

# THE Fun TIMES



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PARKS AND RECREATION

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## ■■■ CITY OF OCALA RECREATION AND PARKS UPCOMING PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES ■■■

All programs and activities are complimentary unless otherwise noted. Pre-register at <http://recreationandparks.ocalafl.org> or call 352-368-5517. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Call Connie Carroll at 352-368-5504 for details.

FAMILIES

TEEN

ADULTS

### FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

Downtown Ocala

Friday | March 3 | April 7 | May 5 | 6-9 p.m.

Enjoy creative works of artists and activities sponsored by the Ocala Municipal Arts Commission.

### AFTER DARK IN THE PARK MOVIES

Fridays | 7:45-9:45 p.m.

Tuscawilla Park | March 3, 10

Jervey Gantt Recreation Complex | March 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Complex | March 24

Popcorn/drinks available. Bring blankets/lawn chairs.

### ENGINEERING DAY

Discovery Center | Ages 5-15 + parents

Saturday | March 4 | 9:45 a.m.-3 p.m.

Partnering with the Florida Engineering Society, children will plan, build and compete alongside engineering professionals.

### AUDUBON WILD BIRD HIKE

Fort King National Historic Landmark

Saturdays | March 11 | April 8 | 9-10:30 a.m.

Spot birds with the Audubon Club of Marion County.

### SPRING FIRE GATHERING

Fort King National Historic Landmark

Saturday | March 28 | 5-9 p.m.

Enjoy storytelling and music. Bring a blanket/chair, non-alcoholic beverages and snacks.

### WILD EDIBLES HIKE

Fort King National Historic Landmark

Saturday | April 15 | 10 a.m.-noon

Learn about wild plants that are safe to eat. Wear proper hiking attire/bring water.

### EARTHVEST AT ARBOR DAY | YOUTH

FISHING DERBY | ART IN THE PARK |

MAYOR'S SPRING CLEANUP

Tuscawilla Park

Saturday | April 22 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tree rappelling, entertainment, food, crafts, tree giveaway and vendors. Sponsored by Ocala Star Banner/Ocala.com and The Martial Arts Center.

### MOTOWN DOWNTOWN

Citizens' Circle

Friday | May 5 | 5-9 p.m.

Entertainment by "O'Town." Food vendors/adult beverages. Sponsored by Ocala Star Banner/Ocala.com, The Martial Arts Center of Ocala and Rasmussen College.

### WILDERNESS SURVIVAL DAY

Fort King National Historic Landmark

Saturday | May 13 | 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

For beginners and seasoned campers. Wear proper attire, bring lunch/snack and water.

### OCALA GOLF CLUB | 352-401-6917

PINE OAKS OF OCALA | 352-401-6940

Join a league or play a round of golf.

### FORT KING TENNIS CENTER | 352-629-8453

Open to the public for lessons from certified tennis pros.

### THE FIRST TEE OF GREATER OCALA

Ages 6-15

After school/weekends at Ocala Golf Club/Pines Oaks of Ocala.

Call 352-362-2258 or go to [www.thefirstteegreaterocala.org](http://www.thefirstteegreaterocala.org).

### — E.D. CROSKY RECREATION CENTER —

### FUNTASTIC AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Mondays-Fridays | Now through May 25 | 2:15-6 p.m. | Ages 6-12

Homework help, educational FUN, fitness, activities/games and snack. \$25/person registration fee and \$60/person/month.

### CITY KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Mondays-Fridays | May 30-July 28 | 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. | Ages 5-12

Interactive presentations, games, team sports, arts, crafts, swimming and field trips! \$25/camper registration fee and \$65/week/camper. Register April 3-July 21.

### — LILLIAN F. BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER —

### AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT/

### OPEN RECREATION

Monday-Friday | Now through May 25 | 3-6 p.m. | Ages 5-17

Basketball, dodge ball, kickball, softball, volleyball, pool or ping pong; computer lab, homework assistance and snack.

### HIGH SCHOOL 2 COLLEGE

### WITH LIFE SKILLS COACHING

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays | Now through June 9 | 4-6 p.m.

We can help prepare for ACT/SAT, improve grades or deciding on colleges. Various speakers provide resources/assistance.

### FIT KIDS!

Mondays-Fridays | Year-round | 3-4:30 p.m. | K-8th Grade

Learn to make healthy choices and be active through games, snacks and family interaction.

### MRS. BRYANT'S SIZZLIN SUMMER CAMP

Ages 6-12 (must be entering seventh grade)

Mondays-Fridays | May 30-July 28 | 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Interactive presentations, games, team sports, arts, crafts and field trips! \$25/camper registration fee and \$55/week/child. Register April 3-July 21.

### — DISCOVERY CENTER —

### CREATE SCIENTISTS

Thursdays | 10-11 a.m. | Ages 2-5

March 2, 9, 23, 30 - Introduction to Magnets | April 6, 13, 20, 27 - Spring Science

Books, songs, experiments and projects. \$32/week/member. \$38/week/non-member.

### HOME SCHOOL THURSDAYS

Thursdays | 12:30-2 p.m. | Ages 8-12

March 2, 9, 23 - "CSI:" Learn cell structures, differences between animal cells and conduct osmosis/diffusion experiments and DNA extraction. Pre-register Feb. 1-Mar. 1 at noon.

April 6, 13, 20 - Wild Weather: Create a weather station, conduct experiments on how earthquakes trip tsunamis and how to prevent/fight wildfires. Pre-register Mar. 1-Apr. 1 at noon. \$32/session/member. \$37/session/non-member.

### GITTS - GIRLS INSPIRED TO TRY SCIENCE

Saturdays | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Ages 8-12

March 5 - Adventures in Engineering: Learn how mastering machines can make you stronger and how levers can make things fly! April 9 - Cookie Chemistry: Explore science of smells/tastes

while making sweets! Drink/pizza included. \$25/girl.

### SPRING BREAK CAMP: PROJECT GREEN

Monday-Friday | March 13-17 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Ages 8-13

Learn about our planet and ways to repurpose. \$47/camper registration fee and \$47/day/two days. \$37/day/three days. \$32/day/four days. \$27/day/five days.

### HOME SCHOOL THURSDAYS: STEAM

Thursdays | March 30 | April 27 | 12:30-2 p.m. | Ages 8-12

Carol Walker teaches how science and art interact. \$8/month/member. \$10/month/non-member. Pre-register Feb. 1-March 29 at noon for March session and March 1-April 26 at noon for April session.

### SUMMER CAMP

Mondays-Fridays | May 30-July 28 | 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

\$25/camper registration fee (opens April 15) and \$125/week/camper/non-member. \$115/week/camper/member. Extended day available.

### BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Mondays-Saturdays | Ages 5-13

Birthday parties with Science, Sweet Science or Rocket Science themes. 8-11 children \$20/child. 12-17 children \$17.50/child. 18-24 children \$15/child. No fee for birthday child.

### STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL | AGES 50+

Ages 50+ | Charter bus leaves Eighth Avenue Adult Activity Center at 8:30 a.m. and returns from Plant City at 7 p.m. | Thursday | March 9

\$36/person. Pre-register by March 2 at 352-629-8357.

### LUNCH-N-LEARN SERIES | AGES 55+

Eighth Avenue Adult Activity Center | 830 NE Eighth Ave.

Thursdays Mar. 23, Apr. 20, May 25 | 11 a.m.-noon

Join professionals for a complimentary lunch to discuss topics that affect adults. Pre-register at 352-629-8545 at least 48-hours prior to program dates.

### PARADE OF SENIOR SERVICES

Klein Conference Center/College of Central Florida

Friday | March 17 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Organizations share service information with seniors/families.

### SPRING SENIOR FISHING DERBY

Tuscawilla Park

Monday | April 24 | 9 a.m.-noon | Ages 50+

Hook up with us for some Fishing FUN!

### BRYANT WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Lillian F. Bryant Community Center | Ages 18+

Tuesdays, Thursdays | May 23-July 27 | 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Mandatory managers meeting May 16 at 6 p.m. \$20/person or \$300/team. Register April 3-May 12.

Get updates about upcoming programs and events sent to your inbox! Go to <http://www.ocalafl.org/subscribe.aspx> and sign up for eNotify. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram or follow our Blog.

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ADULTS

## ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL AT WRIGLEY FIELDS

Monday / 6:30 p.m. / Starting March 6

Players may pre-register online starting March 1. Pick up play will be on March 6, 13 and 20. Players may register at field during this time. League games get underway March 27. League limited to eight teams (maximum of 15 players per team). Register as a team or as an individual player. Players must be 17 years of age and older. Fee is \$25/player.

## ADULT AND YOUTH ARCHERY 101

Wednesday / Youth (8-16) 4 p.m. / Adult 6 p.m.

Session I – March 1-29 (no class 3/16) / Session II –

April 5-26 / Session III – May 3-24

A beginner archery program for youth and adults shooting under the lights at Brick City Adventure Park. Session fee: Adult: \$20/ Youth: \$15 month/person (4 classes).

## ADULT AND YOUTH ARCHERY – INTERMEDIATE

Thursday / Youth (8-16) 4 p.m. / Adult 6 p.m.

Session I – March 2-30 (no class 3/16) / Session II –

April 6-27 / Session III – May 4-25

An intermediate archery program for youth and adults shooting under the lights at Brick City Adventure Park. Our certified instructors will focus on expanding upon the fundamentals of shooting and incorporate exercises designed to improve shooting form and technique. Students must attend Archery 101 before signing up for this program. Session fee: Adult: \$30/ Youth: \$30 month/person (4 classes).

## BASIC WILD CAVING EXPERIENCE AT BRICK CITY ADVENTURE PARK

Saturday / 9 a.m. / March 25 / May 27

An excellent beginner program for participants, ages 8 to adult, who would like to explore an unimproved wild cave. Requires strenuous physical activity that includes climbing, crawling on hands and knees, and belly crawling on rocky surfaces in tight spaces. Participants should wear long pants, sturdy footwear and gloves. Caving gear provided. Fee: \$40/person.

## ECO TRAM TOURS

Carney Island / March 25

Sunnyhill Restoration Area / March 9 / April 8 / May 16  
Silver Springs Forest April 18 / May 13

Tour nature trails where local wildlife reside while riding on our accessible tram that can accommodate people with disabilities. Please advise staff of special accommodation requests at the time of registration. Some locations may require park entry fee as well. Tour time: 9 a.m. Fee: \$10/person.

## EXPLORE MARION COUNTY – INTERPRETIVE NATURE WALKS

Tuesdays / March 7 – Hopkins Prairie / March 21 –

Ft. King / April 11 – Blue Run / April 25 – Ross Prairie /

May 9 – Land Bridge / May 23 – Carney Island

Group meets at 8:30 a.m. at Brick City Adventure Park to travel to walk location, or you can meet at the designated park. Fee is \$2 / person. Transportation is available but van space is limited to 10 people and must be requested upon sign-up. Walks are 2-3 hours.

## KAYAK / PADDLEBOARD 101

AT CARNEY ISLAND

Kayak 101 - May 6

Paddleboard 101 – April 1

Introductory kayak/paddleboard program that provides basic instruction to the inexperienced paddler. Equipment provided. Program fee \$15/person, plus the park entrance fee. Class meets at 9:30 a.m.

## KAYAK AND KOFFEE®

Rainbow River (KP Hole Park®) – Thursdays / March 2 /

April 6 / May 4

Silver River (Silver Springs) - Thursdays / March 23 /

April 20 / May 18

Weekday outings on the Rainbow and Silver Rivers, ideal for beginners and those interested in nature and wildlife-viewing. Equipment provided. Fee is \$30 plus park user fee which varies by site. Fee includes equipment and

refreshments following the outing. Paddlers will meet at 9:30 a.m. at launch site.

## KAYAK / PADDLEBOARD OUTING

Chassahowitzka River / May 20 – Kayak Only

Kings Bay (Crystal River) / March 18 – Kayak Only

Santa Fe River / April 15 – Kayak Only

Silver River (Silver Springs) / April 29 – Kayak Only

Rainbow River / May 27 – Kayak and Paddleboard

Kayak outings for the experienced paddler. Participants are to meet at Brick City Adventure Park at 8:30 a.m. Fee is \$40/person plus the park user fee. Equipment and shuttle provided. Pre-registration required.

## MARION COUNTY SENIOR SOFTBALL (Spring League)

Men 55 and up / Women 50 and up

Ralph Russell Park / Monday / Wednesday / Friday

Interested in getting back into the swing of it... bat swing, that is. Fee \$25/player per season. New players welcome and may sign up in mid-season. Games start at 9 a.m. Friday Only Play also available. Spring league currently underway. Call 352-671-8560 for more information.

## MARTIAL ARTS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Mondays & Wednesdays / 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Interested persons should contact the Parks and Recreation Office to check on available times. Monthly fee \$70 per person, onsite registration only. (Additional fees may apply for uniforms and certifications)

## MOONLIGHT PADDLE

Rainbow River (KP Hole® Park)

March 11 / April 8 / May 13

Paddle the Rainbow River under the light of the moon. Launch from KP Hole® and paddle to the head springs. Equipment provided. Fee \$35/person (equipment provided) or \$20/person using your own equipment. Launch will vary based on moonlight schedule.

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT / Ages 6-13

Brick City Adventure Park / 5-9 p.m.

March 17 / April 21 / May 19

Join our friendly staff for an evening of indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts and game room fun! Pizza, Snacks and Drinks are provided. Program \$10 per child.

## OFF ROAD BIKING 101

Santos Bike Trail / April 22

All equipment is provided for a fee of \$30/person. Includes bike and helmet. Fee is \$20 if you bring your own off-road bike and helmet. These fees include a free basic equipment check (tire pressure, tighten loose fittings, and address any safety concerns).

## YOGA

Tuesdays / 6-7 p.m. / Brick City Adventure Park

Participants need to supply their own mats, towels and water. Program fee \$15/person per class or sign up for the month for \$50.

## ARCHERY CAMP / Ages 9-16

Brick City Adventure Park / Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Session I – June 26-30

Archery is an exciting sport for children that teaches hand-eye coordination, develops patience and builds confidence. This camp will touch on all of this under safe supervision. Different target mediums will be used to make the sport fun and interesting. Fee is \$80/child includes before care (7:30-8 a.m.) and after care (5-6 p.m.).

## EXTREME ADVENTURE CAMP / Ages 9-16

Brick City Adventure Park / Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Session I – June 12-16 / Session II – July 17-21 /

Session III – July 31-August 4

A fun-filled week of outdoor adventure that takes it to the extreme with challenging activities such as kayaking, paddle boarding, tubing, ropes challenge, zip lining or tree climbing. Fee is \$175/child and includes before care (7:30-8 a.m.) and after care (5-6 p.m.).

## FIRST RESPONDER CAMP / Ages 8-16

Brick City Adventure Park / Wednesday-Friday / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Session I – July 5-7

Spent the week learning what it takes to be a firefighter, police officer and EMT. This fun week of interacting with different agencies will give kids an inside look at the training and skills needed to become one of these highly skilled professionals. Fee is \$60/child includes before care (7:30-8 a.m.) and after care (5-6 p.m.).

## FIREWISE NATURE CAMPS / Ages 6-12

Brick City Adventure Park

Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Firewise Nature Camp for children ages 6-12, presents a fun new nature theme each week that includes a Firewise Community segment. This weekly camp includes hands on activities, arts & craft projects, hikes, games, highlighted by guest speakers and weekly field trips. Weekly fee \$100/child and includes before care (7:30-8 a.m.) and after care (5-6 p.m.).

Week 1 / June 5-9 / What's The Buzz

Week 2 / June 12-16 / Talking Trash

Week 3 / June 19-23 / Dynamic Duos

Week 4 / June 26-30 / Can You Hear Me Now

Week 5 / July 5-7 / What a Gas

Week 6 / July 10-14 / Fungus Among Us

Week 7 / July 17-21 / Fired Up

Week 8 / July 24-28 / Friendly Faces Important Places

## FISH CAMP / Ages 9-16

Brick City Adventure Park / Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Session I – June 5-9 / Session II – July 10-14

Youth will learn bank / boat fishing, boating safety, handling a small boat, types of tackle, casting tips, knot tying, fish identification, cleaning and preparing fish and fishing rules and etiquette. All campers will receive a rod and reel, tackle box and tackle. The final day will include a family fish fry. Fee is \$140/child and includes gear and includes before care (7:30-8 a.m.) and after care (5-6 p.m.).

## KAYAK / PADDLE BOARD / Ages 10-16

Brick City Adventure Park / Monday-Thursday / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Session I – June 19-23 / Session II – July 24-28

Learn the basic skills of kayaking and stand up paddling. Program includes instruction and local outings in the area. Please note that rain may play a factor in the weekly plans. Friday will be used as an alternate rain day. Fee is \$90/child and includes before care (7:30-8 a.m.) and after care (5-6 p.m.).

## SPRING BREAK OUTDOOR FUN CAMP / Ages 6-14

Brick City Adventure Park

Monday-Friday / March 13-17 / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

A week of outdoor fun with a variety of recreation activities that may include nature exploration, hiking, fishing, caving, water activities, crafts, etc. Before-and-after camp care (7:30-8 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.) Included. Fee is \$100 per child.

## OVERNIGHT FISH CAMP

Horse Shoe Lake

Saturday 2 p.m.-Sunday 11 a.m. / March 4-5

Offers an enjoyable outdoor recreation experience for the entire family. Activities include fishing instruction, boating safety, kayaking, camping basics, and night fishing. Children must be at least 8 years old. Fee is \$60 for a family of four and \$10 for each additional family member. Fee includes tents/camping equipment, meals and snacks. Participants must provide their own sleeping bags and personal items.

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CAMPERS