

spring 2025

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 20



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mission statement

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

ADMINISTRATION

Lisa Davol, Director

Zach Churchill, 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

Jake Thornton, Recreation Manager

Payton Massey, Senior Athletic Program Coordinator

Andrew Bishop, Athletic Program Coordinator

Jordan Smith, Athletic Program Coordinator

Lofton Tidwell, 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.

REGISTRATION BEGINS

Oconee County Residents: Monday, January 27

Out of County Residents: Monday, February 10

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.

PLAY IT FORWARD OCONEE

Please consider donating to OCPRD and 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 park enhancements.

If you need financial assistance, please call the main office at 706-769-3965 for eligibility criteria.



start smart soccer

Program Coordinator: Jordan Smith
Email: jordansmith@oconee.ga.us

This developmental program allows participants to work with their parent(s) to begin developing the motor skills necessary to participate in league soccer by utilizing positive reinforcement and fun activities.

Age: 3
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 11-April 23*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$80
Out of County Fee: \$160
Registration Deadline: March 7 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: March 7

***NO CLASS ON APRIL 8 OR 9**



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, 2024
Days: Saturday mornings (times vary)
Season: March 15-May 3*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$85
Out of County Fee: \$170
Registration Deadline: February 19 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: February 19

***NO ACTIVITY ON APRIL 5 and 12**

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 19 at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 5 at 6 p.m.

Youth Soccer Rules Clinic (Attend One)

- Thursday, February 20 at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 26 at 6 p.m.

Volunteer Coach Clinic (Required)

- U6, U10: Thursday, February 27 at 6 p.m.
- U8, U12-U15: Thursday, February 27 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
- Seven-game regular season
- Post-season jamboree OR tournament



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>.



youth soccer leagues



Under 6-Under 8
Program Coordinator: Andrew Bishop
Email: abishop@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, 2024 (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
Season: March 1-May 8*
Location: U6 – OCMS Micro Fields; U8 – Oconee Parks
Fee: In County Fee: \$100
Out of County Fee: \$200
Registration Deadline: February 19 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: February 19

U6-U8 Soccer Season Timeline
Parents Contacted: Thursday, February 27
First Team Practice: Saturday, March 1 (U8)
Week of March 3 (U6)
League Games Begin: Week of March 17* (U8)
Saturday, March 22* (U6)
End of Season: Week of May 5*

**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, 2024
(age on date determines league placement)
Days: Monday OR Tuesday OR Thursday AND Saturday
Season: March 1-May 13*
Location: Oconee Parks and School Facilities
Fee: In County Fee: \$110
Out of County Fee: \$220
Registration Deadline: February 19 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: February 19

U10-U15 Soccer Season Timeline

Parents Contacted: Thursday, February 27
First Team Practice: Saturday, March 1
League Games Begin: Week of March 17*
End of Regular Season: Week of April 28*
U10 Jamboree Games: Week of May 5*
U12-U15 Tournaments Begin: Week of May 5*

**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 22	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 22	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 22	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 22	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 24	Last Names A-I at 6 p.m.; J-R at 6:15 p.m.; S-Z at 6:30 p.m.
Under 12 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Monday, February 24	Last Names A-I at 6:15 p.m.; J-R at 6:30 p.m.; S-Z at 6:45 p.m.
Under 15 Boys	Tuesday/Saturday	Tuesday, February 25	Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Under 15 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Tuesday, February 25	ALL at 6:15 p.m.



youth instructional programs

Start Smart Baseball

Program Coordinator: Jordan Smith
Email: jordansmith@oconee.ga.us

This developmental program allows participants to work with their parents(s) to begin developing the motor skills necessary to participate in league baseball by utilizing positive reinforcement and fun activities.

Age: 4
Days: Tuesdays
Times: 5:45-6:30 p.m.
Dates: March 11-April 22*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$80
Out of County Fee: \$160
Registration Deadline: March 7 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: March 7

*NO CLASS ON APRIL 8

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 10-April 23* (12-class session)
Location: Oconee Veterans Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$110
Out of County Fee: \$220
Registration Deadline: March 7 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: March 7

VOLLEYBALL II

Ages: 11-14
Days: Mondays and Wednesdays
Times: 6:45-7:45 p.m.
Dates: March 10-April 23* (12-class session)
Location: Oconee Veterans Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$110
Out of County Fee: \$220
Registration Deadline: March 7 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: March 7

*NO CLASSES APRIL 7 AND 9



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 skills development, this is a supplemental program to our recreational soccer league. *Participants should still register for the recreation soccer league to be on a team for gameplay.*

Junior RAD

Ages: 7-9
Days: Wednesdays
Times: 5-6 p.m.
Dates: March 19-April 30* (6-class session)
Location: Oconee Veterans Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$130
Out of County Fee: \$260
Registration Deadline: March 17 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: March 17

Senior RAD

Ages: 10-13
Days: Wednesdays
Times: 6-7 p.m.
Dates: March 19-April 30* (6-class session)
Location: Oconee Veterans Park
Fee: In County Fee: \$130
Out of County Fee: \$260
Registration Deadline: March 17 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: March 17

*NO CLASS APRIL 9

Sticks for Kids Golf Program

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

An exciting golf activity for the beginning golfer, which provides basic instruction. This is a co-ed program.

Ages: 6-12
Days: Mondays and Wednesdays
Times: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Dates: April 14-May 22* (12 classes)
Location: A&F Driving Range, Elder Rd
Fee: In County Fee: \$225
Out of County Fee: \$450
Registration Deadline: April 9 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: April 9

*All dates are subject to change pending rainouts and cancellations. A maximum of (2) rained-out classes may be made up at the end of the season; 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 5-26 (4 classes)
March 5-26 (4 classes)
April 16-May 21 (6 classes)
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 the first class of the session

Adult Softball Leagues

Program Coordinator: Lofton Tidwell
Email: ltidwell@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 20 at 6 p.m.,
Oconee Veterans Park
Season Timeline: March-June*
Leagues: Men's Church – Tuesdays
Co-Ed – Tuesdays
Men's A – Thursdays
Men's B – Thursdays
Women's – Thursdays
Location: Oconee Veterans Park
Fee: \$550 per team, online only
Team Entry Deadline: Thursday, February 20 (or until full)

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



Adult Soccer Leagues

Program Coordinator: Jordan Smith
Email: jordansmith@oconee.ga.us

Grab your friends and coworkers and come participate in our Adult Soccer Leagues. Co-Ed A-League (*competitive*) and Co-Ed B-League (*recreational*) offered. Each team will play an eight-game regular season with a single elimination post-season tournament. Team and individual registration is held online only.

All team managers must be a resident of Oconee County.

Team Manager's Meeting: Wednesday, February 19 at 6 p.m.,
Oconee Veterans Park
Season Timeline: March-May*
Leagues: Co-Ed A League – Wednesdays*
Co-Ed B League – Wednesdays*
Location: Oconee Veterans Park
Fee: \$550 per team, online only
Team Entry Deadline: Wednesday, February 19 (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



Hands-on event for children to see, touch, and explore their favorite big trucks, heavy equipment, and large vehicles. Dump trucks, fire trucks, ambulances, and other heavy-duty vehicles will be a part of the event. Each vehicle will be staffed with a trained operator. A “Quiet Hour” will take place from 1-2 p.m.

Date: Saturday, March 29
Time: 1-4 p.m.
Location: Heritage Park

Pitch, Hit, and Run
Program Coordinator: Oconee Co. Little League
Email: info@oconeelittleleague.com



Oconee County Little League, in conjunction with Major League Baseball, will be hosting this free coed 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; the link will be posted on the website and social media once MLB opens registration.

Ages: 7-14
Date: Saturday, March 15
Location: Oconee Veterans Park

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.

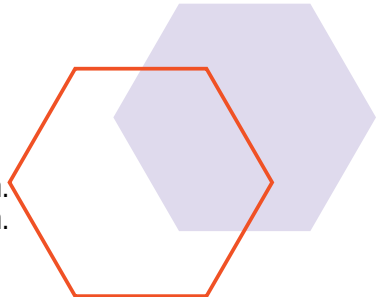
Indoor Track/Gymnasium Membership
Fee: 12-59 years old: \$20 per person, per year *
60+ years old: FREE

*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

Winter Session 2: February 3-March 29
Spring Session 1: April 1-May 23

6 Week Adult Programs
Offered: Monday 3.5-4.0 Ladies, 9-10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 3.0 Ladies, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Thursday Open Mixed, 6:30-8 p.m.
Friday 2.5 Beginner Ladies, 9-10:30 a.m.
Friday 2.5-3.0 Ladies, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Sunday Improvers, 3:15-4:30 p.m. & 4:30-5:45 p.m.
Fee Range: \$108-\$132

6 Week Junior Programs
USTA NET GENERATION TENNIS – BEGINNERS
Programs Offered: 5 & 6 years Net Gen Red
10U Net Gen Orange
12U Beginner Teen
Fee Range: \$110-\$120

8 Week Junior Programs
Programs Offered: 8U Ankle Socks
10U Mini Crew & Short Crew Socks
12U Tall Crew Socks
13+ Tube & Knee High Socks
14-17 Over the Knee & Thigh High Socks
Days and Times: Afternoon and early evenings
Fee Range: \$292-\$340

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- Medical Group
- Memory Care
- Senior Living Community
- Stroke Care
- Surgical Services
- Wellness Center
- Wound Care

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, Community Center, 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.



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.



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.

2025 REGISTRATION DATES

Spring

In County Residents: January 27
Out of County Residents: February 10

Summer

In County Residents: April 14
Out of County Residents: April 28

Fall

In County Residents: July 14
Out of County Residents: July 28

Winter

In County Residents: September 29
Out of County Residents: October 13



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