

# winter 2024-25 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 holidays:

**Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29**

**Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25**

**Wednesday, January 1**

**Monday, January 20**



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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 Hubert**, HCM Office Assistant

**Andy Dunston**, OVP Facility Supervisor

**Christina Starr**, 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

**Molly Lee**, Athletic Program Coordinator



# registration information

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 card payments. We also accept online eCheck payments. Cash not accepted. Payee will be responsible for paying debit/credit card 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 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.

## Youth Programs Birth Certificate Requirement

Effective July 1, 2024, the Oconee County Parks & Recreation Department (OCPRD) requires each participant 18 years of age and younger to submit an official birth certificate to register for all youth programs. Birth certificates can be uploaded to your Community Pass account or brought to the Community Center at Oconee Veterans Park for in-person review by OCPRD staff.

## REGISTRATION BEGINS

**Oconee County Residents: Monday, September 30**

**Out of County Residents: Monday, October 14**





# 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 8-February 12  
**Location:** Herman C. Michael Park Gymnasium  
**Fees:** In County Fee: \$80  
 Out of County Fee: \$160  
**Registration Deadline:** January 3 (or until full)  
**Refund Deadline:** January 3

## Instructional Junior Basketball

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

This popular instructional class introduces basketball skills in a fun and challenging environment. Class sizes are limited.

**Ages:** 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 2-December 14\*  
**Location:** Herman C. Michael Park Gym  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$100  
 Out of County Fee: \$200  
**Registration Deadline:** October 30 (or until full)  
**Refund Deadline:** October 30

**\*No class on November 30**



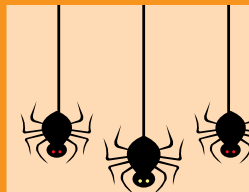
## Basketball Academy

**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.

**Ages:** 10-14  
**Days:** Sundays  
**Times:** 2-4 p.m.  
**Dates:** November 3-December 15\*  
**Location:** Herman C. Michael Park Gym  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$160  
 Out of County Fee: \$320  
**Registration Deadline:** October 30 (or until full)  
**Refund Deadline:** October 30

**\*No class on December 1**



## TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

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

FREE EVENT! Bring your family out for an afternoon of Halloween fun! Sponsored by Lavender Pest Control, attendees are encouraged to wear their costumes while experiencing the Trick or Treat Trail!

**Date:** Wednesday, October 30  
**Time:** 4-6 p.m.  
**Location:** Oconee Veterans Park



## PARENT REQUIREMENT

**NAYS Coordinator:** Maggie Hubert  
**Email:** mhubert@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 outlined at <http://tinyurl.com/OCPRDparents>.



# coach's corner

## Volunteer Coaches Needed for Basketball

### Volunteer Coach Contact

If you would like to volunteer to coach and have questions, please contact:

- 8U-10U Boys and 8U-11U Girls Leagues:  
Jake Thornton, [jthornton@oconee.ga.us](mailto:jthornton@oconee.ga.us)
- 11U-14U Boys and 14U Girls Leagues:  
Molly Lee, [mlee@oconee.ga.us](mailto:mlee@oconee.ga.us)



### 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)

- Thursday, November 7 at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 13 at 6 p.m.

### Volunteer Coach Clinic

- Wednesday, November 6  
8U & 10U (ALL), and 11U Girls at 6 p.m.  
11U & 12U (Boys), and 14U (ALL) at 7:15 p.m.

### Youth Basketball Coach Commitment

#### 8U-10U Boys and 8U-11U Girls Leagues

- Two, one-hour activities per week
- Eight-game regular season
- 8U Boys and Girls – No post-season
- 10U Boys and 11U Girls – Post-season Jamboree

#### 11U-14U Boys and 14U Girls Leagues

- Practice length depends on age group
- Referees for games
- Eight-game regular season
- Post-season tournament

# youth basketball leagues

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

### 8U Boys and Girls Leagues

Learn Basketball fundamentals in a fun-focused environment. Games are officiated by certified referees and no score is kept.

### NO EVALUATIONS IN THIS LEAGUE.

<b>Ages:</b>	7-8
<b>Age Control Date:</b>	September 1, 2024 (Age on date determines league placement)
<b>Days:</b>	8U Boys: Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday 8U Girls: Thursday AND Saturday
<b>Season:</b>	November-February
<b>Location:</b>	Oconee Parks & School Facilities
<b>Fee:</b>	In County Fee: \$125 Out of County Fee: \$250
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	October 24 (or until full)
<b>Refund Deadline:</b>	October 24

### 8U Season Timeline

<b>Parents Contacted:</b>	Thursday, November 7
<b>First Team Practice:</b>	Saturday, November 9
<b>League Games Begin:</b>	Week of December 2
<b>Holiday Break:</b>	December 21 – January 6
<b>End of Season:</b>	Week of February 3



# youth basketball leagues

**10U Boys Leagues**  
**11U Girls League**  
**Program Coordinator:** Jake Thornton  
**Email:** jthornton@oconee.ga.us

**11U – 14U Boys Leagues**  
**14U Girls League**  
**Program Coordinator:** Molly Lee  
**Email:** mlee@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:** 9-14  
**Age Control Date:** September 1, 2024 (Age on date determines league placement)  
**Days:** Boys: Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday  
Girls: Thursday AND Saturday  
**Season:** November-February  
**Location:** Oconee Parks & Oconee School Facilities  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$135  
Out of County Fee: \$270  
**Registration Deadline:** October 24 (or until full)  
**Refund Deadline:** October 24



## Youth Basketball Season Timeline

**Volunteer Coach Clinic:** Wednesday, November 6  
**Parents Contacted:** Thursday, November 7  
**First Team Practices:** Saturday, November 9  
**League Games Begin:** Week of December 2  
**Holiday Break:** December 21 – January 6  
**End of Regular Season:** Week of January 27  
**11U Boys, 12U, and 14U Tournaments Begin:** Week of February 3  
**10U Boys and 11U Girls Jamboree Games:** Saturday, February 8

League	Age	Player Evaluation Date	Player Evaluation Time
10U Boys <b>North</b>	9-10	Monday, October 28 in OVP Gym	<b>Last Names:</b> A-K at 6 p.m. L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
10U Boys <b>South</b>	9-10	Monday, October 28 in HCM Gym	<b>Last Names:</b> A-K at 6 p.m. L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
11U Girls	9-11	Tuesday, October 29 in HCM Gym	<b>Last Names:</b> A-K at 6 p.m. L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
11U Boys	11	Monday, October 28 in OVP Gym	<b>Last Names:</b> A-K at 7:15 p.m. L-Z at 7:30 p.m.
12U Boys	12	Monday, October 28 in HCM Gym	<b>Last Names:</b> A-K at 7:15 p.m. L-Z at 7:30 p.m.
14U Girls	12-14	Tuesday, October 29 in HCM Gym	<b>All</b> at 7:15 p.m.
14U Boys	13-14	Tuesday, October 29 in OVP Gym	<b>Last Names:</b> A-K at 6 p.m. L-Z at 6:15 p.m.

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



# intramural high school basketball leagues

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

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

**Team Entry Deadline:** October 23  
**Manager Meeting:** Thursday, October 24, 6 p.m., OVP  
**Individual Player Registration:** October 24 – November 4  
**Ages:** 14-18  
(Must reside or attend school in Oconee County)  
**Season:** December 11 – February 2  
**Days:** Wednesdays and Sundays  
**Location:** Oconee Parks and Oconee School Facilities  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$135  
Out of County Fee: \$270  
**Refund Deadline:** November 4



# adult basketball league

**Adult Basketball League**  
**Program Coordinator:** Andrew Bishop  
**Email:** abishop@oconee.ga.us

Grab your friends and coworkers and come participate in our Adult Basketball Leagues. Men's A League, Men's B League, and Women's League offered. Each team will play an eight-game regular season with a single elimination post-season tournament. Team and individual registration held online only.

**All team managers must be a resident of Oconee County.**

**Team Entry Deadline:** November 21  
**Managers' Meeting:** November 21, 6 p.m., OVP  
**Season:** December 5 – January 30  
**Days:** Thursdays and Sundays  
**Location:** Oconee Parks and Oconee school facilities  
**Fee:** \$600 per team  
**Refund Deadline:** November 21





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EMAIL Molly Lee or Jake Thornton:

SCOREKEEPERS: [mlee@oconee.ga.us](mailto:mlee@oconee.ga.us)  
REFEREES: [jthornton@oconee.ga.us](mailto:jthornton@oconee.ga.us)

[www.oconeecounty.com/OCPRD](http://www.oconeecounty.com/OCPRD)  
706-769-3965

# 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:** November 6-December 18\* (6 classes)  
January 8-29 (4 classes)  
February 5-26 (4 classes)  
March 5-26  
**Times:** 6-7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Oconee Veterans Park Community Center  
**In County Fee:** \$60 (4-class session)  
\$90 (6-class session)  
**Out of County Fee:** \$120 4-class session)  
\$180 (6-class session)

**Registration & Refund Deadline:** Monday preceding first class of session

\*No class November 27



# 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.



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Surgical Services  
Wellness Center  
Wound Care

# tall socks tennis

**Tennis Coordinator:** Taylor Dodd  
**Email:** [taylordodd@tallsockstennis.com](mailto:taylordodd@tallsockstennis.com)

**Fall Session 2:** September 30-November 22  
(No classes November 25-29)  
**Winter Session 1:** December 2-February 7  
(No classes December 23-January 2)  
**Winter Session 2:** February 10-March 7  
**High School Boot Camps:** January 2-4

## JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAMS

**USTA NET GENERATION TENNIS: Beginners – 6 weeks**  
**Programs Offered:** 5-6 year olds Net Gen Red,  
10U Net Gen Orange, 12U Beginner Teen  
**Days and Times:** Weekday afternoons and Saturday mornings  
**Fee:** \$110-\$120

**Junior Programs – 8 weeks**  
**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 and early evenings  
**Fee:** \$292-\$340



## ADULT TENNIS PROGRAMS

**Programs Offered:** Monday 3.5 Ladies 9-10:30 a.m.  
Monday Night Match Play 7:30-9 p.m.  
Tuesday 3.0 Ladies 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Thursday 3.0-4.0 Mixed 6:30-8 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. and  
4:30-5:45 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$90-\$132  
**Special Events:** Adult Triples and Round Robins

*For more information and to register, scan the  
QR code or download the Court Reserve App and  
search "Tall Socks Tennis".*



# facility rental information

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.

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.



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](mailto:adunston@oconee.ga.us) for OVP and Tyler Hartzog, [thartzog@oconee.ga.us](mailto:thartzog@oconee.ga.us) for BSC, HCM, and HP.



## 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.



# Do you your Parks?

Please consider donating to the Oconee Parks Foundation!

Every dollar donated provides opportunities for youth in our community to participate by covering registration fees, assisting with equipment needs, and helping to fund a new accessible, creative playground at BSC, and other park system enhancements.



Donate Now:



Save the Date for these upcoming opportunities to support OPF:

Night Out for Parks - November 7, 2024

Run for Gold 5K - March 16, 2025

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<http://www.oconee parks foundation.org>



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