



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

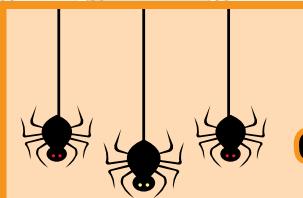
Program Coordinator: Tyler Hartzog
Email: thartzog@oconee.ga.us

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

 **LAVENDER PEST CONTROL**



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
- 11U-14U Boys and 14U Girls Leagues: Molly Lee, 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

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Program Coordinator: Jake Thornton
Email: 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.

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

8U Season Timeline

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



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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: Occone 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 North	9-10	Monday, October 28 in OVP Gym	Last Names: A-K at 6 p.m. L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
10U Boys South	9-10	Monday, October 28 in HCM Gym	Last Names: A-K at 6 p.m. L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
11U Girls	9-11	Tuesday, October 29 in HCM Gym	Last Names: A-K at 6 p.m. L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
11U Boys	11	Monday, October 28 in OVP Gym	Last Names: A-K at 7:15 p.m. L-Z at 7:30 p.m.
12U Boys	12	Monday, October 28 in HCM Gym	Last Names: A-K at 7:15 p.m. L-Z at 7:30 p.m.
14U Girls	12-14	Tuesday, October 29 in HCM Gym	All at 7:15 p.m.
14U Boys	13-14	Tuesday, October 29 in OVP Gym	Last Names: 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
REFEREES: jthornton@oconee.ga.us

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706-769-3965

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:	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.*

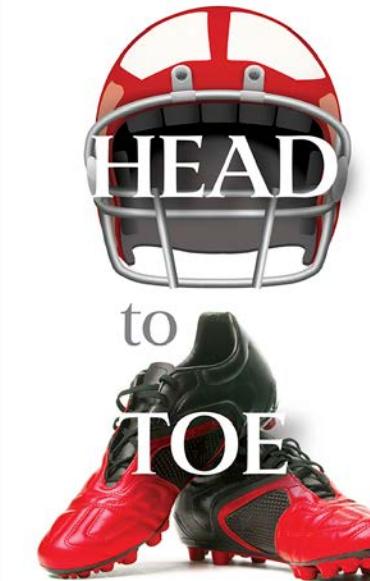
Fitness Membership Fees

\$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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Lab Services

Medical Group

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Senior Living
Community

Stroke Care

Surgical Services

Wellness Center

Wound Care

tall socks tennis

Tennis Coordinator: Taylor Dodd
Email: 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.



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:



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