



# 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 OCPRD 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.

**Play It Forward  
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# instructional basketball

## 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 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](mailto: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 graphic with a basketball background. In the center, a white speech bubble contains the text: "NOW HIRING SCOREKEEPERS & REFEREES", "Flexible Schedule", and "Training Provided". Below this, contact information is provided: "EMAIL Payton Massey or McKenzie Maddux:", "SCOREKEEPERS: [pmassey@oconee.ga.us](mailto:pmassey@oconee.ga.us)", and "REFEREES: [mmaddux@oconee.ga.us](mailto:mmaddux@oconee.ga.us)". At the bottom, the text "www.oconeecounty.com/OCPRD" and "706-769-3965" is displayed, along with the "OCONEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION" logo.

## 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.  
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
- 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](mailto:pmassey@oconee.ga.us)

## Minor-Senior Leagues

Program Coordinator: McKenzie Maddux  
Email: [mmaddux@oconee.ga.us](mailto: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  
Thursday, November 9

**Parents Contacted:**

Saturday, November 11

**First Team Practices:**

Week of December 4

**League Games Begin:**

December 18-January 1

**Holiday Break:**

Week of January 29

**End of Regular Season:**

Week of February 5

**Minor, Major, and Senior Tournaments Begin:**

Saturday, February 10

**Pee Wee Jamboree Games:**

Leagues	Practice Days	Player Evaluation Date/Time
Mite Boys <b>North</b> 7-8 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	No Evaluations
Mite Boys <b>South</b> 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 <b>North</b> 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 <b>South</b> 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 Saturday	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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HEALTH CARE SYSTEM  
A Member of Trinity Health

[stmaryshealthcaresystem.org](http://stmaryshealthcaresystem.org)

# intramural high school basketball league

**Program Coordinator:** Jake Thornton  
**Email:** [jthornton@oconee.ga.us](mailto: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

Breast Care  
Cardiac Care  
Emergency Services  
Family Birth Center  
Home Health, Hospice  
and Palliative Care  
Imaging  
Inpatient/Outpatient  
Rehabilitation  
Lab Services  
Medical Group  
Memory Care  
Senior Living  
Community  
Stroke Care  
Surgical Services  
Wellness Center  
Wound Care

# adult programs

## Adult Basketball League

**Program Coordinator:** Jake Thornton  
**Email:** [jthornton@oconee.ga.us](mailto: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:**

**Location:** Thursdays and Sundays  
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](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:** November 1-December 13\* (6 classes)

January 10-31 (4 classes)  
February 7-28 (4 classes)

6-7:30 p.m.

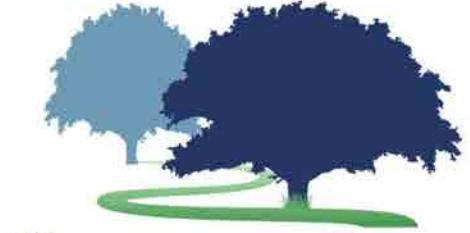
Oconee Veterans Park Community Center

**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?



To make a donation:



To learn more:

[www.oconeparksfoundation.org](http://www.oconeparksfoundation.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](mailto: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

  @tall.socks.tennis

# 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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