

WINTER 2025 - 26

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 27 and Friday, November 28

Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25

Thursday, January 1

Monday, January 19



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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

Stacy Fowler, Park Operations Manager

Tyler Hartzog, HCM Facility Supervisor

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, American Express, and Discover card payments, checks, and eChecks. 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, two options are available: (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.

ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION BEGINS
Oconee County Residents: Monday, September 29
Out of County Residents: Monday, October 13

YOUTH PROGRAMS BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT

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. This is a one-time process and does not need to be repeated each season.

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 fund new, accessible, park enhancements.

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





INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL

Instructional Junior Basketball

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

This instructional class introduces basketball skills in a fun and challenging environment. This program fills quickly!

Age: 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 1-December 13*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park Gym
Fee:
In County: \$110
Out of County: \$220
Registration Deadline: October 29 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: October 29

*No class on November 29



Basketball Academy

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

Basketball Academy provides advanced basketball training. Taught by Best Level Basketball staff, this instructional program is recommended for those seeking extra coaching and additional court time in a fun and challenging environment. Interested youth may still register for the recreational basketball league for team competition.



Age: 10-14
Days: Sundays
Times: 2-4 p.m.
Dates: November 2-December 14*
Location: Herman C. Michael Park Gym
Fee:
In County: \$176
Out of County: \$352
Registration Deadline: October 29 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: October 29

*No class on November 30

Start Smart Basketball

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

Start Smart is a developmental program for boys and girls age 4. Participants work together with their parent(s) to begin developing the motor skills necessary to participate in league basketball by utilizing positive reinforcement and fun activities.



Age: 4
Age Control Date: January 7, 2026
Days: Wednesdays
Session I: 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Session II: 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Dates: January 7-February 11
Location: Herman C. Michael Park Gymnasium
Fee:
In County Fee: \$88
Out of County Fee: \$176
Registration Deadline: January 2 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: January 2

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Flexible Schedule
Training Provided

EMAIL Lofton Tidwell or Jordan Smith:
SCOREKEEPERS: ltidwell@oconee.ga.us
REFEREES: jordansmith@oconee.ga.us

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PARENT REQUIREMENT

NAYS Coordinator: Jake Thornton
Email: jthornton@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 <https://tinyurl.com/OCPRDnays> and complete the steps outlined.



COACH'S CORNER

Volunteer Coaches Needed for Youth 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: Lofton Tidwell, ltidwell@oconee.ga.us
- 11U-14U Boys and 14U Girls Leagues: Jordan Smith, jordansmith@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)

- Wednesday, November 5 at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 12 at 6 p.m.

Volunteer Coach Clinic

- Tuesday, November 4: 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
- 8U Only – Eight-game regular season
- 8U Only – No postseason
- 10U Boys and 11U Girls – Seven Game regular season
- 10U Boys and 11U Girls – Postseason Jamboree

11U-14U Boys and 14U Girls Leagues

- Practice length depends on age group
- Referees for games
- Seven-game regular season
- Postseason tournament

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES

8U – 10U Boys Leagues

8U - 11U Girls Leagues

Program Coordinator: Lofton Tidwell
Email: ltidwell@oconee.ga.us



11U – 14U Boys Leagues

14U Girls League

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

Recreation basketball leagues are open to boys and girls age 7-14. Led by a volunteer coach, teams are broken up into age groups. Reversible tank jersey is included in the registration fee.

Ages: 7-14
Age Control Date: September 1, 2025 (Age on date determines league placement)

Days: Monday/Tuesday/Thursday AND Saturday
Season: November-February
Location: Oconee Parks & Oconee School Facilities

8U League Fees: In County Fee: \$137.50
Out of County: \$275
10U-14U League Fees: In County: \$148.50
Out of County: \$297

Registration Deadline: October 22 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: October 22



Youth Basketball Season Timeline

Volunteer Coach Clinic:	Tuesday, November 4
Parents Contacted:	Thursday, November 6
First Team Practices:	Saturday, November 8
League Games Begin:	Week of December 1
Holiday Break:	December 21-January 5
End of Regular Season:	Week of January 26
11U Boys, 12U, and 14U Tournaments Begin:	Week of January 26
10U Boys and 11U Girls Jamboree Games:	Saturday, January 31

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES



Leagues	Practice Days	Player Evaluation Date/Time
8U Boys North 7-8 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	No Evaluations
8U Boys South 7-8 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	No Evaluations
8U Girls 7-8 years old	Thursday AND Saturday	No Evaluations
10U Boys North 9-10 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	Monday, October 27 at OVP Gym A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
10U Boys South 9-10 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	Monday, October 27 at HCM Gym A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
11U Girls 9-11 years old	Thursday AND Saturday	Tuesday, October 28 at HCM Gym A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
11U Boys 11 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	Monday, October 27 at OVP Gym A-K at 7:15 p.m.; L-Z at 7:30 p.m.
12U Boys 12 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	Monday, October 27 at HCM Gym A-K at 7:15 p.m.; L-Z at 7:30 p.m.
14U Girls 12-14 years old	Thursday AND Saturday	Tuesday, October 28 at HCM Gym All at 7:15 p.m.
14U Boys 13-14 years old	Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday	Tuesday, October 28 at OVP Gym A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:30 p.m.

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

INTRAMURAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUES

Program Coordinator: Andrew Bishop
Email: abishop@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 postseason tournament to follow for those who qualify.

Team Entry Deadline: October 22, 2025
Manager Meeting: Thursday, October 23 at 6 p.m., OVP
Individual Player Registration: October 23-November 3
Ages: 14-18 (Must reside or attend school in Oconee County)
Season: December 3-February 1
Days: Wednesdays & Sundays
Location: Oconee Parks and Oconee School Facilities
Fee: In County Fee: \$148.50
Out of County Fee: \$297
Refund Deadline: November 3





ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

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

Team and individual registration are held online only through Community Pass. Additionally, all teams must turn in a roster form to the program coordinator. Sign up for Men's A League (Competitive), Men's B League (Recreational), or the Women's league.
All team managers must be an Oconee County Resident.

Team Entry Deadline: November 17, 2025
Managers' Meeting: November 18 at 6 p.m. (Oconee Veterans Park)
Season Timeline: December 4-February 5
Leagues:
Men's A - Thursdays and Sundays
Men's B - Thursdays and Sundays
Women's - Thursdays and Sundays
Location: Oconee Parks and Oconee school facilities
Program Fee: \$600 per team
Registration Deadline: November 17 (or until full)
Refund Deadline: November 17



ADULT PROGRAMS

Restorative Yoga

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

Restorative Yoga is a very gentle yoga practice designed to calm the nervous system, reduce stress, and create overall health in the body. By using an assortment of props to fully support the body in various postures, participants are allowed to move into a state of deep and profound relaxation. Breathing and meditative techniques will also be offered.



Participants will need a yoga mat, bolster, wool or woven Mexican blanket, beach towel, and a small firm pillow. Blocks and straps are available for use. A few mats and bolsters are available on a first-come, first-served basis (please bring a king-size pillow case to cover the bolster).

Ages: 16 and up
Days: Tuesdays
Sessions: January 6-27
February 3-24
March 3-24
Times: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Location: Oconee Veterans Park Community Center
In County Fee: \$90
Out of County Fee: \$180
Registration & Refund Deadline: Monday preceding first class of session

Hatha Yoga

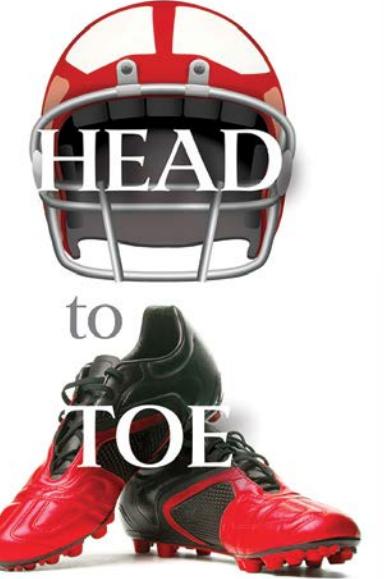
Program Coordinator: Andy Dunston
Email: adunston@oconee.ga.us

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 5-December 17 (6 classes)
January 7-28 (4 classes)
February 4-25 (4 classes)
March 4-25 (4 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 first class of session

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

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

*All indoor track users age 15 and under must be under DIRECT supervision by an adult with a valid 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.*



TALL SOCKS TENNIS

Tennis Coordinator: Taylor Dodd
Email: admin@tallsockstennis.com

Tall Socks Tennis is the only authorized provider of tennis instruction, both Junior and Adult, at Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department. Founder Taylor Dodd and her team have a core mission: *"To create a positive learning environment that helps every person become a better athlete, a better player, and a better version of themselves."* Tall Socks Tennis offers coaching, clinics, and camps for all ages and ability levels. To learn more about their program, visit their website at <http://tallsockstennis.com>

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TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL



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

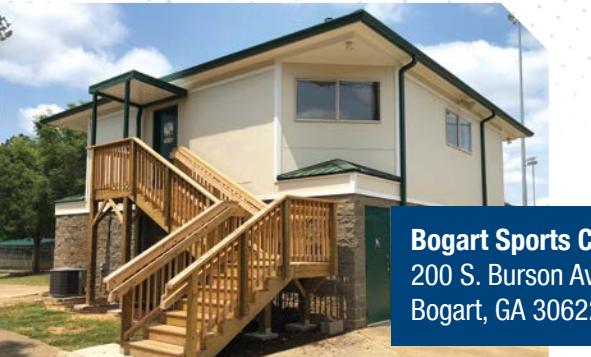
FREE EVENT! Bring your family out for an afternoon of Halloween fun! At the Trick or Treat Trail, attendees are encouraged to wear their costumes and participate in activities.

Date: Wednesday, October 29
Time: 4-6 p.m.
Location: Oconee Veterans Park



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, 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



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



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



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. Due dates for remaining fees 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.



<https://oconeecountyga.gov/478/Rentals-Rules-Policies>

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.



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 park system enhancements.

Be on the lookout for these upcoming opportunities to support OPF:

Dining 4 Dollars Week - November 2025

Run for Gold 5K - March 15, 2026

Donate Now:



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