

summer 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 holidays:

Monday, May 26

Friday, July 4



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mission statement

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

ADMINISTRATION

Lisa Davol, Director

Pat Sebring, Deputy Director

Joan Postero, Administrative Assistant

PARKS

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 2X the program rate.

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, April 14

Out of County Residents: Monday, April 28

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 Oconee Veterans Park Community Center during office hours 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.



tackle football and cheerleading

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

Football

The OCPRD Tackle Football league participates in the North Georgia Youth Football Association (NGYFA). Participants register for the high school they are zoned to attend, either Oconee or North Oconee. Games are held at home team high school football stadiums and include travel to opposing teams across North Georgia. Visit the NGYFA website (<https://www.ngyfa.org/landing/index>) for additional information on the league.

***Equipment not provided ***

Age Groups: 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, and 7th Grade (12-13 years)
Age Control Date: August 1, 2025
Practices: Weeknights – varies by team
Games: SATURDAYS – **TRAVEL INVOLVED**
Locations: Oconee Parks & School Facilities
Football Program Fee: \$200
Tackle Registration Deadline: May 23

EQUIPMENT NOT PROVIDED. Each participant will need a helmet, shoulder pads, mouthguard, practice jersey, pants, and cleats.

Football Season Timeline

Parent Meeting – Thursday, May 8, 6-7 p.m.
Jersey Fitting #1 – Monday, May 12, 4-7 p.m.
Registration Ends – Friday, May 23
Jersey Fitting #2 – Monday, June 2, 4-7 p.m.
Optional Team Conditioning – July 14-August 1
First Day of Practices – Week of Monday, August 4
Picture Day – Sunday, August 17, 12-6 p.m.
First Games – Saturday, September 6
NGYFA Quarterfinals – Saturday, October 25
NGYFA Conference Semifinals – Saturday, November 1
NGYFA Conference Championship – Saturday, November 8
NGYFA Super Bowl – Saturday, November 15

Visit website for a full season timeline and FAQ



Cheerleading

If you have spirit, join the fun and cheer on the Titans or Warriors! Cheerleading participants are registered for the high school they are zoned to attend, either Oconee or North Oconee, and cheer from the sideline in the North Georgia Youth Football Association (NGYFA). Cheerleading age groups may be combined. Games are held at home team high school football stadiums and include travel to opposing teams across North Georgia. Visit the NGYFA website (<https://www.ngyfa.org/landing/index>) for additional information on the league.

Age Groups: 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, and 7th Grade (12-13 years)
Age Control Date: August 1, 2025
Practices: Weeknights – varies by squad
Games: SATURDAYS – **TRAVEL INVOLVED**
Locations: Oconee Parks
Cheerleading Program Fee: \$210
Cheer Registration Deadline: May 9*

***Cheer registration deadline is firm due to uniform orders deadline.**
PROVIDED – Cheer uniform (skirt and shell), V-neck undershirt, boy short briefs, pom-poms, and a bow.
NOT PROVIDED – cheer shoes.

Cheerleading Season Timeline

Uniform Fitting #1 – Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Parent Meeting – Thursday, May 8, 6-7 p.m.
Registration Ends – Friday, May 9
Uniform Fitting #2 – Tuesday, May 13, 3-7 p.m.
Meet Your Coach – Sunday, August 3
First Day of Practices – Week of Monday, August 4
Picture Day – Sunday, August 17, 12-6 p.m.
First Games – Saturday, September 6
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coach's corner

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
- Complete online USA Football Certification (*Football coaches only*)
- Complete online Darkness-to-Light (*first-year Cheerleading coaches only*)

Football Coach Commitment

- Three practices per week
- Saturday games
- Travel required for games

Cheerleading Coach Commitment

- Two, one-hour practices per week
- Saturday games
- Travel required for games



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 please visit <http://tinyurl.com/OCPRDparents> and complete the steps outlined.



special events

National Parks and Recreation Month

Launched in 1985, this year marks the 40th anniversary of Park and Recreation Month!

Each July, we celebrate park and recreation professionals and how they improve the lives of tens of millions of people, making a lasting impact in communities across the country. Park and recreation programs are essential to community health and well-being and help cultivate lifelong friendships, memories, and family bonds that people hold dear decades later.

This year's theme, "**Build Together, Play Together**", reminds us of the contributions of more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals — along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers — who maintain our country's close-to-home parks.

NRPA'S PARK AND
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summer sports camps

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

We partner with qualified and licensed coaches to provide the best camp experience. Each camp focuses on sport-specific fundamentals, provides situational practice and opportunities for gameplay. All camps have limited enrollment.

***Fees listed include in-county and out-of-county rates.**

Morning Summer Sports Camps:

CAMP	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR	AGES	GENDER	FEE
D-1 Fitness, S1	5/27-30	Tues-Fri	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	OVP Multipurpose	D1 Training Staff	6-10	M/F	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>
Baseball	6/2-5	Mon-Thurs	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	BSC Quad	Jake Crane	6-13	M/F	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>
Basketball, S1	6/2-5	Mon-Thurs	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	OVP Gym	Strong Basketball Staff	8-13	M/F	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>
Soccer, International	6/2-6	Mon-Fri	VARIES	OVP Soccer	British Soccer Staff	3-16	M/F	VARIES
Mountain Bike	6/3-6	Tues-Fri	9 a.m.-2 p.m.	Heritage Park	Ben Hobbs	7-18	M/F	\$170/ <u>\$340</u>
Girls Volleyball	6/9-12	Mon-Thurs	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	HCM Sand Court	Shannon Thompson	7-15	F	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>
Boys Volleyball	6/9-12	Mon-Thurs	1-4 p.m.	HCM Sand Court	Shannon Thompson	7-15	M	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>
D-1 Flag Football	6/16-19	Mon-Thurs	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	OVP Multipurpose	D1 Training Staff	5-14	M/F	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>
Beginner Mountain Bike	6/23-26	Mon-Thurs	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Heritage Park	Oconee MTB Staff	6-11	M/F	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>
D-1 Fitness, S2	7/7-10	Mon-Thurs	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	OVP Multipurpose	D1 Training Staff	6-10	M/F	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>
Basketball, S2	7/14-17	Mon-Thurs	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	OVP Gym	Strong Basketball Staff	8-13	M/F	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>
Cross Country	7/14-17	Mon-Thurs	8-11 a.m.	OVP	Wesley John	10-18	M/F	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>
Morning Golf	7/21-23	Mon-Wed	9-11 a.m.	A&F Driving Range	Clay Chappell	5-15	M/F	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>

T-Shirt Policy: In order to receive a sports camp T-shirt, participants must be registered 7 days in advance of the camp start date.

Sports Camp Registration Deadline: 7 days in advance of camp start date.

Location Key: OVP = Oconee Veterans Park
HCM = Herman C. Michael Park
BSC = Bogart Sports Complex



Evening Summer Sports Camps:

CAMP	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR	AGES	GENDER	FEE
Soccer	6/9-13	Mon-Fri	6-8 p.m.	OVP Multipurpose	Dante Trevino	5-12	M/F	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>
Wilderness I	6/17-19	Tues-Thurs	5:30-8:30 p.m.	OVP	Jody Rice	8-15	M/F	\$145/ <u>\$290</u>
Beginner Basketball	6/23-26	Mon-Thurs	6-7:15 p.m.	HCM Gym	Trevor Ross	6-8	M/F	\$80/ <u>\$160</u>
NEW!! – Pioneer	6/24-26	Tues-Thurs	5:30-8:30 p.m.	OVP	Jody Rice	10-15	M/F	\$145/ <u>\$290</u>
Soccer Mini	7/8-10	Tues-Thurs	6-8 p.m.	OVP Multipurpose	Dante Trevino	5-12	M/F	\$80/ <u>\$160</u>
Wilderness II	7/15-17	Tues-Thurs	5:30-8:30 p.m.	OVP	Jody Rice	8-15	M/F	\$145/ <u>\$290</u>
Evening Golf	7/21-23	Mon-Wed	5:30-7:30 p.m.	A&F Driving Range	Clay Chappell	5-15	M/F	\$120/ <u>\$240</u>

summer swim teams



For those interested in competitive swimming, there are several private swim clubs available in the area:

Georgia Club

Laura Taylor Pasternak
tgcswidogs@gmail.com
<https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/tgcswidteam/page/home>

Oconee Club

Danielle West
oconeestingrays@gmail.com
<https://www.oconeestingrays.com/>

Shamrock

Kelly Price
shrseals@gmail.com
<https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/shamrockseals/page/home>

Summer Hill

Scott Burrell
shbarracudas@gmail.com
<https://www.summerhillrecreation.com/swim-teams>

Oconee Aquatics & Recreation

Mary Owens Howell
MoOttersSwim@gmail.com
<http://www.oconeeaquatics.com>

OSL Summer Championship

Meet Coordinator: Kelly Price
Email: shrseals@gmail.com
Ages: 5-18
Day: Wednesday
Tentative Date: June 25
Location: Morgan County Aquatic Center
Fee: TBD

GRPA All-Star Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in GRPA All-Star Swimming, swimmers must first register with Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department as an OSL Swimmer. Registration is held online at <https://register.communitypass.net/OconeeCounty>.

Ages: 6-18
Age Control Date: May 31, 2025 (age on date determines age group placement)
Fee: FREE
Registration Deadline: May 23

GRPA District Swim Meet

Tentative Date: June 27
Location: Habersham

GRPA State Swim Meet

Date: July 11-12
Location: Moultrie-Colquitt County

District/State Participation Fee: \$70

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: April 16-May 21 (6 classes)
June 4-25 (4 classes)
July 9-30 (4 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

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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 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



JUNIOR MORNING PROGRAMS

Age: 5-6	Age: 7-8	Age: 9-10	Age: 12U	Age: 13 & Up Middle School	Beginner High School	Age: 13 & Up High School	High Performance
No Show Socks (Beg/Int)	Ankle Socks (Beg/Int)	Mini Crew Socks (Beg/Int)	Tall Crew Socks (Beg/Int)	Knee High Socks (Beg/Int)	Tube Socks (Beg/Int)	Over the Knee Socks (Intermediate)	Thigh High Socks (Advanced)
June 2-6 8-9 a.m.	June 9-13 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	June 2-6 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	June 2-6 9-10:30 a.m.	June 9-13 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	June 2-6 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	June 16-20 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	June 23-27 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
June 16-20 8-9 a.m.	June 23-27 9-10:30 a.m.	June 9-13 9-10:30 a.m.	June 16-20 9-10:30 a.m.	July 14-18 9-10:30 a.m.	July 21-25 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	July 14-18 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	
June 23-27 8-9 a.m.	July 7-11 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	June 16-20 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	July 7-11 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.				
July 14-18 8-9 a.m.	July 21-25 9-10:30 a.m.	June 24-28 9-10:30 a.m.	July 21-25 9 a.m.-12 p.m.				
July 21-25 8-9 a.m.		July 7-11 9-10:30 a.m.					
		July 15-19 9 a.m.-12 p.m.					

JUNIOR AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

Age: 9-10	Age: 12U	Age: 13 & Up Middle School	Age: 13 & Up High School	Age: 12 & Up High Performance
Short Crew Socks (Beg/Int)	Tall Crew Socks (Beg/Int)	Knee High Socks (Beg/Int)	Over the Knee Socks (Intermediate)	Thigh High Socks (Advanced)
June 2-27 Tues/Thurs 3:45-5 p.m.	June 2-27 Mon/Wed 4-5:30 p.m.	June 2-27 Tues/Thurs 5-6:30 p.m.; Fri 3:30-5 p.m.	June 2-27 Mon/Wed 5:30-7 p.m.; Fri 5-6:30 p.m.	June 2-27 Tues/Thurs 6:30-8 p.m.; Fri 5:30-7 p.m.
July 7-Aug 1 Tues/Thurs 3:45-5 p.m.	July 7-Aug 1 Mon/Wed 4-5:30 p.m.	July 7-Aug 1 Tues/Thurs 5-6:30 p.m.; Fri 3:30-5 p.m.	July 7-Aug 1 Mon/Wed/Fri 5:30-7 p.m.	July 7-Aug 1 Tues/Thurs 6:30-8 p.m.; Fri 5:30-7 p.m.

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 at <https://www.oconeecountyga.gov/478/Rentals-Rules-Policies>. Payment is due upon rental request approval to reserve facility. Tournament and/or special event requests may require a deposit.



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 UPCOMING REGISTRATION DATES



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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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