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■■■ MARION COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES ■■■

All programs are limited in size - PRE-REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT (IF APPLICABLE) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS.
Register for county recreation programs by going online at www.MarionParksRec.org.

ADULTS

BASIC WILD CAVING EXPERIENCE AT BRICK CITY ADVENTURE PARK

Saturday / 9 a.m. / June 17 / July 22 / August 19

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 is \$30/person.

KAYAK 101 AT CARNEY ISLAND

Saturday / 9:30 a.m. / July 1

Introductory kayak program that provides basic instruction to the inexperienced paddler. Equipment provided. Program fee \$15/person, plus park entrance fee.

KAYAK / PADDLEBOARD OUTING

Goes to Eureka (Ocklawaha River) / June 24 - Kayak Only
Silver River (Silver Springs) / July 15 - Kayak
Chassahowitzka River / July 29 - Kayak and Paddleboard
Fort Island (Crystal River) / August 12 - Kayak Only
Santa Fe River / August 26 - Kayak Only
Kayak outings for the experienced paddler. Participants are to meet at Brick City Adventure Park at 8:30 a.m. Fee is \$30/person plus the park user fee. Equipment and shuttle provided. Pre-registration required.

MOONLIGHT PADDLE

Rainbow River (KP Hole® Park)

Saturday / June 10 / July 8 / August 5

Paddle the Rainbow River under the light of the moon. Launch from KP Hole® and paddle to the head springs. Equipment provided. Fee \$30/person (equipment provided). Launch will vary based on moonlight schedule.

FREQUENT PADDLER CLUB

Each person who participates in one of our kayak outings receives a "Frequent Paddler Club" card. Our staff will punch it each time you participate in one of our trips. Once you have received six punch marks on your card, you will be eligible to receive a free kayak trip of your choice.

PRIVATE KAYAK OUTINGS, KAYAK 101 AND PADDLEBOARD CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONTACT MARION COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AT 352-671-8560 TO ARRANGE A PRIVATE OUTING/CLASS.

MARION COUNTY SENIOR SOFTBALL (Summer 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 \$40 per person, onsite registration only. (Additional fees may apply for uniforms and certifications)

PADDLEBOARD 101 AT CARNEY ISLAND June 3 / August 5 / 9:30 a.m.

Introductory kayak program that provides basic instruction to the inexperienced paddler. Equipment provided. Program fee \$15/person, plus park entrance fee.

YOGA

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

Participants need to supply their own mats, towels and water. Program fee \$10/person per class or sign up for the month for \$30.

ARCHERY CAMP / Ages 9-15

Brick City Adventure Park

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

Session I - June 26 - June 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 \$75/child.

EXTREME ADVENTURE CAMP / Ages 9-15

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.).

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 3, 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!

FIRST RESPONDER CAMP / Ages 8-16

Brick City Adventure Park

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

Session I - July 5-7

Spend the week learning what it takes to be a fire fighter, 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.).

FISH CAMP / Ages 9-15

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 MINI CAMP Ages 10-15

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 \$80/child and includes before care (7:30-8 a.m.) After care can be provided for an additional fee of \$20; pick up by 6 p.m.

SEARCH, REGISTER and PAY for
Marion County Parks and Recreation programs
24/7 from any device connected to the internet at
www.MarionCountyFL.org/Parks. For more information,
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352-671-8560 or email parks@marioncountyfl.org.

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the right at any time to adjust dates, prices,
and locations for all programs, rentals, and
memberships as considered necessary.



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

All programs and activities are complimentary unless otherwise noted. Preregister at <http://recreationandparks.ocalafl.org> or call 352-368-5517.

Volunteers needed. Call Connie Carroll at 352-368-5504 for details.

FAMILY

YOUTH

AFTER DARK IN THE PARK MOVIE SERIES

Fridays | 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Family friendly movies. Popcorn and drinks available. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs.

Jervey Gantt Recreation Complex | 2390 SE 36 Ave.

June 16 | "The BFG"

Join the BIG Friendly Giant for an outdoor movie adventure on the really GIANT screen!

Tuscawilla Park | 500 NE Sanchez Ave.

July 7 | "Pete's Dragon"

Join us for a blockbuster family entertainment event and see the Discovery Center's mini dragon demonstration.

SCULPTURE WALK/ SCAVENGER HUNT

Tuscawilla Park

Now-Sept. 17 | Sunrise-Sunset

Enjoy the sculptures and complete the sculpture hunt brochure (sponsored by Family Times magazine and Phillip D. Breske Photography) to receive complimentary admission to the Appleton Museum. Download brochure at www.ocalafl.org/outdoorsculpture.

OCALA DOWNTOWN MARKET

Corner of SE Third Street and SE Third Ave.

Wednesdays | 3-7 p.m.

Saturdays | Year round | 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Reap farm fresh produce, jellies, jams, kettle corn, boiled peanuts, crafts, plants and more! Bring the kids along to play at the new Market Park playground.

POOLS OPEN NOW THROUGH SEPT. 4

Call Carla at 352-401-3918 for details about classes, dates, sessions, and pool or table rental.

Hampton Aquatic FUN Center

255 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. | 352-622-6803

Jervey Gantt Aquatic FUN Center

2390 SE 36th Ave. | 352-624-2410

Admission/session | \$2/child | \$3/adult

Open swim sessions | Mondays through Saturdays |

11 a.m.-5 p.m. | Sundays | noon-5 p.m.

Sessions | 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m. | 1-2:50 p.m. |

3-4:50 p.m. | Weekends | Open to close

AQUABILITY | ALL AGES

Hampton Aquatic FUN Center

An adaptive aquatics program for individuals of all ages with special needs. \$25/person/session.

OCALA GOLF CLUB | 352-401-6917

PINE OAKS OF OCALA | 352-401-6940

Call the city golf courses to join a league or play a round of golf.

FORT KING TENNIS CENTER | 352-629-8453

Open to the public and offers all types of lessons from certified tennis professionals.

BUY A LOG, BUILD A FORT

Fort King National Historic Landmark

3925 E. Fort King St.

We need your help! The Fort King Heritage Association, Inc. is rebuilding historic Fort King on its original site. So what's missing? The fort! We need to sell 600 commemorative logs

to reconstruct the 162x152' palisades of the fort and two blockhouses. In exchange for the purchase of a log, your name will be permanently engraved on a plaque inside the visitor's center and you will receive membership in the Fort King Heritage Association. To purchase a log, please go to www.fkha.org or call 352-368-5533 for more information.

E.D. CROSKY RECREATION CENTER

CITY KIDS SUMMER CAMP | AGES 5-12 (must have completed kindergarten)

Mondays through Fridays | NOW through July 28

7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Play.Learn.Create.Discover. Activities, adventures, interactive games, sports, arts, crafts, swimming, field trips and more! Registration is open through July 21. One-time registration fee of \$25/camper and a weekly fee of \$75/camper.

FUTURE STARS BASKETBALL

AGES 6-17 (proof of age required)

Mondays through Fridays | June 5-July 27 | 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Your child will learn basketball skills, sportsmanship and teamwork. Skills clinic for ages 6-11 is 5:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, and for ages 12-17, it's Friday, June 2, 5:30-7 p.m. Games begin June 6. Fee is \$45/person. Register NOW through June 2 or call 352-401-3920 for details.

LILLIAN F. BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER

MRS. BRYANT'S SIZZLIN SUMMER CAMP

AGES 6-12 (must be entering 7th grade)

Monday-Fridays | Now through July 28 | 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Play.Learn.Create.Discover. Activities, adventures, interactive games, sports, arts, crafts, swimming, Lilly's Pad, field trips and more! Registration is open through July 21. One-time registration fee of \$25/camper. Resident fee is \$55/week/child. Non-resident fee is \$70/week/child.

CATCH KIDS CLUB | AGES K-8TH GRADE

Mondays through Fridays | Year-round | 3-4:30 p.m.

This complimentary program provides in-depth materials that promote and educate youth about making healthy choices as well as being active through games, snacks and family interaction.

DISCOVERY CENTER CAMPS

\$25/camper registration fee plus

\$115/week/member and \$125/week/non-member.

Registration is open NOW! Extended day available.

Visit mydiscoverycenter.org for more information.

OUTDOOR SUMMER CAMP | AGES 11-14

June 5-9 | Game of Life Build life skills w/finances, relationships with family, friends and yourself.

June 12-16 | What's the Buzz with the Bugs? Step into an entomologist's shoes and learn about bugs that amaze, scare, and help us.

June 19-23 | Pet Hospital Learn what makes the largest horses to the smallest bugs tick and what to do when a pet is bitten by one!

June 26-30 | Are You Afraid of the Woods? Learn how to build shelter, make a fire, and find edible plants.

July 3-7 | Endless Waters, Rivers of Time Water shapes and molds Florida's environment, creating the world's most

unique habitats and creatures. No class on July 4, will be prorated.

July 10-14 | Weird Florida Dive into the world of Floridian myths and legends and use science to explain or debunk them.

ADVENTURE SUMMER CAMP | AGES 8-12

June 5-8 | Shark Tank Polish your skills, create a product, pitch your idea, and try to outsell your neighbor.

June 12-16 | Pocket Monsters Let's use these magical make-believe creatures to inspire a look at taxonomy, evolution, ecosystems and games in our universe. What part and piece of our real world inspired the monsters of Pokemon? To solve the mystery is your cause!

June 19-23 | Bacteria, Blood Pressure, Bandages and Biology Learn the basics of healthcare and medicine and run a make-believe emergency room.

June 26-30 | Fabulous Fractals and Awesome Art Explore the world of fractals and play with the repeating nature of patterns in art.

July 3-8 | CSI Learn the science behind the tell-tale clues, observation, blood, fingerprints, handwriting, fibers, DNA and more! No camp on July 4, will be prorated.

July 10-14 | Sweet and Savory Where does chocolate come from? What is the buzz on bees?

July 17-21 | Set Sail with the Vikings Learn about fascinating finds in the desert, the power of water, unique items in far off lands and play the Viking game: hnfetafl.

July 24-28 | Magical Critters Learn about hidden pockets of magic in the Muggle World and play some Quidditch too!

THE FIRST TEE OF GREATER OCALA AGES 6-15

Life skills and core value classes after school/weekends at Ocala Golf Club and Pines Oaks of Ocala. Scholarships available. Call 352-362-2258 or go to www.thefirstteegreaterocala.org.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST SWIM LESSON AGES 3-14

Thursday | June 22 | 10:30 a.m.

Waterparks, pools and other aquatic facilities around the globe are joining together to build awareness about the vital importance of teaching children to swim to help prevent drownings. Hampton and Jervey Gantt Aquatic FUN Centers will host local WLSL lessons to make noise that swimming lessons saves lives. Contact Carla at 352-401-3918 for more information.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CAMP | AGES 11-15

Hampton and Jervey Gantt Aquatic FUN Centers

Monday through Friday | July 10-14 | 8 a.m.-noon

This camp provides a FUN and exciting way to capture your teen's attention and gives them a taste for professional lifeguarding. Must be able to swim front crawl 25 yards, submerge to a depth of 10 feet and tread water for one minute. Fee is \$75/person.

LEARN TO SWIM | AGES 3+

Hampton and Jervey Gantt Aquatic FUN Centers

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

70% of the Earth is covered in water. Protect your child by ensuring they know how to swim! Our lessons are taught by Certified Swim Instructors. No water wings or swimming aids allowed. \$55/person/session. Call 352-368-5517 for dates and times.

AQUASIZE | AGES 18+

Hampton Aquatic FUN Center

Class activities include: abdominal workouts, cardio, strength training, stretching, and toning. Buoyancy equipment is used and modifications will be demonstrated for all fitness levels. \$30/person/session.



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