Oconee Veterans Park  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$130  
Out of County Fee: \$260  
**Registration Deadline:** August 17 (or until full)

## Instructional Volleyball Clinic

**Program Coordinator:** Andy Dunston

**Email:** adunston@oconee.ga.us

This instructional program is designed for the young athlete wanting to learn the basics of volleyball: passing, setting, spiking, and digging. Focus is on skills development; no games are played. Experienced coaches lead this instructional program.

### Volleyball I

**Ages:** 8-10  
**Days:** Mondays and Wednesdays  
**Times:** 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
**Dates:** August 21-October 2\* (12 classes)  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$110  
Out of County Fee: \$220  
**Registration Deadline:** August 14 (or until full)

### Volleyball II

**Ages:** 11-14  
**Days:** Mondays and Wednesdays  
**Times:** 6:45-7:45 p.m.  
**Dates:** August 21-October 2\* (12 classes)  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$110  
Out of County Fee: \$220  
**Registration Deadline:** August 14 (or until full)

**\*No Class September 4**





## Pre-season Basketball Clinic

**Program Coordinator:** Tyler Hartzog

**Email:** thartzog@oconee.ga.us

Get ready for the upcoming basketball tryouts and/or season. Coached by Strong Basketball coaching staff, focus will be on defensive and offensive fundamental skills, game-type situations, and understanding of team concept. This is a coed program.



**Ages:** 11-14  
**Days:** Sundays  
**Times:** 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
**Dates:** September 17, September 24,  
October 1, and October 15  
**Location:** Herman C. Michael Park Gym  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$125  
Out of County Fee: \$250  
**Registration Deadline:** September 11 (or until full)

# 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.

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Spring and Fall  
Seasons

First-Time and  
Veteran Players  
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# 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:** August 16-September 20 (6 classes)  
October 4-25 (4 classes)  
November 1-December 13\* (6 classes)  
**Times:** 6-7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Oconee Veterans Park Community Center  
**Fee:** In County: \$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 22**

## Adult Softball Leagues – NEW FALL PROGRAM!

**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 four 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:**

Tuesday, August 1 at 6 p.m.

Herman C. Michael Park

**Season Timeline:**

August 13-October 22\*

**Leagues:**

Men's and Coed

**Days:**

Sundays

**Location:**

Herman C. Michael Park

**Fee:**

\$600 per team, online only

**Team Entry/Registration Deadline:**

August 1 (or until full)

*\*Dates are subject to change pending rainouts and cancellations.*







# trick or treat trail

**Program Coordinator:** Andy Dunston  
**Email:** [adunston@oconee.ga.us](mailto:adunston@oconee.ga.us)

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

**Date:** Wednesday, October 25  
**Time:** 4-6 p.m.  
**Location:** Oconee Veterans Park



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## 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: \$20 per person, per year (12-13 years old)\*

Fee: \$20 per person, per year (14-59 years old)

Fee: FREE per person, per year (60+ years old)

\*Children 13 and under are not permitted on indoor track without 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 the website 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.

# tall socks tennis

**Tennis Coordinator:** Taylor Dodd

**Email:** [taylordodd@tallsockstennis.com](mailto:taylordodd@tallsockstennis.com)

**Phone:** 706-769-2954

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

For information on times and fees AND to sign-up, please email [taylor@tallsockstennis.com](mailto:taylor@tallsockstennis.com)

## ADULT PROGRAMS – 6 Week Programs

**Programs Offered:** Adult Tall Socks Step 1 (Beginner),  
Adult Tall Socks Step 2 (Adv. Beg-Low Int),  
Adult Tall Socks Step 3-Intermediate:  
Sunday evenings, Men's Coupon Clinic,  
50+ Coupon Clinic, Women's Coupon Clinic  
**Session:** Aug 13-Sept 24 (6 weeks)  
(No class Sept 4)

**Days and Times:** Sunday afternoons, weekday evenings &  
mornings

**Fees:** \$90-\$110



## JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAMS

### USTA NET GENERATION TENNIS –

**Beginner to Advanced**

### Beginner Players – 6 Week Programs

**Programs Offered:** 5 & 6 yrs Net Gen Red, 7 & 8 yrs Net Gen Orange, Beginner Teen Tennis & Intermediate Teen Tennis

**Session:** August 12-Sept 23 (6 weeks)  
(No Tennis Sept 2)

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

**Fees:** \$90

## ACADEMY PROGRAM – 8 Week Programs

**Programs Offered:** Ankle Socks (8U), Mid Crew Socks (10U),  
Tall Crew Socks (12U), Tube Socks (13+),  
Knee High Socks (12+),  
Over the Knee Socks (14-17)  
**Session:** August 7-October 8 (8 weeks)  
(No Tennis Sept 4)

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

**Fees:** 2 days/week, 1.5 hours (8 weeks): \$320  
2 days/week, 1.5 hours (8 weeks) PLUS  
match play on Wednesdays/Fridays: \$340





## bogart sports complex

200 S. Burson Avenue  
Bogart, GA 30622



## herman c. michael park

1051 Elder Road  
Bishop, GA 30621



## heritage park

2543 Macon Highway  
Watkinsville, GA 30677



## oconee veterans park

3500A Hog Mountain Road  
Watkinsville, GA 30677



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