



WINTER
2023-24
ACTIVITY
GUIDE



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MAIN OFFICE

OVP Community Center

3500A Hog Mountain Rd, Watkinsville, GA 30677

Office Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Phone: 706-769-3965

Weather Cancellations: 706-769-3965, option 2

The Parks and Recreation Department office and Community Center will be closed for the following holidays:

Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24

Saturday, December 23-Tuesday, December 26

Monday, January 1

Monday, January 15



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mission statement

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

ADMINISTRATION

Lisa Davol, Director

Whitney Sperlik, Deputy Director

Joan Postero, Administrative Assistant

PARKS

Pat Sebring, Parks Manager

Tyler Hartzog, HCM Facility Supervisor

Maggie Polson, HCM Office Assistant

Andy Dunston, OVP Facility Supervisor

Cindy Hardigree, OVP Office Assistant

RECREATION

Zach Churchill, Recreation Manager

Jake Thornton, Senior Athletic Program Coordinator

Payton Massey, Senior Athletic Program Coordinator

Andrew Bishop, Athletic Program Coordinator

McKenzie Maddux, Athletic Program Coordinator



registration information

ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION BEGINS

Oconee County Residents: Monday, October 2

Out of County Residents: Monday, October 9

Registration is accepted on a first come, first served basis. Most of our activities have limited enrollment. If an activity is filled, you will be placed on a waiting list and notified by phone of an opening.

EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION: <http://register.communitypass.net/OconeeCounty>

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 refund deadline. If request is made by the program refund 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.

PLAY IT FORWARD OCONEE

Please consider donating to the OCPD youth scholarship fund to enable families in need the opportunity to participate. Your tax-deductible donations of any amount are welcome anytime. If you need financial assistance, please call the main office at 706-769-3965 for eligibility criteria.





Start Smart Basketball

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

This developmental program, led by OCPRD staff, works with parents and their children to develop 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: January 10-February 14
Location: Herman C. Michael Park Gymnasium
Fee: In County Fee: \$80
 Out of County Fee: \$160
Registration Deadline: January 5 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: January 5

instructional basketball

Instructional Junior Basketball

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

This instructional class introduces basketball skills in a fun and challenging environment. Class sizes are limited to 40 participants per session; program fills quickly!

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 4-December 16*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park Gym
Fee: In County Fee: \$100
 Out of County Fee: \$200
Registration Deadline: November 1 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: November 1

***No class on November 25**



Basketball Academy

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

Basketball Academy provides advanced basketball training. 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 5-December 17*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park Gym
Fee: In County Fee: \$160
 Out of County Fee: \$320
Registration Deadline: November 1 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: November 1

***No class on November 26**

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

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

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



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



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 <http://tinyurl.com/OCPRDparents> and complete the steps outlined.

A recruitment poster with a basketball background. A large white shield-shaped box in the center contains the text: "NOW HIRING SCOREKEEPERS & REFEREES Flexible Schedule Training Provided". Below the shield, it says "EMAIL Payton Massey or McKenzie Maddux:". At the bottom left is the "PARKS OCONEE COUNTY AND RECREATION" logo. At the bottom right is the website "www.oconeecounty.com/OCPRD" and the phone number "706-769-3965".

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REFEREES: mmaddux@oconee.ga.us

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coach's corner

Volunteer Coaches Needed for Basketball

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 8 at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 15 at 6 p.m.

Volunteer Coach Clinic

- Thursday, November 9 at 6 p.m.
Micro – 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
- Mite – no post-season
- Pee Wee – Post-season Jamboree

Minor – Senior Leagues

- Practice length depends on age group
- 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: McKenzie Maddux
Email: mmaddux@oconee.ga.us

Age-based recreational basketball leagues offered. Led by volunteer coaches, participants learn fundamentals and skill development through practice and game play.

Ages: Boys 7 – 14
Girls 7 – 13
Age Control Date: September 1, 2023 (Age on date determines league placement)
Days: Monday OR Tuesday OR Thursday AND Saturday
Season: November-February
Location: Oconee Parks & Oconee School Facilities
Fee: In County Fee: \$125
Out of County Fee: \$250
Registration Deadline: October 26 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: October 26

Youth Basketball Season Timeline

Volunteer Coach Clinic: Thursday, November 9
Parents Contacted: Thursday, November 9
First Team Practices: Saturday, November 11
League Games Begin: Week of December 4
Holiday Break: December 18-January 1
End of Regular Season: Week of January 29
Minor, Major, and Senior Tournaments Begin: Week of February 5
Pee Wee Jamboree Games: Saturday, February 10

| 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 | Monday, October 30 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 | Monday, October 30 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 2 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 | Monday, October 30 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 | Monday, October 30 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 2 in HCM Gym All at 7:15 p.m. |
| Senior Boys 13-14 years old | Monday or Thursday AND Sunday | Thursday, November 2 in OVP Gym A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:30 p.m. |

*Leagues may see Friday activity for make-up games.



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Stroke Care
Surgical Services
Wellness Center
Wound Care

intramural high school basketball league

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

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

Team Entry Deadline: October 25
Manager Meeting: Thursday, October 26 at 6 p.m. at Oconee Veterans Park
Individual Player Registration: October 26-November 6
Ages: 14 – 18 (Must reside or attend school in Oconee County)
Season: December 10-February 7
Days: Wednesdays and Sundays
Location: Oconee Parks and Oconee School Facilities
Fee: In County Fee: \$125
Out of County Fee: \$250
Refund Deadline: November 6

adult programs

Adult Basketball League

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

Team and individual registration are held online through Community Pass. Additionally, all teams must turn in a roster form to the program coordinator (email or in person). Sign up for the Men's A-League, Men's B-League, or Women's League. Each team will play an eight-game regular season with a single elimination post-season tournament.



Team Entry Deadline: November 9
Manager's Meeting: Thursday, November 9 at 6 p.m. at Herman C. Michael Gymnasium
Season: December 3-February 1
Days: Thursdays and Sundays
Location: Oconee Parks and Oconee School facilities
Fee: \$600 per team
Refund Deadline: November 9

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 1-December 13* (6 classes)
January 10-31 (4 classes)
February 7-28 (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
Refund Deadline: Monday preceding first class of session

***No class November 22**

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How 'bout you?



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To learn more:

www.oconee parks foundation.org

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fitness & open gym

Indoor Track and Gymnasium

Members must be Oconee County residents and have a current membership. Please check our website for the current open gymnasium calendar or call 706-769-3965; select option 1.

Indoor Track/Gymnasium Membership

Fee: 12-59 years old: \$20 per person, per year*
60+ years old: FREE

*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 single and multi-station strength equipment. Members must be Oconee County residents and have a current membership. *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.

tall socks tennis

Program Coordinator: Taylor Dodd

Email: taylordodd@tallsockstennis.com

Office Hours: 1-3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, AND Thursday

For information on times and fees AND to sign up, scan the QR Code or download the Court Reserve App and search “Tall Socks Tennis”



ADULT PROGRAMS – 5-Week Programs

Programs Offered: Adult Tall Socks Step 2 – Beginner/Intermediate
Adult Tall Socks Step 3 – Intermediate

Days and Times: Mondays, Tuesdays, and/or Fridays;
mornings and/or evenings

Fee: \$100-\$132



JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAMS

USTA NET GENERATION TENNIS: Beginners

Programs Offered: 5 & 6 years Net Gen Red, 10U Net Gen Orange, 12U Beginner Teen
Days and Times: Weekday afternoons and Saturday Mornings
Fee: \$110

JUNIOR PROGRAMS – 8-Week Programs

Programs Offered: Ankle Socks (8U), Mini Crew and Short Crew Socks (10U), Tall Crew Socks (12U), Tube and Knee-High Socks (13+), Over the Knee and Thigh High Socks (14-17)
Days and Times: Afternoon, early evenings
Fee: \$292-\$320

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parks, trails, & amenities

Oconee County has over 600 acres of parkland to enjoy. Park amenities include ball fields, tennis courts, picnic shelters, playgrounds, walking paths, trails, a Community Center, a disc golf course, meeting rooms, outdoor volleyball court, dog park, pickleball courts, and more.



Bogart Sports Complex (BSC)
200 S. Burson Avenue
Bogart, GA 30622



Herman C. Michael Park (HCM)
1051 Elder Road
Bishop, GA 30621



Heritage Park (HP)
2543 Macon Highway
Watkinsville, GA 30677



Oconee Veterans Park (OVP)
3500A Hog Mountain Road
Watkinsville, GA 30677

facility rental information

To reserve OCPRD facilities, we encourage you to visit the Rentals, Rules, and Policies on the website for detailed information. For questions, please call 706-769-3965, select option 3 for Oconee Veterans Park, and select option 4 for Herman C. Michael Park, Heritage Park, or Bogart Sports Complex OR Email Andy Dunston (adunston@oconee.ga.us) for OVP and Tyler Hartzog (thartzog@oconee.ga.us) for BSC, HCM, and HP.

<https://www.oconeecounty.com/478/Rentals-Rules-Policies>

Payment is due once facility rental request is approved. In the case of tournaments and/or special events, a deposit may be required. This must be paid at the time of reservation request. Remaining fees' due dates are outlined in the Facility Request Policies.



Walking Trails

The 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 served basis.



UPCOMING REGISTRATION DATES

SPRING: In County – January 22; Out of County – January 29
SUMMER: In County – April 15; Out of County – April 22



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