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# **SPRING**

# **2026**

## **ACTIVITY GUIDE**



## 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 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

**Lisa Mobley**, 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

## ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION BEGINS

Oconee County Residents: Monday, January 26

Out of County Residents: Monday, February 9

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.

### 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.

### 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. Donations help ensure every child can afford to play and also contribute to making park improvements for all to enjoy.

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





# START SMART SOCCER



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

**Wednesday Session Program Coordinator:** Andrew Bishop  
**Wednesday Session Program Email:** abishop@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  
**Age Control Date:** March 10, 2026  
**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 10-April 22\*  
**Location:** Herman C. Michael Park  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$88  
Out of County Fee: \$176  
**Registration Deadline:** March 6 (or until full)  
**Refund Deadline:** March 6

**\*NO CLASS ON APRIL 7 OR 8**

# 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. The 3v3 league maximizes touches and includes practices and gameplay on the same day, allowing participants to incorporate skills learned into a game setting. Score is not kept, and volunteer coaches act as the referees, creating a fun environment.



**Age:** 4  
**Age Control Date:** September 1, 2025  
**Days:** Saturday mornings (times vary)  
**Season:** March 14-May 2\*  
**Location:** Herman C. Michael Park  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$93.50  
Out of County Fee: \$187  
**Registration Deadline:** February 18 or until full  
**Refund Deadline:** February 18

**\*NO ACTIVITY ON APRIL 4 and 11**  
*All dates are subject to change pending rainouts and cancellations.*

## PARENT REQUIREMENT

**NAYS Coordinator:** Lisa Mobley

**Email:** lmobley@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/OCPRDnays>.



# 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 18 at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 25 at 6 p.m.

### Volunteer Coach Clinic (Required)

- LK, U6, U10: Thursday, February 26 at 6 p.m.
- U8, U12-U15: Thursday, February 26 at 7:15 p.m.

### Youth Soccer Rules Clinic

- Wednesday, March 4 at 6 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 postseason

### U6-U8 Leagues

- Two, one-hour activities per week
- Serve as referee during games
- Eight-game regular season
- No postseason

### U10-U15 Leagues

- Practice length depends on age group
- Certified referees for games
- Seven-game regular season
- Postseason jamboree OR tournament

# YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES



## Under 6-Under 8

**Program Coordinator:** Andrew Bishop

**Email:** abishop@oconee.ga.us

The 4v4 soccer league maximizes player involvement and develops core skills, such as dribbling, passing, and shooting in a fun and engaged environment. 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*

<b>Ages:</b>	4-7
<b>Age Control Date:</b>	September 1, 2025 (age on date determines league placement)
<b>Days:</b>	U6 Boys: Monday OR Tuesday (Select One) AND Saturday U6 Girls: Monday OR Tuesday (Select One) AND Saturday U8 Boys: Monday OR Tuesday (Select One) AND Saturday U8 Girls: Tuesday OR Thursday (Select One) AND Saturday
<b>Season:</b>	February 28-May 7*
<b>Location:</b>	U6 – OCMS Micro Fields; U8 – Oconee Parks
<b>Fee:</b>	In County Fee: \$110 Out of County Fee: \$220
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	February 18 (or until full)
<b>Refund Deadline:</b>	February 18

## U6-U8 Soccer Season Timeline

<b>Parents Contacted:</b>	Thursday, February 26
<b>First Team Practice:</b>	Saturday, February 28 (U8) Week of March 2 (U6)
<b>League Games Begin:</b>	Week of March 16* (U8) Saturday, March 21* (U6)
<b>End of Season:</b>	Week of May 4*

*\*All dates 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, 2025  
 (age on date determines league placement)  
**Days:** Monday OR Tuesday OR Thursday AND Saturday  
**Season:** February 28-May 12\*  
**Location:** Oconee Parks and School Facilities  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$121  
 Out of County Fee: \$242  
**Registration Deadline:** February 18 (or until full)  
**Refund Deadline:** February 18

## Youth Soccer Season Timeline

**Parents Contacted:** Thursday, February 26  
**First Team Practice:** Saturday, February 28  
**League Games Begin:** Week of March 16\*  
**End of Regular Season:** Week of April 27\*  
**U10 Jamboree Games:** Week of May 4\*  
**U12-U15 Tournaments Begin:** Week of May 4\*

*\*All dates 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, <b>February 21</b>	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, <b>February 21</b>	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	Tuesday/Saturday	Saturday, <b>February 21</b>	Last Names A-I at 11 a.m.; J-R at 11:15 a.m.; S-Z at 11:30 a.m.
Under 10 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Saturday, <b>February 21</b>	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, <b>February 23</b>	Last Names A-I at 6:15 p.m.; J-R at 6:30 p.m.; S-Z at 6:45 p.m.
Under 12 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Monday, <b>February 23</b>	Last Names A-I at 6 p.m.; J-R at 6:15 p.m.; S-Z at 6:30 p.m.
Under 15 Boys	Tuesday/Saturday	Tuesday, <b>February 24</b>	Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Under 15 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Tuesday, <b>February 24</b>	ALL at 6:15 p.m.



# INTRAMURAL FLAG AND YOUTH



## Intramural High School Flag Football

**Program Coordinator:** Lofton Tidwell

**Email:** ltidwell@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.

<b>Team Entry Deadline:</b>	February 18, 2026
<b>Individual Player Registration:</b>	January 26-February 18
<b>Manager Meeting:</b>	Wednesday, February 18 at 6 p.m. (Herman C. Michael Park)
<b>Ages:</b>	14-18 (Must reside in or attend school in Oconee County)
<b>Season:</b>	March 2-May 18
<b>Leagues:</b>	Boys – Mondays Girls – Mondays
<b>Location:</b>	Oconee Veterans Park
<b>Fee:</b>	In County Fee: \$132 Out of County Fee: \$264
<b>Refund Deadline:</b>	February 18, 2026

\*All dates are subject to change pending cancellations. League may see activity on Wednesdays or Fridays for make-up games.

## 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.



<b>Age:</b>	4
<b>Age Control Date:</b>	March 10, 2026
<b>Days:</b>	Tuesdays
<b>Times:</b>	5:45-6:30 p.m.
<b>Dates:</b>	March 10-April 21*
<b>Location:</b>	Herman C. Michael Park
<b>Fee:</b>	In County Fee: \$88 Out of County Fee: \$176
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	March 6 (or until full)
<b>Refund Deadline:</b>	March 6

**\*NO CLASS ON APRIL 7**



# INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

## Instructional Volleyball Clinic

**Program Coordinator:** Andy Dunston  
**Email:** [adunston@oconee.ga.us](mailto: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.

## Junior Instructional Volleyball

**Ages:** 8-10  
**Days:** Mondays and Wednesdays  
**Times:** 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
**Dates:** March 9-April 22\* (12-class session)  
**Location:** Oconee Veterans Park  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$115  
Out of County Fee: \$230  
**Registration Deadline:** March 6 (or until full)  
**Refund Deadline:** March 6

## Senior Instructional Volleyball

**Ages:** 11-14  
**Days:** Mondays and Wednesdays  
**Times:** 6:45-7:45 p.m.  
**Dates:** March 9-April 22\* (12-class session)  
**Location:** Oconee Veterans Park  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$115  
Out of County Fee: \$230  
**Registration Deadline:** March 6 (or until full)  
**Refund Deadline:** March 6

**\*NO CLASSES ON APRIL 6 AND 8**

## Recreational Advanced Development Soccer (RAD)

**Program Coordinator:** Andy Dunston  
**Email:** [adunston@oconee.ga.us](mailto: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 18-April 29\* (6-class session)  
**Location:** Oconee Veterans Park  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$135  
Out of County Fee: \$270  
**Registration Deadline:** March 16 (or until full)  
**Refund Deadline:** March 16

## Senior RAD

**Ages:** 10-13  
**Days:** Wednesdays  
**Times:** 6-7 p.m.  
**Dates:** March 18-April 29\* (6-class session)  
**Location:** Oconee Veterans Park  
**Fee:** In County Fee: \$135  
Out of County Fee: \$270  
**Registration Deadline:** March 16 (or until full)  
**Refund Deadline:** March 16

**\*NO CLASS APRIL 8**

# 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:** February 4-25 (4 classes)  
March 4-25 (4 classes)  
April 15-May 20 (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](mailto: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. Men's Open, Men's Church, Co-Ed, and Church leagues offered.



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

**Team Manager's Meeting:** Thursday, February 19 at 6 p.m.,  
Oconee Veterans Park  
**Season Timeline:** February-June\*  
**Leagues:** Men's Church – Tuesdays  
Co-Ed – Tuesdays  
Men's Open – Thursdays  
Women's – Thursdays  
Oconee Veterans Park  
**Location:**  
**Fee:** \$550 per team, online only  
**Team Entry Deadline:** Thursday, February 19 (or until full)

*\*Dates are subject to change pending rainouts and cancellations.  
League may see activity on Friday 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*) are offered. Team and individual registration are held online only.



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

<b>Team Manager's Meeting:</b>	Wednesday, February 18 at 6 p.m., Oconee Veterans Park
<b>Season Timeline:</b>	March 4-May 20*
<b>Leagues:</b>	Co-Ed A League – Wednesdays* Co-Ed B League – Wednesdays*
<b>Location:</b>	Oconee Veterans Park
<b>Fee:</b>	\$550 per team, online only
<b>Team Entry Deadline:</b>	Wednesday, February 18 (or until full)

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

# SAVE THE DATE



*Oconee Parks Foundation*



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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 28  
**Time:** 1-4 p.m.  
**Location:** Heritage 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

\*All walkers must be members. Any walkers age 12-15 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.*

## 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:** [admin@tallsockstennis.com](mailto: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>

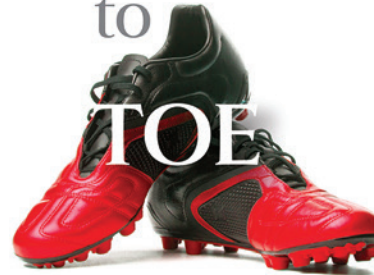
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# PARKS, TRAILS, & AMENITIES

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. 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.



<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. 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.





# 2026 REGISTRATION DATES

## Spring

In County Residents: January 26  
Out of County Residents: February 9

## Summer

In County Residents: April 13  
Out of County Residents: April 27

## Fall

In County Residents: July 6  
Out of County Residents: July 20

## Winter

In County Residents: September 28  
Out of County Residents: October 12



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