



Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services

Quarterly Program Guide

Winter 2025-26

December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

Quinn Hall - 293 Gran Ellen Dr. | Morton Theatre - 195 W. Washington St. | (706) 613-3628

Theatre

YOUR Community Theatre! Theatre performance and educational opportunities are provided by Athens Creative Theatre (ACT) which is a unit of the Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services Division. ACT presents a number of theatrical productions annually, including comedies, dramas, and musicals. The program also offers a range of theatre education courses designed to build self esteem, develop theatrical skill sets, and encourage creativity in performers of all ages and abilities. Theatre activities are housed at both the Morton Theatre in downtown Athens as well as Quinn Hall located at Memorial Park. You can learn more about Athens Creative Theatre, our staff, and our yearly activity offerings at www.accgov.com/act

Show Builders- Technical Theatre Class

This hands-on class is perfect for teens interested in the behind-the-scenes magic of theatre. Students will learn key skills in stagecraft, lighting, sound, and set preparation while working directly on the technical elements for Athens Creative Theatre.

Memorial Park - Quinn Hall
\$83.00 Res, \$124.50 Non-Res

East Athens Educational Dance Center • • • • • • • • • • •

390 McKinley Dr | (706) 613-3624

Dance

Open level classes known as Single Classes are for the beginning to moderately trained students. These Single Classes introduce the student to the fundamentals of dance: Ballet, Modern, Tap, Hip-Hop, Jazz, and West African dance. Interested students may be invited or request to audition for the more advanced Accelerated Programs (See accelerated description). Parents are required to acquire dance-wear prior to the start of class. EAEDC has a Dance wear store where students can purchase their dance wear needs. Limited Inventory. There will be no classes the week of February 16-20. There will be a recital on March 21, 2026.

Community Dance and Drum

In this program community, movement, and music come together to promote friendships, fun, and collaboration as students develop rhythms, musicality, and coordination under the guidance of our expert instructors. Students age 6 and under should be accompanied by a participating adult.

1y and up 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
1/26/2026 - 2/23/2026 Monday

East Athens Educational Dance Center
\$42.00 Res, \$63.00 Non-Res

Tippy Tots for Twos

Fun and Exciting class that introduces students to music and dance. Parents are required to acquire dance wear prior to the start of class: Girls: black leotard (no skirts attached), flesh tone transitional tights, and pink ballet shoes. Boys: white fitted t-shirt, black biker shorts, and black ballet shoes. Please note: Students will participate independently and will not be accompanied by an adult in the classroom.

2y 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
1/20/2026 - 3/17/2026 Tuesday

East Athens Educational Dance Center
\$30.00 Res, \$45.00 Non-Res

Creative Movement

Fun and Exciting class that introduces students to music and dance. Parents are required to acquire dance wear prior to the start of class: Girls: black leotard, flesh tone transitional tights, and pink ballet shoes. Boys: white fitted t-shirt, black biker shorts, and black ballet shoes. Please note: Students will participate independently and will not be accompanied by an adult in the classroom.

3y 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
1/20/2026 - 3/17/2026 Tuesday

East Athens Educational Dance Center
\$30.00 Res, \$45.00 Non-Res

KinderMovement

Dancing to their favorite music from shows and movies, students will utilize their imagination to explore and express themselves. Along with the fundamentals of dance, children will learn basic dance language in preparation for ballet class. Students will learn basic shapes, practice numbers and letters as they dance. Parents are required to acquire dance wear prior to the start of class: Girls: black leotard (no skirt attached), flesh tone transitional tights, and pink ballet shoes. Boys: white fitted t-shirt, black biker shorts, and black ballet shoes.

4y - 5y 1/22/2026 - 3/19/2026	4:30 PM - 5:15 PM Thursday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$30.00 Res, \$45.00 Non-Res
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Ballet for Grace

Dance wear should be purchased prior to arriving to the first class: Black Leotard (No skirt attached), Flesh-Toned Tights, and pink or flesh-toned Ballet Shoes. Boys: White t-shirt, black leggings, and black ballet shoes. Open level class for the beginning to moderately trained student. This class introduces the student to the fundamentals of ballet.

5y - 12y 1/26/2026 - 3/23/2026	4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Monday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$42.00 Res, \$63.00 Non-Res
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Ballet & Tap

This is an open level program. The program concentrates on ballet and tap dance. Parents are required to acquire dance wear prior to the start of class. Girls: black leotard (no skirt attached), flesh tone tights, pink ballet shoes and black tap shoes. Boys: White fitted t-shirt, black biker shorts, black ballet shoes, and black tap shoes.

4y - 6y 1/20/2026 - 3/17/2026	4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Tuesday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$42.00 Res, \$63.00 Non-Res
4y - 6y 1/20/2026 - 3/17/2026	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Tuesday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$42.00 Res, \$63.00 Non-Res
7y - 12y 1/22/2026 - 3/19/2026	4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Thursday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$42.00 Res, \$63.00 Non-Res

Performance Class

This multi-discipline dance class is for the beginner to moderately trained dancer. Students will learn Ballet, Jazz, and Hip Hop dance. This class is geared towards students who want an opportunity to enhance their performance skills. They will have the opportunity to perform in the EAEDC Fall Show. Parents are required to acquire dancewear prior to the start of class: Solid white t-shirt, solid black leggings, and black jazz shoes. Participants must sign video and photo release in order to participate in this program.

6y - 13y 1/20/2026 - 3/17/2026	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Thursday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$42.00 Res, \$63.00 Non-Res
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Modern Dance

Open level class where students will learn various modern dance techniques ranging in improvisation to Horton Technique. Prior to the start of class, parents are required to purchase dance wear. Girls: black leotard (no attached skirts) and black leggings. Boys: white t-shirt and black leggings or shorts.

5y - 12y 1/22/2026 - 3/19/2026	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Thursday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$42.00 Res, \$63.00 Non-Res
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Hip Hop & Jazz

The Hip Hop and Jazz Dance class will teach students structure of jazz dance, which includes technique, jazz isolations, and locomotor skills. The high energy class is also full of fun and exciting Hip Hop dance movements from a variety of styles. Music selections are clean and age appropriate. Prior to the start of class, parents are required to purchase dance wear. Girls: Black leotard with black shorts or black jazz pants/leggings and black jazz shoes. Boys: White fitted t-shirt, black biker shorts or black jazz pants and black jazz shoes.

5y - 12y 1/22/2026 - 3/19/2026	4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Thursday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$42.00 Res, \$63.00 Non-Res
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Accelerated Programs

This program offers intensive technical training to develop and strengthen posture, placement, flexibility, balance, coordination, and rhythm. Students train in Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary, West African dance, and more. The Accelerated Program students participate in workshops, classes, rehearsals, visiting artists, costume use, community outreach performances, annual concert, special events, etc. Students are accepted by Audition and by Staff/Teacher Recommendation ONLY. Participants MUST SIGN the video and photo release.

Accelerated Program 1

6y - 12y 9/8/2025 - 4/30/2026	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM Monday, Thursday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$150.00 Res, \$225.00 Non-Res
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Accelerated Program 2

8y - 17y 9/8/2025 - 4/30/2026	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Monday, Thursday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$150.00 Res, \$225.00 Non-Res
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Accelerated Program 3

10y - 21y 9/8/2025 - 4/30/2026	5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Monday, Thursday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$150.00 Res, \$225.00 Non-Res
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Teen/Adult Tap

Get back into rhythm with our Teen/Adult tap class! Dancewear is required: comfortable clothing and tap shoes

13y and up 3/2/2026 - 4/27/2026	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Monday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$42.00 Res, \$63.00 Non-Res
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Zumba

Join Nina and David for a high-energy Zumba experience that feels more like a party than a workout! This dynamic duo brings infectious energy, easy-to-follow dance moves, and a mix of Latin, pop, hip hop and international beats that will have you smiling, sweating, and moving to the rhythm from start to finish.

18y and up 1/5/2026	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Monday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res
18y and up 1/7/2026	8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Wednesday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res
18y and up 1/12/2026	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Monday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res
18y and up 1/14/2026	8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Wednesday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res

18y and up 1/19/2026	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Monday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res
18y and up 1/21/2026	8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Wednesday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res
18y and up 1/26/2026	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Monday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res
18y and up 1/28/2026	8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Wednesday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res
18y and up 2/2/2026	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Monday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res
18y and up 2/4/2026	8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Wednesday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res
18y and up 2/9/2026	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Monday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res
18y and up 2/11/2026	8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Wednesday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res
18y and up 2/18/2026	8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Wednesday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res
18y and up 2/16/2026	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Monday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res

Pilates & Dance Conditioning

Pilates & Dance Conditioning is an open-level class designed for beginner to intermediate dancers, as well as community members seeking a flowing, low-impact workout. This single-class series blends elements of Pilates, yoga, and dance-based movement to strengthen, stretch, and elongate the body. Participants will engage in exercises that mobilize the spine, extend the limbs, and activate deep core muscles—including the abdominals and back—promoting full-body integration and stability.

15y and up 1/21/2026 - 3/18/2026	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Wednesday	East Athens Educational Dance Center \$42.00 Res, \$63.00 Non-Res
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Athens Gymnastics Academy (Bishop Park) ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

705 Sunset Dr | (706) 613-3589

Gymnastics

Here at Athens Clarke Gymnastics Academy we believe every child is important and valuable. We pledge to coach and develop each child that walks through our doors regardless of their level of talent. Our main goals are to provide a clean, safe, fun learning environment and to build the self esteem of every child. We develop healthy, happy children from the inside out! We teach developmental gymnastics and use it to develop coordination, confidence, self-esteem, respect for others, sportsmanship, improve reading skills and much more in our students.

Parent and Tots

These classes are for boys and girls and their parents or caregivers to further their natural curiosity and exploration in a clean, safe, and FUN learning environment!

1y 7m - 2y 11m 1/15/2026 - 4/23/2026	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Thursday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$58.00 Res, \$88.00 Non-Res
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1y 7m - 2y 11m 1/15/2026 - 4/23/2026	4:45 PM - 5:15 PM Thursday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$58.00 Res, \$88.00 Non-Res
1y 7m - 2y 11m 1/15/2026 - 4/23/2026	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$58.00 Res, \$88.00 Non-Res
1y 7m - 2y 11m 1/15/2026 - 4/23/2026	6:15 PM - 6:45 PM Thursday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$58.00 Res, \$88.00 Non-Res

Tumble Tots

These classes are designed to help boys and girls 3 years old develop coordination and physical fitness through basic motor and gymnastics skills. Students will learn special activities with the use of gymnastics equipment fitted to their small size. Students must be potty-trained and comfortable separating from their caregiver. Classes meet once per week. Class length 45-minutes.

3y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	4:15 PM - 5:00 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$88.00 Res, \$132.00 Non-Res
3y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	5:15 PM - 6:00 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$88.00 Res, \$132.00 Non-Res
3y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	6:15 PM - 7:00 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$88.00 Res, \$132.00 Non-Res
3y 1/14/2026 - 4/15/2026	4:00 PM - 4:45 PM Wednesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$88.00 Res, \$132.00 Non-Res
3y 1/14/2026 - 4/15/2026	5:00 PM - 5:45 PM Wednesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$88.00 Res, \$132.00 Non-Res
3y 1/14/2026 - 4/15/2026	6:00 PM - 6:45 PM Wednesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$88.00 Res, \$132.00 Non-Res

Girls

These classes are for girls (4 years) who are enrolled in a certified Pre-K program or Kindergarten and meet the age requirements. These classes are designed to help students develop coordination and physical fitness through basic locomotor and gymnastics skills. Specific activities, along with the use of gymnastics equipment will be geared for each group. Classes meet once per week. Class length: 55-minutes

4y - 5y 1/15/2026 - 4/23/2026	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM Thursday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
4y - 5y 1/14/2026 - 4/15/2026	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM Wednesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
4y - 5y 1/14/2026 - 4/22/2026	3:00 PM - 3:55 PM Wednesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
4y - 5y 1/13/2026 - 4/21/2026	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM Tuesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
4y - 5y 1/13/2026 - 4/21/2026	4:00 PM - 4:55 PM Tuesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
4y - 5y 1/13/2026 - 4/21/2026	3:00 PM - 3:55 PM Tuesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res

4y - 5y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
4y - 5y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	4:00 PM - 4:55 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
4y - 5y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	3:00 PM - 3:55 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
6y - 7y 1/13/2026 - 4/21/2026	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM Tuesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
6y - 7y 1/15/2026 - 4/23/2026	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM Thursday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
6y - 7y 1/14/2026 - 4/15/2026	4:00 PM - 4:55 PM Wednesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
6y - 7y 1/13/2026 - 4/21/2026	4:00 PM - 4:55 PM Tuesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
6y - 7y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
6y - 7y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	5:00 PM - 5:55 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
6y - 7y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	4:00 PM - 4:55 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
8y - 9y 1/14/2026 - 4/15/2026	5:00 PM - 5:55 PM Wednesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
8y - 9y 1/14/2026 - 4/15/2026	4:00 PM - 4:55 PM Wednesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
8y - 9y 1/13/2026 - 4/21/2026	5:00 PM - 5:55 PM Tuesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
8y - 9y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	5:00 PM - 5:55 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
10y - 12y 1/14/2026 - 4/15/2026	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM Wednesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
10y - 12y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res

Boys

These classes are for boys (4 years) who are enrolled in a certified Pre-K program or Kindergarten and meet the age requirements. These classes are designed to help students develop coordination and physical fitness through basic locomotor and gymnastics skills. Specific activities, along with the use of gymnastics equipment will be geared for each group. Classes meet once per week. Class length: 55-minutes.

4y - 5y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	3:00 PM - 3:55 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
4y - 5y 1/13/2026 - 4/21/2026	5:00 PM - 5:55 PM Tuesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res

4y - 5y 1/15/2026 - 4/23/2026	3:00 PM - 3:55 PM Thursday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
6y - 8y 1/13/2026 - 4/21/2026	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM Tuesday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
6y - 8y 1/15/2026 - 4/23/2026	4:00 PM - 4:55 PM Thursday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res

Tumbling

These classes are for students who are interested in tumbling. Beginner through advanced levels are welcomed. This is a 55-minute class. No previous tumbling experience is required.

6y - 8y 1/15/2026 - 4/23/2026	5:00 PM - 5:55 PM Thursday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res
9y - 12y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$106.00 Res, \$160.00 Non-Res

Rocket Stars - Advance Progressive Boys

Gymnasts entering into our Rec League 7 years and older, require a recommendation from an instructor along with an evaluation before the gymnasts will be allowed to register for these classes. Classes meet twice per week. Length of class: 55-minutes to one hour and 25 minutes depending on the class level.

5y - 11y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	4:30 PM - 5:55 PM Monday	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$120.00 Res, \$180.00 Non-Res
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All Stars

Gymnasts entering into our Rec League 7 years and older, require a recommendation from an instructor along with an evaluation before the gymnasts will be allowed to register for these classes. Classes meet twice per week. Length of class: 55-minutes to one hour and 25 minutes depending on the class level.

6y - 7y 1/13/2026 - 4/23/2026	4:00 PM - 5:25 PM Tues/Thurs	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$140.00 Res, \$210.00 Non-Res
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Shooting Stars

Gymnasts entering into our Rec League 7 years and older, require a recommendation from an instructor along with an evaluation before the gymnasts will be allowed to register for these classes. Classes meet twice per week. Length of class: 55-minutes to one hour and 25 minutes depending on the class level.

4y - 5y 1/13/2026 - 4/23/2026	3:30 PM - 4:25 PM Tues/Thurs	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$140.00 Res, \$210.00 Non-Res
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Gym Stars

Gymnasts entering into our Rec League 7 years and older, require a recommendation from an instructor along with an evaluation before the gymnasts will be allowed to register for these classes. Classes meet twice per week. Length of class: 55-minutes to one hour and 25 minutes depending on the class level.

8y - 9y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	4:00 PM - 5:25 PM Mon/Wed	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$140.00 Res, \$210.00 Non-Res
10y - 13y 1/12/2026 - 4/27/2026	5:30 PM - 6:55 PM Mon/Wed	Bishop Park Gymnastics Center \$140.00 Res, \$210.00 Non-Res

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Golden Hour Bingo

Golden Hour Bingo is a lively, social gathering for adults 50 and up! Come enjoy classic bingo games, great company, and a chance to win fun prizes. Whether you're a bingo pro or just in it for the laughs, there's always a seat (and a smile) waiting for you!

Golden Hour Bingo

50y and up	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Heard Park and Community Center
12/9/2025	Tuesday	\$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res
50y and up	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Heard Park and Community Center
1/13/2026	Tuesday	\$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res
50y and up	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Heard Park and Community Center
2/10/2026	Tuesday	\$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res

Karate

Are you interested in developing your physical, emotional, and mental capabilities? Do you have a strong work ethic and a desire to learn self-defense techniques? If so, we invite you to join our free karate program for both youth and adults at the Heard Park Community Center.

Our program is designed to help you develop discipline, confidence, and focus while learning the ancient martial art of karate. You will have the opportunity to train under experienced and qualified instructors who will guide you through the basics of karate, including strikes, kicks, and defensive techniques.

By participating in our program, you will not only improve your physical fitness but also gain valuable life skills that can be applied to all areas of your life. Our classes provide a supportive and encouraging environment that fosters personal growth and self-improvement.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to enhance your physical and mental abilities. Join our free year-round karate program today at the Heard Park Community Center.

Adult Karate

Youth participants must be 13 years old to register for this Karate program. Schedule subject to change without notice.

13y and up	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Heard Park and Community Center
12/22/2025 - 12/21/2026	Monday, Thursday	FREE
13y and up	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Heard Park and Community Center
5/2/2024 - 12/18/2025	Monday, Thursday	FREE

Days-Off-School

When school is out, ACC Leisure Services' is in! We offer a variety of themed camps and activities to keep kids entertained while Clarke County School District is not in session.

Hearts & Friends Day Camp

School's out—join the fun at Hearts & Friends Day Camp at Heard Park! Come spend the day where kindness, creativity, and teamwork shine all day long.

6y - 12y	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Howard Park and Community Center
2/16/2026	Monday	\$15.00 Res, \$22.50 Non-Res

Let's Dance!

Come dance with dance sensation Taylor where you will learn majorette style dance.

Let's Dance!

5y - 12y

1/8/2026 - 2/19/2026

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Thursday

Heard Park and Community Center

FREE

Pickleball

Indoor pickleball courts are available at Aaron Heard Park Community Center and Lay Park Community Center. Outdoor pickleball courts are available at Southeast Clarke Park and the tennis courts at Satterfield Park as well as Aaron Heard Park on a first-come, first-serve basis. Check out the Athens Area Pickleball Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/athensareapickleball/>

Pickleball at Heard Park Community Center

Indoor Pickleball Schedule: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

18y and up

9/8/2025 - 5/14/2026

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Heard Park and Community Center

FREE

Ready, Set, Grow!

Ready, Set, Grow is a fun, active program for toddlers and preschoolers ages 2-5! Led by our Heard Park staff, your little ones and their caregivers will enjoy music, movement and play with a unique weekly theme. It's a hands-on opportunity to engage and explore their imagination in a fun and supportive environment. Come explore, grow, and make memories together!

Ready, Set, Grow:

2y - 5y

12/3/2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday

Heard Park and Community Center

\$3.00 Res, \$4.50 Non-Res

2y - 5y

2/11/2026

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday

Heard Park and Community Center

\$3.00 Res, \$4.50 Non-Res

2y - 5y

12/17/2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday

Heard Park and Community Center

\$3.00 Res, \$4.50 Non-Res

2y - 5y

1/14/2026

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday

Heard Park and Community Center

\$3.00 Res, \$4.50 Non-Res

2y - 5y

1/28/2026

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday

Heard Park and Community Center

\$3.00 Res, \$4.50 Non-Res

Table Tennis

Do you enjoy playing table tennis or want to learn a new hobby? Whether you like to play for fun or for competition, come play with the Athens Georgia Table Tennis Club!

Table Tennis

8y and up

5/8/2024 - 12/17/2025

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday

Heard Park and Community Center

FREE

8y and up

5/11/2024 - 12/20/2025

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Saturday

Heard Park and Community Center

FREE

Therapeutic Activities

ACC Leisure Services offers Therapeutic Recreation programs, services, and activities that are accessible to all individuals with disabilities. ACCLS supports and encourages opportunities for inclusion in all programs. In addition, adaptive programs are available to provide individuals with disabilities a modified experience for recreational success.

These programs are intended to assist persons with disabilities in an adapted environment, which may be modified in terms of progression, skills breakdown, techniques, or equipment.

Staff will be present to assist with facilitation and provide adaptions for skill development. If one-on-one supervision is needed, a parent/guardian or other caregiver should be present for the duration of the program. Adaptive programs are designed for individuals who require additional assistance or modification.

Gym Free Play!

Meet us at the Heard Park Gym for an afternoon of free play...

18y and up	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Heard Park and Community Center
12/9/2025	Tuesday	FREE

6U COED Basketball

ACCLS Youth Basketball provides a high-quality experience for youth and teens ages 5–14, focusing on fundamental skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, and the overall development of each participant.

6U Basketball is a youth basketball program for children ages 5-6. The program focuses on teaching fundamental basketball skills, sportsmanship, and enhancing the mental and physical development.

5y - 6y	MULTI	Heard Park and Community Center
11/17/2025 - 2/28/2026	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	\$65.00 Res, \$97.50 Non-Res

Youth Basketball League

ACCLS Youth Recreation Basketball League A recreational youth basketball league emphasizing physical health, teamwork, and the basic fundamentals of basketball. Each team will average two activities per week (practice and/or game) throughout the season. To ensure sufficient interest, registration is currently on a waitlist. If enough participants express interest, we will activate the roster.

Age Control Date: September 1, 2025 (players must be at least 5 years old on this date).

Practice & Game Dates: Weekday practices begin in November (one practice per week). Saturday games run December through February. Locations: Heard Park (6U & 8U), Lay Park (10U, 12U, 14U)

Player Equipment: All players receive a team jersey.

Volunteer Coaches Needed! We are seeking dedicated volunteer coaches to help make the league a success. Volunteering as a coach is a rewarding way to make a difference in young athletes' lives. Coaches help build skills, character, and teamwork while creating a positive and fun experience for all participants.

Perks for Volunteer Coaches: Training and resources provided. Reimbursement of registration fees for one of your children at the end of the season. Your involvement is critical to the success of the league, and we encourage parents and guardians to step up and join this rewarding experience.

8U COED Basketball

8U Basketball is a youth basketball program for children ages 7-8. The program focuses on teaching fundamental basketball skills, sportsmanship, and enhancing the mental and physical development.

7y - 8y	MULTI	Heard Park and Community Center
11/17/2025 - 2/28/2026	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	\$65.00 Res, \$97.50 Non-Res

The Urban Nutcracker

Experience Ballethnic's Urban Nutcracker, a soulful Atlanta twist on the holiday classic set in historic Sweet Auburn, bursting with vibrant music, dance, and culture.

18y and up 12/20/2025	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday	Howard Park and Community Center \$50.00 Res, \$75.00 Non-Res
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The King Center

Walk in the footsteps of history at The King Center in Atlanta, where Dr. King's dream comes alive through powerful exhibits, inspiring stories, and a legacy that still moves the world

18y and up 1/9/2026	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday	Howard Park and Community Center \$15.00 Res, \$22.50 Non-Res
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Atlanta Market Hopping: Krog to Ponce

Join us for a day in Atlanta exploring two of the city's hottest destinations—Krog Street Market and Ponce City Market—where unique shops, local flavors, and vibrant energy make for the perfect outing

18y and up 1/23/2026	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Friday	Howard Park and Community Center \$15.00 Res, \$22.50 Non-Res
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Savoy Automobile Museum

Rev up your passion for automobiles at the Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville, Georgia, where classic cruisers, rare collectibles, and automotive artistry take center stage

18y and up 2/6/2026	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Friday	Howard Park and Community Center \$30.00 Res, \$45.00 Non-Res
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A Play That Goes Wrong

Get ready for a time of nonstop laughter at Gainesville's Hosch Theater as The Play That Goes Wrong turns a classic murder mystery upside down!

18y and up 2/21/2026	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday	Howard Park and Community Center \$40.00 Res, \$60.00 Non-Res
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After-School

Leisure Services' After School Program is focused on providing a safe environment that supports creativity, educational growth, and active living. Participants will experience a variety of enrichment activities each week that stimulate the students' minds and creativity, improve fitness, and provide unique experiences they may not otherwise encounter. All participants must be picked up by 5:00 PM each day.

After School at Howard Park

Great News! Heard Park Community Center is once again offering Afterschool Help for students in grades K-5!

6y - 12y 9/8/2025 - 5/7/2026	3:00 PM - 5:30 PM Monday - Thursday	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
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Crafts, Playgroups, & Storytime

Come join our Crafts, Playgroups & Storytime for fun, creativity, and new friends!

Jumping Gym

Get ready to jump, bounce, and giggle at Jumping Gym! Preschoolers will have a blast exploring our bouncy wonderland with fun-filled bounce houses and plenty of room to leap and play. It's all about big jumps, soft landings, and non-stop excitement for our little adventurers!

4y 11m and under 1/13/2026	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Tuesday	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
4y 11m and under 1/27/2026	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Tuesday	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
4y 11m and under 2/10/2026	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Tuesday	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
4y 11m and under 2/24/2026	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Tuesday	Howard Park and Community Center FREE

Tiny Picasso

Calling all my adventurous Toddlers! Come enjoy a fun-filled day playing a game, exploring your artistic side, and finishing the day with a snack! Hope to see you here!!

1y 6m - 4y 11m 1/15/2026	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM Thursday	Howard Park and Community Center \$4.00 Res, \$6.00 Non-Res
1y 6m - 4y 11m 2/19/2026	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM Tuesday	Howard Park and Community Center \$4.00 Res, \$6.00 Non-Res

Shapes, Big or Small!

Where play meets learning! This fun-filled program is designed for your curious little one to explore numbers, colors, letters, and more through hands-on activities, creative play, and social time with new friends. Watch them grow, learn, and have a blast along the way!

2y - 5y 2/5/2026	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM Thursday	Howard Park and Community Center \$2.00 Res, \$3.00 Non-Res
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Holiday Pattern Parade

Where play meets learning! This fun-filled program is designed for your curious little one to explore numbers, colors, letters, and more through hands-on activities, creative play, and social time with new friends. Watch them grow, learn, and have a blast along the way!

2y - 5y 12/4/2025	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM Thursday	Howard Park and Community Center \$2.00 Res, \$3.00 Non-Res
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Lil Master Chef

In Little Master Chefs, our tiny chefs will stir, sprinkle, and create yummy snacks while having tons of fun in the kitchen! It's all about tasty treats, big smiles, and playful cooking for our little ones!

2y - 5y 1/22/2026	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Thursday	Howard Park and Community Center \$3.00 Res, \$4.50 Non-Res
2y - 5y 2/26/2026	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Thursday	Howard Park and Community Center \$3.00 Res, \$4.50 Non-Res

Days-Off-School

When school is out, ACC Leisure Services' is in! We offer a variety of themed camps and activities to keep kids entertained while Clarke County School District is not in session.

Pajama Day Day-Off School Camp

Who says pajamas are just for bedtime? Slip into your favorite PJ's and join us for a day packed with cozy fun, crafts, tasty snacks, and plenty of games.

6y - 12y
2/16/2026

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday

Howard Park and Community Center
\$15.00 Res, \$22.50 Non-Res

Homeschool

Explore our programming for homeschool families.

T-Shirt Design

Jump into a world of fun with our Homeschool Enrichment Program, where kids get to explore cool experiments, create awesome art, stay active with fun games, and learn real-life skills in home economics! This program makes learning an adventure they won't want to miss!

6y - 12y
1/22/2026 - 1/29/2026

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Howard Park and Community Center
\$7.00 Res, \$10.50 Non-Res

Blended Creations

6y - 12y
2/4/2026 - 2/18/2026

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Howard Park and Community Center
\$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res

Senior Shenanigans

A fun and engaging space for seniors to stay active, socialize, and explore new interests! With activities like fitness, technology, games, and social gatherings, there's always something exciting to do. Whether you're looking to learn, move, or connect, this is your time to thrive!

How Do You Work This Thing?

Get comfortable with technology in this hands-on class! Whether you need help navigating your cellphone, learning computer basics like typing and internet browsing, or mastering essential skills like sending emails and managing files, we're here to help. Build confidence and stay connected in today's digital world!

50y and up
1/14/2026

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Wednesday

Howard Park and Community Center
FREE

50y and up
2/11/2026

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Wednesday

Howard Park and Community Center
FREE

Senior Chili Social & Cook-Off

Bring your best crockpot of chili and join us for a fun tasting where everyone votes for Best Overall, Most Unique, and Mild & Tasty!

50y and up
1/28/2026

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Wednesday

Howard Park and Community Center
\$4.00 Res, \$6.00 Non-Res

Cutthroat Spades!

Bring your best game and your best talk because Spades isn't just about strategy; it's about bragging rights!

40y and up 12/1/2025 - 12/4/2025	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
40y and up 1/12/2026 - 1/29/2026	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
40y and up 2/2/2026 - 2/26/2026	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
40y and up 3/2/2026 - 3/31/2026	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
40y and up 4/1/2026 - 4/30/2026	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
40y and up 5/4/2026 - 5/14/2026	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Howard Park and Community Center FREE

Sip and Paint

Join us for Sip and Paint as we put February on a Canvas!

50y and up 2/25/2026	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Wednesday	Howard Park and Community Center \$4.00 Res, \$6.00 Non-Res
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Teen Nights

Get ready for an unforgettable night of epic games, fierce competition, and non stop laughs at Teen Nights! It's the ultimate hangout for teens to unwind, make new friends, and enjoy some serious fun!

Creative Vibes

Welcome to Creative Vibes Hub, where creativity meets cool. Dive into awesome projects, chill with friends, and unleash your inner artist. It's all about good vibes, fresh ideas, and making something epic!

Crocheting

13y - 17y 2/23/2026 - 3/23/2026	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Monday	Howard Park and Community Center \$5.00 Res, \$5.00 Non-Res
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T-shirts

13y - 17y 2/4/2026 - 2/18/2026	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Monday	Howard Park and Community Center \$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res
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Tumblers

13y - 17y 1/7/2026 - 1/21/2026	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday	Howard Park and Community Center \$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res
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Winter Holidays

Celebrate the joy of the season with our Winter Holidays programs, where festive fun and community spirit come alive. From creative activities to cheerful gatherings, there's something for everyone to enjoy during this magical time of year.

12 days of Christmas Countdown

Join us in celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas, be sure to take pictures and tag Howard Park on Facebook. You can also tag us on your Instagram @ACCLeisureServices, but don't forget your hashtags: #day12countdown #12daysofChristmas #LeisureServices

Day 12: Decorate the Christmas tree

Day 11: Write a letter to Santa.

Day 10: Make Christmas tree ornaments.

Day 9: Take a family picture and send it to friends and family

Day 8: Make S'mores

Day 7: Build and decorate Gingerbread house

Day 6: Take a ride to look at Christmas lights in the neighborhood.

Day 5: Make snow globes

Day 4: Watch your favorite Christmas movie

Day 3: Have Karaoke night with Christmas songs!

Day 2: Make decorate Christmas cookies and sprinkle Reindeer food outside

Day 1: Have a ugly sweater competition

3y and up 8:00 AM - 11:59 PM

12/14/2025 - 12/21/2025

Howard Park and Community Center

FREE

Breakfast with the Grinch

The Grinch is at it again this holiday season! He moves so fast, there's no way this can last. As he makes his way to Howard to spoil our holiday cheer, you can experience some Whoville magic and Grinchmas surprises for everyone!

2y and up 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

12/13/2025

Howard Park and Community Center

\$7.00 Resident, \$10.50 Non-Resident

Grinchmas Ornament Workshop

The Grinch is at it again this holiday season! He moves so fast, there's no way this can last. As he makes his way to Howard to spoil our holiday cheer, you can experience some Whoville magic and Grinchmas surprises for everyone!

6y and up 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

12/8/2025

Howard Park and Community Center

\$5.00 Resident, \$7.50 Non-Resident

6y and up 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

12/8/2025

Howard Park and Community Center

\$5.00 Resident, \$7.50 Non-Resident

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After-School

Leisure Services' After School Program is focused on providing a safe environment that supports creativity, educational growth, and active living. Participants will experience a variety of enrichment activities each week that stimulate the students' minds and creativity, improve fitness, and provide unique experiences they may not otherwise encounter. No transportation is provided by Athens-Clarke County. Sample Itinerary *may vary at different centers*

3:00-3:10 Check-in

3:10-4:00 Group Activity (or Homework if needed)

4:00-4:15 Snack

4:15-4:45 Group Activity or Enrichment Clubs

4:45-5:00 Recreation Time

5:00 Parent Pickup

All participants must be picked up by 5:00 pm each day.

After School at Lay Park (Spring 2026)

6y - 12y **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** **Lay Park and Community Center**
1/12/2026 - 5/8/2026 **Monday - Friday** **FREE**

Middle/High After School at Lay Park

Crafts, Playgroups, & Storytime

123 Toddler & Me: Art Fun

Looking for things to do with your toddler? Come and join Lay Park's toddler and me activities! Have bonding time with your toddler with fun gym games, arts and crafts, and kitchen goodies.

123 Toddler & Me: Gym Fun!

2y - 5y 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Lay Park and Community Center
12/11/2025 Thursday \$3.00 Res, \$4.50 Non-Res

123 Toddler & Me: Snack Fun!

123 Toddler & Me: Art Fun

123 Toddler & Me: Gym Fun!

123 Toddler & Me: Snack Fun!

2y - 5y
1/22/2026

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Thursday

Lay Park and Community Center
\$3.00 Res, \$4.50 Non-Res

Days-Off-School

When school is out, ACC Leisure Services' is in! We offer a variety of themed camps and activities to keep kids entertained while Clarke County School District is not in session.

Happy Holidaze

The holiday season have you in a daze? We've got some activities to settle the craze. Join us for a holiday explosion of color and fun.

6y - 12y
12/29/2025 - 1/2/2026

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday - Wednesday, Friday

Lay Park and Community Center
\$45.00 Res, \$67.50 Non-Res

Cupid's Day of Play

Come to Lay Park for day full of crafts, sweets, and of course some heart-y games a long the way.

6y - 12y
2/16/2026

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday

Lay Park and Community Center
\$15.00 Res, \$22.50 Non-Res

Family Craft Night

Join Lay Park staff every month to learn a new DIY skill and make something with your family for your family! Enjoy quality time and make something too. Please note that for groups larger than 3, we will need to adjust our seating. Please contact us if you will need more than 3 seats for your family at laypark@acgov.com or 706-613-3596

Ugly Christmas Sweaters

Join Lay Park for a silly, but essential holiday DIY. Bring your own sweater and let us handle the rest! Transform your plain garment into an UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER perfect for your favorite holiday party.

5y and up
12/9/2025

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday

Lay Park and Community Center
\$15.00 Res, \$22.50 Non-Res

All Season Door Wreaths

Bring some warmth to your doorway, and learn a new skill as we create an all occasions wreath that can be adjusted to any season. All supplies included. One wreath per registration.

5y and up
1/13/2026

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday

Lay Park and Community Center
\$15.00 Res, \$22.50 Non-Res

Valentine Floral Workshop

Create something lovely for your favorite people (or yourself)! Choose from a variety of live florals and take home a one of a kind valentines arrangement.

12y and up
2/10/2026

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday

Lay Park and Community Center
\$15.00 Res, \$22.50 Non-Res

Homeschool Physical Education Fridays

Explore our programming for homeschool families.

January

Kick off the winter season with a variety of physical challenges. Every session will include a group game to build teamwork skills and physical abilities.

6y - 11y 1/9/2026 - 1/30/2026	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Friday	Lay Park and Community Center \$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res
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February

Kick off the winter season with a variety of physical challenges. Every session will include a group game to build teamwork skills and physical abilities.

6y - 11y 2/6/2026 - 2/27/2026	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Friday	Lay Park and Community Center \$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res
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Senior Fitness

Senior +55 fitness classes for all levels.

Get Fit!

A senior fitness class that consists of chair movements, the use of exercise bands, ankle weights, and low-impact aerobic movements.

55y and up 1/6/2026 - 2/10/2026	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Tuesday	Lay Park and Community Center FREE
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Teen Nights

Get ready for an unforgettable night of epic games, fierce competition, and non stop laughs at Teen Nights! It's the ultimate hangout for teens to unwind, make new friends, and enjoy some serious fun!

Neon Night

Kick-off the night with glow-in-the-dark Hide & Go Seek and finish it off with pizza, mocktails, and karaoke!

12y - 16y 1/27/2026	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Tuesday	Lay Park and Community Center FREE
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Lab Lockdown: Escape Room

A next-gen research lab has experienced a critical system failure—and the AI has sealed the doors. Teens will have just 60 minutes to hack the system, solve high-tech puzzles, decode cryptic messages, and escape the lab before it's too late.

12y - 16y 2/24/2026	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Tuesday	Lay Park and Community Center FREE
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Teen Tech Programs

Teens will get hands on experience working with some of the latest technology we have to offer in our Teen Tech Labs and other enrichment activities.

Teen 3-D Design

Teens will learn how to design an object in tinkerCAD and begin the printing process during their first session. The youth's second session will consist of producing a final clean and painted object.

12y - 17y	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Lay Park and Community Center
1/15/2026 - 1/22/2026	Thursday	\$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res

Winter Holidays

Celebrate the joy of the season with our Winter Holidays programs, where festive fun and community spirit come alive. From creative activities to cheerful gatherings, there's something for everyone to enjoy during this magical time of year.

Gingerbread Workshop

Join Lay Park for the Holidays to construct and design your very own gingerbread house. Each family will receive a pre-baked gingerbread house, icing, and all of the gumdrops, candy canes, sprinkles, and specialty candies you will need to make your masterpiece! You will then get to take your showpiece home to enjoy and show off for the holidays. One house per family.

12y 11m and under	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Lay Park and Community Center
12/17/2025	Wednesday	\$10.00 Res, \$15.00 Non-Res

Jolly Jamboree

Join Lay Park in celebrating the holidays with a special visit from Santa, crafts and activities the whole family can enjoy!

10y 11m and under	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Lay Park and Community Center
12/18/2025	Thursday	FREE

Youth Technology

Youth will get hands on experience working with some of the latest technology we have to offer in our Teen Tech Labs.

Game Night

A safe, supervised, and fun evening of gaming, browsing, and hanging with friends. Youth 10-12 are welcome to play board games, card games, video games, and more with friends!

10y - 12y	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Lay Park and Community Center
12/11/2025	Thursday	FREE

Youth 3-D Design: Valentine Edition

Youth will learn how to design an object in tinkerCAD and begin the printing process during their first session. The youth's second session will consist of producing a final clean and painted object.

10y - 12y	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Lay Park and Community Center
2/11/2026 - 2/18/2026	Wednesday	\$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res

Lyndon House Arts Center • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

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Art Classes: YOUTH & FAMILIES

The Arts Education Department at Lyndon House Arts Center is dedicated to providing high-quality arts education curriculum and enrichment to youth, adults, and teens in the Athens area.

Studio Art Practice

Studio Art Practice is designed for elementary-aged children who are ready to engage more deeply with artmaking. In a supportive studio setting, young artists will explore a wide range of materials and methods including drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking, and video art.

Group A

7y - 11y	4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Lyndon House Arts Center
1/13/2026 - 2/17/2026	Tuesday	\$63.00 Res, \$94.50 Non-Res

Group B

7y - 11y	4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Lyndon House Arts Center
1/15/2026 - 2/19/2026	Thursday	\$63.00 Res, \$94.50 Non-Res

Art Time with Exciting Teaching Artist

Art Time introduces young children to the joy of making art in a welcoming, creative environment. With a low child-to-adult ratio, this class emphasizes exploration, self-expression, and foundational art skills.

4y - 6y	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Lyndon House Arts Center
1/14/2026 - 2/18/2026	Wednesday	\$63.00 Res, \$94.50 Non-Res

Art Time with William Stephanos

Art Time introduces young children to the joy of making art in a welcoming, creative environment. With a low child-to-adult ratio, this class emphasizes exploration, self-expression, and foundational art skills.

4y - 6y	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Lyndon House Arts Center
1/16/2026 - 2/20/2026	Friday	\$63.00 Res, \$94.50 Non-Res

Art Clubs: TEEN

Our teen clubs provide a safe & nurturing place for young people to gain life skills, to learn, and have fun while creating meaningful relationships with mentors while gaining valuable and appreciable skills.

Teen Fashion Design & Sewing Club 2025-2026 Session 3

Teen Fashion Design & Sewing Club. Our talented teaching artist, Tabitha Fielteau continues to contribute mentorship and valuable design and fabrication instruction. The club meets in the Lyndon House Arts Center's wonderful fiber studio with lots of sewing machines and all the tools needed to focus on design and sewing projects. Learn how to go from design to garment with the guidance of a professional fashion designer. Already having basic sewing skills is a bonus, but this program is open to beginners as well.

12y - 17y	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Lyndon House Arts Center
1/13/2026 - 3/31/2026	Tuesday	FREE

Teen Media Arts Club 2025-2026 Session 3

Teen Media Arts Club Our Teen Media Arts Club Mentor is Kidd Fielteau! With a background in beauty and fashion photography Kidd now runs Athens based Fell2 Photography. Students will engage in the process of videography by forming their own story ideas and then creating and editing digital video. Our long-term goal is to build media arts skills that support a variety of career options, higher order thinking, problem-solving, creativity, cultural experiences, and historical events in a global learning context. In addition we provide a safe place for young people to learn, have fun and create meaningful projects.

12y - 17y	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Lyndon House Arts Center
1/13/2026 - 3/31/2026	Tuesday	FREE

Teen Cartoon & Illustration Club 2025-2026 Session 3

Teen Cartoon & Illustration Club. Our talented teaching artist and professional illustrator Robert Brown, continues to contribute wonderful lessons in drawing techniques, storytelling, cartoons/comics, Anime, Star Wars and everything Pop Culture. Robert has been mentoring this club for over 15 years.

12y - 17y	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Lyndon House Arts Center
1/15/2026 - 4/2/2026	Thursday	FREE

Adult Art Classes & Workshops

One-Day Metal Enameling Workshop with Leslie Litt - Make Ornaments

Learn basic techniques for fusing glass to copper plates. Make enameled ornaments through sifting, painting and sgraffito. Enamel and the cut shapes of copper will be supplied and participants will take home a finished ornament!

18y and up	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Lyndon House Arts Center
12/6/2025	Saturday	\$30.00 Res, \$30.00 Non-Res

Stained Glass with Rae Toussaint - 3 Week Course

Learn how to create a stunning stained glass panel using historical glass techniques! Through this three-week course, we will explore the creation of a stained glass panel from pattern to final piece. Participants will learn glass cutting, grinding, foiling, soldering, framing, and finishing. No previous experience required. All materials included.

18y and up	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Lyndon House Arts Center
1/13/2026 - 1/27/2026	Tuesday	\$130.00 Res, \$216.50 Non-Res

Materials and Techniques in Acrylic Painting (Beginning and Intermediate) with Lauren Adams

This class provides comprehensive guidance for beginning and intermediate painters starting with choosing materials and equipment, to the foundational basics of value, color, and composition. Work in a relaxed and supportive environment with ample one-on-one guidance. Please bring a surface approx. 8" x 10" and several options of photo reference, sketches, or ideas to first class. Basic supplies are provided. Students must supply their own canvas or panel.

18y and up	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Lyndon House Arts Center
1/13/2026 - 2/17/2026	Tuesday	\$111.00 Res, \$166.50 Non-Res

Beginner-Intermediate Ceramics with Amanda Jane Crouse

Students of varied experience levels will be working on open forms, both functional and figurative. Techniques covered in hand building will include coil building, pinching and slab construction. There will also be an introduction to the potters wheel. Surface techniques, texture treatments, and the addition of handles, spouts, and feet will be covered. The last class period will be spent glazing work. This is a great class for those looking to see what kinds of things they like to make out of clay, and for those looking to practice what they've learned and get help with technical problems. Students will learn all the basics of surviving and thriving in a group or private studio. Basic supplies are provided.

18y and up 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
1/15/2026 - 2/19/2026 Thursday

Lyndon House Arts Center
\$111.00 Res, \$166.50 Non-Res

Drawing & Watercolor Basics: Intro to Perspective with Toni Carlucci

Knowing a few simple tips and techniques on perspective can enable you to draw things with depth and dimension. We will practice with atmospheric perspective as well as linear perspective. No need to be intimidated about perspective. We'll make this fun and effective. Students will learn how to use cool and warm colors as well as line, value and texture to create the illusion of space in a simple drawing or painting. No previous experience necessary. Basic supplies are provided.

18y and up 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
1/15/2026 - 2/19/2026 Thursday

Lyndon House Arts Center
\$111.00 Res, \$166.50 Non-Res

Stained Glass with Rae Toussaint - 3 week course

In this 6-week course, students will learn and practice some fun and valuable drawing and watercolor techniques. Techniques will include drawing using line, shape and value (emphasis on value). Watercolor techniques will include mixing and using complementary colors, painting behind and flowing paint wet-into-wet. Geared for beginners as well as those looking to further or refresh their skills. Supplies provided.

18y and up 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
2/3/2026 - 2/17/2026 Tuesday

Lyndon House Arts Center
\$130.00 Res, \$216.50 Non-Res

One-Day Metal Enameling Workshop with Leslie Litt

Learn basic techniques for fusing glass to copper plates. Make enameled earrings through sifting, painting and sgraffito. Enamel and the cut shapes of copper will be supplied and participants will take home a finished piece of jewelry!

18y and up 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
2/7/2026 Saturday

Lyndon House Arts Center
\$30.00 Res, \$30.00 Non-Res

Memorial Park and Bear Hollow Zoo

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Deck the Hollow

Join us at Deck the Hollow for a special four night event in the zoo including lights, crafts, concessions, ambassador animal encounters, and live performances!

All Ages 5:30-7:30 PM
12/11/2025 - 12/14/2025 Thursday - Sunday

Bear Hollow Zoo
\$5/Person (Under 2 Free)

Adult Crafts

Casual crafting and community events for adults.

Winter Sip & Paint

Sip on hot chocolate, coffee, and cider and paint along as we follow a tutorial for a winter landscape.

18y and up	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Memorial Park
1/13/2026	Tuesday	\$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res

Craft and Chat

Join us to make paper beads and chat with community!

18y and up	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Memorial Park
1/20/2026	Tuesday	\$3.00 Res, \$5.00 Non-Res

Valentine's Craft Night

Whether celebrating date night, galentines, or looking for a solo activity, join us for community, crafts, and treats! We will be making embroidered cards!

18y and up	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Memorial Park
2/12/2026	Thursday	\$3.00 Res, \$5.00 Non-Res

Crafts, Playgroups, & Storytime

Holiday Crafts

Let's get in the holiday spirit! Come by to listen to a winter animal story, make holiday crafts, enjoy some treats, and get a holiday picture taken! This program is designed for children aged 6 and under.

1y - 6y	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Memorial Park
12/19/2025	Friday	\$3.00 Res, \$5.00 Non-Res

Arctic Adventure

Join us to learn about Arctic animals and how they stay warm in the cold! We'll be reading a story, making a craft, and doing a science experiment. This program is designed for children aged 6 and under.

1y - 6y	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Memorial Park
1/16/2026	Friday	\$3.00 Res, \$5.00 Non-Res

Valentine's Day Celebration

Celebrate Valentine's Day by joining us for a story, fun craft, and games! This program is designed for children aged 6 and under.

1y - 6y	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Memorial Park
2/13/2026	Friday	\$3.00 Res, \$5.00 Non-Res

Days-Off-School

When school is out, ACC Leisure Services' is in! We offer a variety of themed camps and activities to keep kids entertained while Clarke County School District is not in session.

Winter Wonderland Day Off School

Join us for a fun filled day to kick off winter break! We'll be doing crafts, exploring Memorial Park and Bear Hollow Zoo, learning about what nature does in the winter, and enjoying holiday treats. Please send attendees in weather appropriate clothing, we will spend some time outdoors dependent on temperatures.

Memorial Park
\$25.00 Res, \$38.00 Non-Res

Day Off Adventure

Ages 6-12, join us for a day of fun! Play games, do crafts, and explore Memorial Park! Please have participants dress for the weather!

Memorial Park
\$25.00 Res, \$38.00 Non-Res

Hiking

Take a hike with Leisure Services.

Hot Chocolate Hike

Join us for a leisurely hike around the Birchmore Trail. We will start and end in the Memorial Park Rec Hall to warm up with coffee and hot chocolate. Bring a travel mug if you want to sip on the trail!

7y and up
12/16/2025

Memorial Park
\$3.00 Res, \$5.00 Non-Res

Middle Oconee Parks

615 Mitchell Bridge Rd. | (762) 400-7759

Hiking

Wear closed toed shoes for hiking. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Hike Into History @ Ben Burton Park

Take a guided hike with Leisure Services staff and friends. Learn about the social, economic, and natural history of our public spaces. Park secrets will be revealed!

8y and up
2/28/2026 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Saturday

Ben Burton Park
\$3.00 Res, \$5.00 Non-Res

First Day Hike at Ben Burton

Start the year off on the right foot! Join ACC staff on New Years Day hike on local trails. Make sure you have clothing for the weather, comfortable shoes, and water.

8y and up
1/1/2026

Ben Burton Park
FREE

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205 Old Commerce Rd. | (706) 613-3615

Nature Programs

It's right outside your door — It's nature!

Frogwatch Training

Do you enjoy listening to frogs calling? Learn to identify and count frogs as part of this citizen science program. You can participate at your own home or join the SCNC monitoring team. The monitoring season is February through August. We ask that volunteers make a commitment to monitor at least twice a month at a Sandy Creek Frog Watcher site.

13y and up	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Sandy Creek Nature Center
1/31/2026	Saturday	FREE

Babies and Beasties Winter 2026

Join us for a series of classes structured for toddlers and their guardians. Explore nature, learn about animals, go on hikes and make nature crafts.

1y 6m - 2y 11m	10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Sandy Creek Nature Center
2/5/2026 - 2/26/2026	Thursday	\$12.00 Res, \$18.00 Non-Res

Knee High Naturalists

Winter: Explore the winter woods and enjoy outside activities exploring nature in the winter.

3y -5y	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Sandy Creek Nature Center
1/7/2026 - 2/18/2026	Wednesday	\$12.00 Res, \$18.00 Non-Res

Tales on the Porch

Transport yourself to a time of the past when sitting by a fire and listening to a story was the entertainment. Storyteller, Jackie Elsner, will share a couple of tales for the group. Before the story begins, visit the inside of the 1810 log house and enjoy a fire and a hot beverage.

16y and up	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Sandy Creek Nature Center
1/17/2026	Saturday	\$3.00 Res, \$3.00 Non-Res

Night Explorers: OWLS

We'll adventure out into the night to see what becomes active after dark. Our focus will be in search of owls. We will learn about owls in the area then call for them on the trails. Bring a flashlight. Children under 13 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

5y and up	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Sandy Creek Nature Center
2/27/2026	Friday	\$5.00 Res, \$8.00 Non-Res

Women In Science Open House

Celebrate the incredible contributions of women in science at our upcoming event at the Nature Center! Join us for an inspiring program that highlights the stories and achievements of women who have shaped the fields of biology, ecology, astronomy, and beyond. This event is a wonderful opportunity for learners of all ages to discover, explore, and be inspired by the trailblazing women who continue to make a difference in science today.

All Ages	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sandy Creek Nature Center
2/28/2026	Saturday	FREE

Journey Through The Stars

Join us for our planetarium program in the Sky Center. We will journey through the night sky, exploring the great beyond. CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED BY A REGISTERED ADULT. Anyone under 5 will not be admitted into the program. Children must be able to sit in the dark through the program portion. Pre-registration is required. This program is not scholarship eligible.

December: Storytime Under the Stars

5y and up 12/20/2025	10:00 AM -11:00 AM Saturday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$5.00 Res, \$8.00 Non-Res
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January: Winter Skies

5y and up 1/17/2026	10:00 AM -11:00 AM Saturday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$5.00 Res, \$8.00 Non-Res
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February: Expedition Moon

5y and up 2/21/2026	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Saturday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$5.00 Res, \$8.00 Non-Res
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Valentine's Day Planetarium

Come to the Nature Center this Valentine's Day and share a magical evening with your beloved beneath the shimmering night sky. Let celestial stories whisk you away on a journey of love and wonder, as soft music fills the air around you. Together, relax under the stars, then warm your hearts with cozy drinks and sweet cookies, creating memories as timeless as the heavens above.

18y and up 2/14/2026	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Saturday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$15.00 Res, \$15.00 Non-Res
18y and up 2/14/2026	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Saturday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$15.00 Res, \$15.00 Non-Res

Winter Programs

Celebrate the joy of the season with our Winter Holidays programs, where festive fun and community spirit come alive. From creative activities to cheerful gatherings, there's something for everyone to enjoy during this magical time of year.

Cookies with Santa

Ho Ho Ho! Santa will visit SCNC to enjoy cookies and crafts. Children will receive cookies to decorate and crafts to make. Each child will be given an opportunity to talk to Santa individually. Bring your camera!

3y - 12y 12/13/2025	2:00 PM - 2:45 PM Saturday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$5.00 Res, \$8.00 Non-Res
3y -12y 12/13/2025	3:00 PM - 3:45 PM Saturday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$5.00 Res, \$8.00 Non-Res

Winter Kickoff

Drop off your kids so they can explore the winter woods and enjoy time outside.

4y - 12y 12/20/2025	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Saturday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$6.00 Res, \$9.00 Non-Res
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Escape Room

Enjoy a themed escape room during this winter break. Families will have an hour to solve their mission. Groups must be 8 people or less per session. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

All Ages 12/31/2025	10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, or 4:00 PM Wednesday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$20.00 Res, \$20.00 Non-Res
All Ages 1/2/2026	10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, or 4:00 PM Friday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$20.00 Res, \$20.00 Non-Res
All Ages 1/3/2026	10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, or 4:00 PM Saturday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$20.00 Res, \$20.00 Non-Res

Homeschool

Explore our programming for homeschool families.

Create A Nature Journal: January

January: Nature meets your creative flair during our winter classes. Join us for the art of journal making, where you'll discover fun and innovative ways to craft a journal that expresses your love for the great outdoors.

5y-7y 1/9/2026	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Friday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$7.00 Res, \$11.00 Non-Res
8y-12y 1/9/2026	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Friday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$7.00 Res, \$11.00 Non-Res

Writing About Nature: February

February: Unleash your inner writer. Weave your thoughts and feelings into words, using nature as your vibrant muse.

5y-7y 2/6/2026	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Friday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$7.00 Res, \$11.00 Non-Res
8y-12y 2/6/2026	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Friday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$7.00 Res, \$11.00 Non-Res

Sandy Creek Park •

400 Bob Holman Rd. | (706) 613-3631

Cooking

Learn valuable cooking skills and new recipes, enjoy a fun hands-on activity, and be inspired to expand your taste buds to discover that new foods can be really good.

Cast Iron Chef Campfire Cookout 2026

Join Trails and Open Space staff for a campfire with all the trimmings. Fire building with a variety of materials and methods. Demonstrations of Dutch oven cooking. Sample foods from sweet to savory. Weenie roast, and yes, there will be s'mores. Share stories and enjoy the warmth of an open fire on a winter day

5y and up 2/7/2026	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Saturday	Sandy Creek Park \$5.00 Res, \$8.00 Non-Res
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Crafts, Playgroups, & Storytime

Art In The Park: Animal Masks

Join staff at Sandy Creek Park to create your very own work of art inspired by nature. Explore different artmaking practices each month and enjoy the process of getting creative. Materials will be provided. Wear something you don't mind getting messy. This program is for all ages; minors must be accompanied by an adult.

All ages	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Sandy Creek Park
12/5/2025	Friday	\$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res

Art In The Park: Blow Painting

Join staff at Sandy Creek Park to create your very own work of art inspired by nature. Explore different artmaking practices each month and enjoy the process of getting creative. Materials will be provided. Wear something you don't mind getting messy. This program is for all ages; minors must be accompanied by an adult.

All ages	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Sandy Creek Park
2/6/2026	Friday	\$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res

Art In The Park: Tree Ring Prints

Join staff at Sandy Creek Park to create your very own work of art inspired by nature. Explore different artmaking practices each month and enjoy the process of getting creative. Materials will be provided. Wear something you don't mind getting messy. This program is for all ages; minors must be accompanied by an adult.

All ages	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Sandy Creek Park
1/9/2026	Friday	\$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res

Music

Find music activities here!

Sandy Creek Hootenanny

Come gather 'round the fire with your instrument and play along to campfire classics at this casual open jam session. All skill levels and abilities are welcome, whether you want to sing, play, or just clap along to the music!

All ages	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sandy Creek Park
12/7/2025	Sunday	FREE
All ages	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sandy Creek Park
1/18/2026	Sunday	FREE
All ages	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sandy Creek Park
2/15/2026	Sunday	FREE

Nature Programs

It's right outside your door — It's nature!

December Star Watch 1

Come join us at Sandy Creek Park, for a guided tour of the night sky. Programs will be scheduled to highlight the astronomical events throughout the year.

All ages	8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Sandy Creek Park
12/3/2025	Wednesday	\$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res

December Star Watch 2

Come join us at Sandy Creek Park, for a guided tour of the night sky. Programs will be scheduled to highlight the astronomical events throughout the year.

All ages 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
12/13/2025 Saturday

Sandy Creek Park
\$2.00 Res, \$2.00 Non-Res

4460 Lexington Rd. | (706) 613-3991

Tennis-Adult

Adult Beginner Clinic

18 and up Year-round	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Monday	Tennis Center \$10.00
18 and up Year-round	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Tuesday	Bishop Park \$10.00
18 and up Year-round	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wednesday	Tennis Center \$10.00

Adult Intermediate/Advanced Clinic

18 and up	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Tennis Center
Year-round	Monday	\$10.00
18 and up	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bishop Park
Year-round	Tuesday	\$10.00

Adult Match Play Clinic

18 and up	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Tennis Center
Year-round	Wednesday	\$10.00

291 Henderson Ext. | (762) 400-7767

Therapeutic Recreation

Therapeutic Recreation programs, services, and activities that are accessible to all individuals with disabilities. These programs are intended to assist persons with disabilities in an adapted environment, which may be modified in terms of progression, skills breakdown, techniques, or equipment. Staff will be present to assist with facilitation. If one-on-one supervision is needed, a parent/guardian or other caregiver should be present for the duration of the program.

Craft Corner

ArtWorks is a program designed to allow individuals the opportunity to show off their creativity through artistic expression. Classes include painting, pottery, weaving and more. ArtWorks will be an enjoyable and therapeutic environment for those who attend

Grinchmas Candle Holder

Come and make a Grinchmas candle holder using a wine glass that's sure to steal the show!

Get ready to pour your heart out!

Join us for a fun afternoon of creating a beautiful heart shaped resin art

Bingo Bash

Bingo Bash is an opportunity to cut loose relax and enjoy America's favorite game.

Bingo Bash

Join us for a session of Bingo at Howard Park. Bingo is a fun way to be competitive but it also a social and engaging recreational activity. All participants will have the opportunity to win an exciting prize.

18y and up 12/2/2025	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Tuesday	Howard Park and Community Center \$2.00 Res, \$3.00 Non-Res
18y and up 1/12/2026	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Monday	Howard Park and Community Center \$2.00 Res, \$3.00 Non-Res
18y and up 2/3/2026	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Tuesday	Howard Park and Community Center \$2.00 Res, \$3.00 Non-Res

Culinary Masters

Culinary Masters is a cooking program that highlights cooking safety, meal preparation, appetizers, baking and healthy eating choices. Participants will have fun experimenting with various recipes and tasting final products. Put on your chef hat and become a culinary master.

It's a pie, chicken pot pie!

Beat the chill! Nothing warms the body quite like a homemade chicken pot pie.

18y and up	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Howard Park and Community Center
12/15/2025	Monday	\$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res

Cake-a-licious!

Ready to get your bake on? Come make your very own bundt cake with us!

18y and up	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Howard Park and Community Center
1/26/2026	Monday	\$5.00 Res, \$7.50 Non-Res

It's Movie Time

Come join us at Howard Park for a sun filled movie time! You'll have the opportunity to be a part of a cozy environment while relaxing and enjoying a film after a long week. Kick your shoes off let your hair down and pull out your blanket while you sit back and enjoy.

Movie Matinee

Ready for a daytime flick? Join us for a movie matinee.

18y and up	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Howard Park and Community Center
1/30/2026	Friday	FREE

Join us for some fun!

Get out and join us here at Howard Park for some fun as we celebrate Holidays and National Days! Some holidays you may be familiar with and some may be new to you. Let's explore these days together.

It's A Holiday Party!

It's a holiday party! Come and celebrate with us and spread some cheer.

18y and up	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Howard Park and Community Center
12/18/2025	Thursday	\$2.00 Res, \$3.00 Non-Res

Glow in the DARK Dance Party!

Ready to shine? Hit the dance floor at our glow-in-the-dark party – where the music's bright and the energy's even brighter!

18y and up	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Howard Park and Community Center
1/21/2026	Wednesday	\$2.00 Res, \$3.00 Non-Res

Ready to spread the love???

Let's get social! Come celebrate Valentine's Day with friends, fun, and plenty of cheer.

18y and up	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Howard Park and Community Center
2/12/2026	Thursday	\$2.00 Res, \$3.00 Non-Res

S.T.E.M.

Explore science and technology through these adaptive programs.

Tech & Play

Get your tech on at Howard Park! During Technology Time you can hop online or challenge others in our game room.

18y and up 12/4/2025	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Thursday	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
18y and up 1/8/2026	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Thursday	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
18y and up 1/22/2026	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Thursday	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
18y and up 2/5/2026	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Thursday	Howard Park and Community Center FREE
18y and up 2/19/2026	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Thursday	Howard Park and Community Center FREE

Trails and Open Space



205 Old Commerce Rd. | (706) 613-3620

Skating

Come skate with ACC Leisure Services staff!

Rollin' Thru Classic City: Social Skate Night

Join ACC Leisure Services with a fun and friendly skate program for all ages and skill levels! We will cruise the beautiful Firefly Trail or North Oconee River Greenway together, sharing good vibes, building skills, and making new friends. Whether you're just starting out or an experienced skater, all wheels are welcome. Come roll with us and light up the trail!

All Ages 12/11/2025	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Thursday	North Oconee River Greenway FREE
All Ages 1/8/2026	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Thursday	Dudley Park FREE
All Ages 2/12/2026	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Thursday	North Oconee River Greenway FREE

Nature Programs

It's right outside your door — It's nature!

Nature Play Day at Dudley Park

Nature Play Day is fun and educational outdoor program designed to connect children and families with the natural beauty of our local parks. Join Trails and Open Space for a fun-filled morning of hands-on exploration, physical activity, and environmental learning. The event encourages children to engage in unstructured outdoor play while fostering a deep appreciation for nature.

All Ages 1/2/2026	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Friday	Dudley Park FREE
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Hiking

Take a hike with Leisure Services.

Forest Bathing Experience

We invite you to take a moment to invest in your health and wellbeing through a guided immersive experience in the forest with our facilitator, Heather Matherly, who is a Master Naturalist and Forest Therapy Guide. You can expect a safe and gentle walk with instructions to help relax and focus the mind on the present. The walk will end with a tea ceremony from local plants.

12y and up 12/13/2025	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Saturday	Sandy Creek Park \$20.00 Res, \$30.00 Non-Res
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Audiobook Hike

Take your story on the go! In partnership with Athens Regional Library, join us for a refreshing walk on the trail while listening to the audiobook of your choice. This program combines the joy of reading with the benefits of light exercise and time outdoors. Note: This is a free program, but Sandy Creek Park charges an entry fee of \$2 per person between the ages of 4-64,

12y and up 12/20/2025	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Saturday	Sandy Creek Nature Center FREE with \$2 park entry
12y and up 1/17/2026	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Saturday	Memorial Park FREE with \$2 park entry
12y and up 2/21/2026	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Saturday	Sandy Creek Park FREE with \$2 park entry

Whitewater Falls Valentine's Day Hike

Join the Trails and Open Space team for a guided hiking adventure outside of the county! Whether you're new to the area, don't have reliable transportation for longer drives, or simply prefer to explore with a group, this program is perfect for you. Each trip is designed to bring you back to Athens by 3 pm, so you can even make it back in time to pick up your kids. Come enjoy a day of hiking with us and discover new trails in a fun, supportive environment!

18y and up 2/14/2026	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturday	Sandy Creek Nature Center \$15.00 Res, \$20.00 Non-Res
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Community Outreach

Want to connect with Leisure Services and learn more about your local community resources? These programs and events allow Leisure Services staff to connect with our community in an informal, but fun way!

Pop-up Trail Talk

Come join Trails and Open Space staff and learn about our amazing trails and natural spaces right here in Athens! Keep on the lookout for upcoming dates and locations as we will pop-up anywhere we have a trail. In addition to meeting with our staff, we will have a small family-friendly activities, giveaways, and ways to get involved more involved on the trail. We will also often partner with local organizations to promote awareness of community resources.

1y and up 12/6/2025	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturday	North Oconee River Greenway FREE
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Registration: ACC-Resident 11/1/2025 at 9 AM • Non-Resident 11/3/2026 at Noon

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East Athens Educational Dance Center	2-5
Athens Gymnastics Academy (Bishop Park)	5-8
Heard Park and Community Center	9-12
Howard Park and Community Center	12-17
Lay Park and Community Center	18-21
Lyndon House Arts Center	22-24
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COMMUNICATION

Text/email reminders and updates will be sent through the MyRec software. Please make sure that notifications have not been turned off and confirm your settings are correct. If not, you will miss out on important information pertaining to your Leisure Services activities.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Leisure Services Department offers an opportunity to pay a discounted rate for Leisure Services youth programs. All ACC residents under the age of 18 are eligible to be considered for a scholarship. Find more information at acccgov.com/scholarship

REGISTRATION TIPS:

Log in to acccgov.com/myrec before registration day. Get your account set up and get a feel for the software. Submit your scholarship information early. Confirm your account information is correct, including your email address. Some programs fill quickly. Remember — you will be registering by PARTICIPANT.

Mind your cart. The items in your cart on MyRec will eventually time out if you do not complete your transaction.

Don't shy away from the wait list. Individuals on the wait list will be offered these dates first, in order of registration.

If you have any questions, call 706-613-3800 or email registration@acccgov.com

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