

A dynamic photograph of two young boys playing soccer on a grassy field. The boy in the foreground, wearing a maroon jersey with white stripes on the sleeves and black shorts, is in a low, forward-leaning stance, focused on a white soccer ball at his feet. He is wearing bright green and blue soccer cleats. Another player in a maroon jersey and black shorts is visible behind him, also focused on the ball. In the background, several spectators are watching from the side of the field, including a woman in a white t-shirt and a child in a white t-shirt with a colorful graphic. The scene is set outdoors on a sunny day.

SPRING 2024 ACTIVITY GUIDE



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MAIN OFFICE

OVP Community Center

3500A Hog Mountain Rd, Watkinsville, GA 30677

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 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 holiday:

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



registration information

ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION BEGINS

Ocnee County Residents: Monday, January 22

Out of County Residents: Monday, February 5

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/OcneeCounty>

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 OCNEE

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
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start smart soccer

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 soccer by utilizing positive reinforcement and fun activities.

Age: 3
Age Control Date: March 12, 2024
Days (select ONE): Tuesdays 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Wednesdays 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Wednesdays 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Dates: March 12-April 24*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$80
Out of County Fee: \$160

Registration Deadline: March 8 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: March 8

***NO CLASS ON APRIL 2 OR 3**



new lil' kickers soccer

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

Lil' Kickers bridges the gap between Start Smart Soccer and our Youth Soccer League. This program is an instructional 3v3 soccer league featuring practice and gameplay occurring on the same day, allowing participants to incorporate drills and skills learned in practice into a game setting. Score is not kept, and volunteer coaches act as the referees to create a non-competitive environment to maximize touches and emphasize fun.

Age: 4
Age Control Date: September 1, 2023
Days: Saturday mornings (times vary)
Season: March 9-April 27*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$85
Out of County Fee: \$170

Registration Deadline: February 16 or until full
Refund Deadline: February 16

***NO ACTIVITY ON MARCH 30 AND APRIL 6**

All dates are subject to change pending rainouts and cancellations.

coach's corner

Volunteer Coaches Needed for Youth Soccer

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, February 21 at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 6 at 6 p.m.

Youth Soccer Rules Clinic (Attend One)

- Thursday, February 22 at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 28 at 6 p.m.

Volunteer Coach Clinic (Required)

- U6, U10: Thursday, February 29 at 6 p.m.
- U8, U12-U15: Thursday, February 29 at 7:15 p.m.

All clinics and coach trainings are held at Oconee Veterans Park.



Youth Soccer Coach Commitment

Lil' Kickers Soccer

- One, one-hour activity per week
- Serve as referee during games
- Five-game regular season
- No post-season

U6-U8 Leagues

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

U10-U15 Leagues

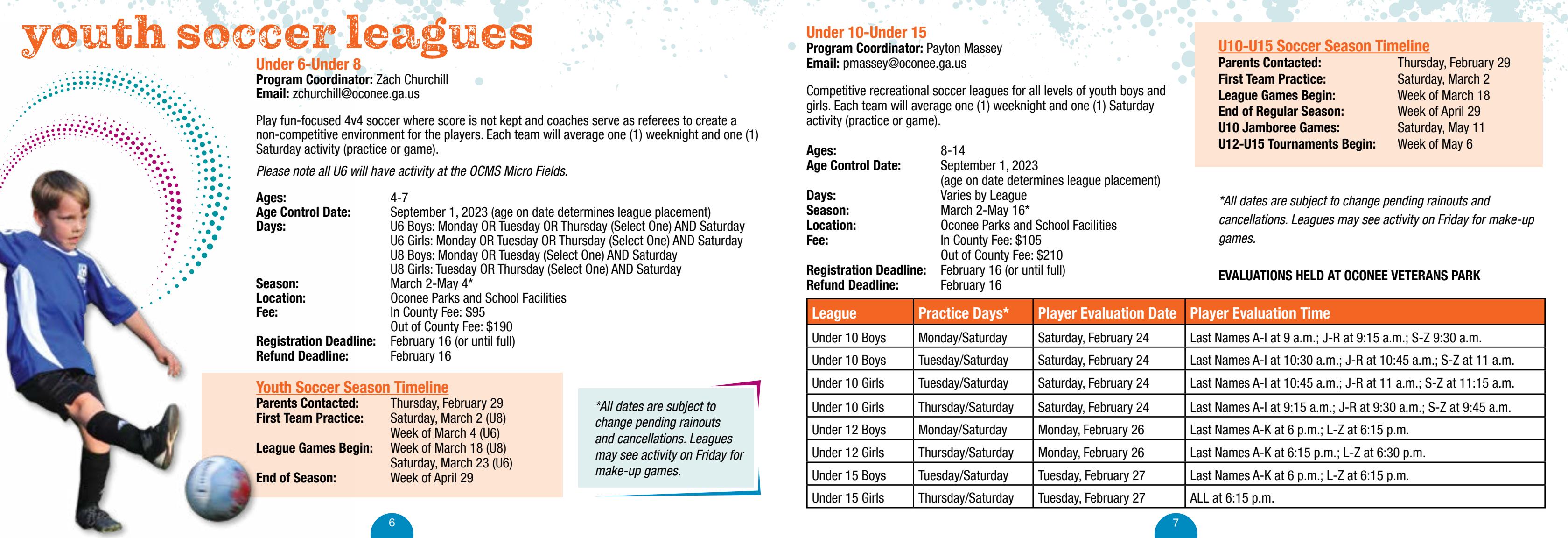
- Practice length depends on age group
- Certified referees for games
- Eight-game regular season
- Post-season jamboree OR tournament

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.





Youth Soccer Leagues

Under 6-Under 8

Program Coordinator: Zach Churchill
Email: zchurchill@oconee.ga.us

Play fun-focused 4v4 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
March 2-May 4*
Season: March 2-May 4*
Location: Ocnee Parks and School Facilities
Fee: In County Fee: \$95
Out of County Fee: \$190
Registration Deadline: February 16 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: February 16

Youth Soccer Season Timeline

Parents Contacted: Thursday, February 29
First Team Practice: Saturday, March 2 (U8)
Week of March 4 (U6)
League Games Begin: Week of March 18 (U8)
Saturday, March 23 (U6)
End of Season: Week of April 29

**All dates are 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: September 1, 2023 (age on date determines league placement)
Days: Varies by League
Season: March 2-May 16*
Location: Ocnee Parks and School Facilities
Fee: In County Fee: \$105
Out of County Fee: \$210
Registration Deadline: February 16 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: February 16

U10-U15 Soccer Season Timeline

Parents Contacted:	Thursday, February 29
First Team Practice:	Saturday, March 2
League Games Begin:	Week of March 18
End of Regular Season:	Week of April 29
U10 Jamboree Games:	Saturday, May 11
U12-U15 Tournaments Begin:	Week of May 6

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

EVALUATIONS HELD AT OCONEE VETERANS PARK

League	Practice Days*	Player Evaluation Date	Player Evaluation Time
Under 10 Boys	Monday/Saturday	Saturday, February 24	Last Names A-I at 9 a.m.; J-R at 9:15 a.m.; S-Z 9:30 a.m.
Under 10 Boys	Tuesday/Saturday	Saturday, February 24	Last Names A-I at 10:30 a.m.; J-R at 10:45 a.m.; S-Z at 11 a.m.
Under 10 Girls	Tuesday/Saturday	Saturday, February 24	Last Names A-I at 10:45 a.m.; J-R at 11 a.m.; S-Z at 11:15 a.m.
Under 10 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Saturday, February 24	Last Names A-I at 9:15 a.m.; J-R at 9:30 a.m.; S-Z at 9:45 a.m.
Under 12 Boys	Monday/Saturday	Monday, February 26	Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Under 12 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Monday, February 26	Last Names A-K at 6:15 p.m.; L-Z at 6:30 p.m.
Under 15 Boys	Tuesday/Saturday	Tuesday, February 27	Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Under 15 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Tuesday, February 27	ALL at 6:15 p.m.



youth instructional programs

Start Smart Baseball

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 baseball by utilizing positive reinforcement and fun activities.

Age: 4
Age Control Date: March 12, 2024
Days: Tuesdays
Times: 5:45-6:30 p.m.
Dates: March 12-April 23*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$80
Out of County Fee: \$160
Registration Deadline: March 8 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: March 8

*NO CLASS ON APRIL 2

Instructional Volleyball Clinic

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

This instructional program is designed for the young athlete who wants 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: March 11-April 24* (12-class session)
Location: Oconee Veterans Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$110
Out of County Fee: \$220
Registration Deadline: March 8 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: March 8

VOLLEYBALL II

Ages: 11-14
Days: Mondays and Wednesdays
Times: 6:45-7:45 p.m.
Dates: March 11-April 24* (12-class session)
Location: Oconee Veterans Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$110
Out of County Fee: \$220
Registration Deadline: March 8 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: March 8



*NO CLASSES APRIL 1 AND 3

Recreational Advanced Development Soccer (RAD)

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

Co-ed soccer program instructed by Oconee Futbol Club USSF licensed coaches. Designed to provide enhanced skill development, this is a supplemental program to our recreational soccer leagues. *Participants should still register for the recreation soccer league to be on a team with gameplay.*

Junior RAD

Ages: 7-9
Days: Wednesdays
Times: 5-6 p.m.
Dates: March 20-May 1* (6-class session)
Location: Oconee Veterans Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$130
Out of County Fee: \$260
Registration Deadline: March 18 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: March 18

Senior RAD

Ages: 10-13
Days: Wednesdays
Times: 6-7 p.m.
Dates: March 20-May 1* (6-class session)
Location: Oconee Veterans Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$130
Out of County Fee: \$260
Registration Deadline: March 18 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: March 18

*NO CLASS APRIL 3

Sticks for Kids Golf Program

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

Exciting golf activity lead by A&F Golf instructors, provides basic instruction for beginner golfers. This co-ed program is held at A&F Driving Range.

Ages: 6-12
Days: Mondays and Wednesdays
Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Dates: April 8-May 15* (12-class session)
Location: A&F Driving Range
Fee: In County Fee: \$220
Out of County \$440
Registration Deadline: April 5 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: April 5

*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.



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 7-28 (4 classes) March 6-27 (4 classes) April 10-May 15 (6 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

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 22 at 6 p.m., 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
Fee: \$600 per team, online only
Team Entry Deadline: February 22 (or until full)

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

Adult Soccer Leagues

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

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Teams must register online **AND** submit a roster form to the Program Coordinator. Each team will play an eight-game regular season with a single elimination post-season tournament following.

All team managers must be a resident of Oconee County.

Team Manager's Meeting: Wednesday, March 6 at 6 p.m., Oconee Veterans Park Community Center

Season Timeline: March 13-May 15*

Days: Wednesdays
Leagues: Men's Open
Co-Ed

Location: Oconee Veterans Park

Fee: \$600 per team, online only

Team Entry Deadline: March 6 (or until full)

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

Leagues may see Friday activity for make-up games.

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special events

Touch a Truck

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

Free 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.

Date: Saturday, March 16
Time: 1-4 p.m.
Location: Heritage Park

Pitch, Hit, and Run

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

OCPRD, in conjunction with Major League Baseball, will be hosting this free co-ed competition. Winners from each group (7/9, 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 MLB opens registration.

Ages: 7-14
Date: Saturday, April 20
Time: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Location: Bogart Sports Complex



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 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

Tennis Coordinator: Taylor Dodd

Email: taylordodd@tallsockstennis.com

Phone: 706-769-2954

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

5-Week Programs

Offered:

Monday 3.5 Ladies 9-10:30 a.m.;
Monday Men's Night 7:30-9 p.m.;
Tuesday 3.0 Ladies 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.;
Friday 2.5 Ladies 8-9:30 a.m.;
Friday 2.5-3.0 Ladies 9:30-11 a.m.;
Sunday Improvers 3:15-4:30 p.m. & 4:30-5:45 p.m.
\$90-\$132

Fee Range:

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

Fees: Available Online – Varies by program

For information on times, fees, AND to register,

scan the QR Code below or download the

Court Reserve App and search "Tall Socks Tennis."



@tall.socks.tennis



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Wellness Center

Wound Care

parks, trails, & amenities

Ocnee 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



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



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



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

facility rental information

To reserve OCPRD facilities, we encourage you to first visit Rentals, Rules, and Policies on the website for detailed information. 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 fee's due dates are outlined in the Facility Request Policies.

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

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@ocnee.ga.us for OVP and Tyler Hartzog, thartzog@ocnee.ga.us for BSC, HCM, and HP.



Walking Trails

The parks have walking trails for everyone to enjoy. Herman C. Michael Park, 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.

2024 REGISTRATION DATES

Spring

In County Residents: January 22

Out of County Residents: February 5

Fall

In County Residents: July 15

Out of County Residents: July 29

Summer

In County Residents: April 15

Out of County Residents: April 29

Winter

In County Residents: October 7

Out of County Residents: October 21



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