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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

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.

ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION BEGINS

Oconee County Residents: Monday, January 26
Out of County Residents: Monday, February 9

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

Ages:

4-7

Age Control Date:

September 1, 2025 (age on date determines league placement)

Days:

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

Season:

February 28-May 7*

Location:

U6 – OCMS Micro Fields; U8 – Oconee Parks

Fee:

In County Fee: \$110

Out of County Fee: \$220

Registration Deadline:

February 18 (or until full)

Refund Deadline:

February 18

U6-U8 Soccer Season Timeline

Parents Contacted:

Thursday, February 26

First Team Practice:

Saturday, February 28 (U8)

League Games Begin:

Week of March 2 (U6)

End of Season:

Week of March 16* (U8)

Saturday, March 21* (U6)

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, February 21	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 21	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, February 21	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, February 21	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 23	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, February 23	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, February 24	Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
Under 15 Girls	Thursday/Saturday	Tuesday, February 24	ALL at 6:15 p.m.

INTRAMURAL FLAG AND YOUTH

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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.

Team Entry Deadline: February 18, 2026

Individual Player Registration: January 26-February 18

Manager Meeting: Wednesday, February 18 at 6 p.m.
(Herman C. Michael Park)

Ages: 14-18 (Must reside in or attend school in Oconee County)

Season: March 2-May 18

Leagues: Boys – Mondays
Girls – Mondays

Location: Oconee Veterans Park

Fee: In County Fee: \$132
Out of County Fee: \$264

Refund Deadline: 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.



Age: 4

Age Control Date: March 10, 2026

Days: Tuesdays

Times: 5:45-6:30 p.m.

Dates: March 10-April 21*

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**

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

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.

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

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

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

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

February-June*

Men's Church – Tuesdays

Co-Ed – Tuesdays

Men's Open – Thursdays

Women's – Thursdays

Oconee Veterans Park

\$550 per team, online only

Team Entry Deadline: Thursday, February 19 (or until full)

Location:

Fee:

Team Entry Deadline:

**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.

Team Manager's Meeting:

Wednesday, February 18 at 6 p.m.,

Oconee Veterans Park

March 4-May 20*

Co-Ed A League – Wednesdays*

Co-Ed B League – Wednesdays*

Oconee Veterans Park

\$550 per team, online only

Wednesday, February 18

(or until full)

Location:

Fee:

Team Entry Deadline:

**Dates are subject to change pending rainouts and cancellations.
League may see activity on Friday 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 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.



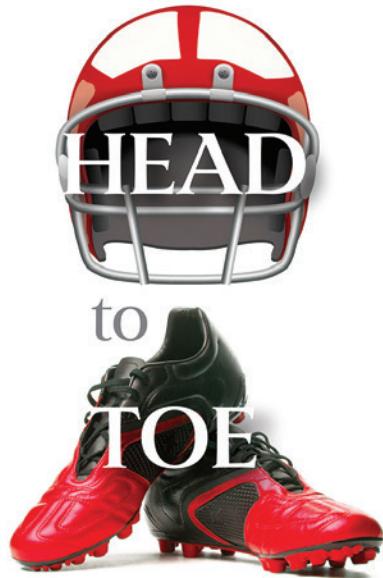
TALL SOCKS TENNIS

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

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 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. 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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