

THE Fun TIMES



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

Space is limited! Register at www.MarionParksRec.org today!

JOIN IN THE FUN!

FREQUENT PADDLER CLUB

Join any of our kayak outings and receive a "Frequent Paddler Club" card. Once you have competed and marked six kayak outings, you'll earn a free kayak outing!



HOMESCHOOLER ART PROGRAM

Brick City Adventure Park

Wednesdays

9 a.m. | ages 5-9

10:15 a.m. | ages 10-15

No program on school holidays. Limited to 25 students.

Monthly fee: \$20/child

HOMESCHOOLER PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION CLUB

Brick City Adventure Park

Wednesdays

9 a.m. | ages 10-15

10:15 a.m. | ages 5-9

No program on school holidays.

Fee: \$12/month

MARTIAL ARTS

Brick City Adventure Park

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Mondays, Wednesdays

Monthly fee: \$40/person

Additional fees may be included.

PICKLEBALL DROP-IN GAMES

Coehadjoe Park

9 a.m. and 6 p.m. | Tuesdays

SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Ralph Russell Park

9 a.m. | Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Men: ages 55+ | Women: ages 50+

Season fee: \$25/person

SIGN UP TODAY!

ARCHERY 101

Brick City Adventure Park

Tuesdays

4 p.m. | ages 8-16

6 p.m. | adults

Dec. 5-26: Session I

Jan. 9-30: Session II

Feb. 6-27: Session III

Monthly fees: \$12/youth, \$15/adult



ARCHERY 102

Brick City Adventure Park

Wednesdays

4 p.m. | ages 10-16

6 p.m. | adults

Dec. 6-27: Session I

Jan. 10-31: Session II

Feb. 7-28: Session III

Monthly fees: \$15/youth, \$20/adult

ARCHERY INTRODUCTION

Brick City Adventure Park

9-11 a.m. | Dec. 9

Ages 8 and up

Monthly fees: \$8/youth, \$12/adult

BASIC WILD CAVING EXPERIENCE

Brick City Adventure Park

9 a.m.

Dec. 2 | Jan. 6 | Feb. 3

Session fee: \$25/person

ECO TRAM TOURS

9 a.m.

Silver Springs Forest | Dec. 14 | Jan. 13 | Feb. 1

Carney Island | Dec. 23 | Jan. 4

Sunnyhill | Dec. 28 | Jan. 18 | Feb. 15

Session fee: \$10/person

EXPLORE MARION COUNTY - INTERPRETIVE NATURE WALKS

8:30 a.m. | Brick City Adventure Park

Orange Creek South | Dec. 5

Orange Creek North | Dec. 16

Eaton's Sinkhole | Dec. 19

Yearling Trail | Jan. 9

Ross Prairie | Jan. 20

Silver Springs State Park | Jan. 23

Silver Springs Forest | Feb. 6

La Chula-Micanopy | Feb. 10

Hopkins Prairie | Feb. 20

FAMILY CAMPOUT

2 p.m. Saturday-11 a.m. Sunday | Ages 8+

Horseshoe Lake Park | Jan. 27-28

Carney Island | Feb. 24-25

Guided activities: boating, kayaking night fishing, and more! Tents, equipment, meals and snacks included. Just bring your own sleeping bags and personal items.

Session fee: \$8/ages 12 and under, \$16/ages 13 and up

KAYAK AND KOFFEE®

Silver River (Silver Springs)

9:30 a.m. | Thursdays

Dec. 21 | Jan. 25 | Feb. 22

Equipment and snacks included.

Fee: \$30/person

KAYAK AND PADDLEBOARD OUTINGS

for the experienced paddler

8 a.m. | Brick City Adventure Park

Chassahowitzka River | Dec. 7

Ocklawaha River | Dec. 30

Weeki Wachee River | Jan. 11

Wekiva River | Jan. 20

Suwannee River | Feb. 8

Ichetucknee River | Feb. 17

Equipment and shuttle provided.

Fee: \$35/person, plus park user fee

MOONLIGHT PADDLE

Rainbow River (KP Hole® Park)

Dec. 2 | Jan. 6 | Feb. 3

Launch times based on moonlight schedule.

Session fees: \$35/person includes equipment or \$20/person with your own equipment.

NEW YEAR'S FAMILY CAMPOUT

2 p.m. Sunday-11 a.m. Sunday | Ages 8+

Dec. 31-Jan. 1 | Carney Island Little Lake Weir

Tents, equipment, meals and snacks provided. Just bring your own sleeping bag and personal items.

Session fee: \$8/ages 12 and under, \$16/ages 13 and up

NIGHTTIME ADVENTURES

6 p.m. | Dec. 1 | Carney Island night tram

6 p.m. | Jan. 26 | Horseshoe Lake night

hike

4:30 p.m. | Feb. 2 | Carney Island

sunset tram

Nature trail hikes take up to 3 hours with rest stops.

Fee: \$3/person



SEARCH, REGISTER and PAY ONLINE for Marion County Parks and Recreation programs at MarionParksRec.org. Use our QR code to view program alerts. For more information, please contact Marion County Parks and Recreation at 352-671-8560 or park@marioncountyfl.org.

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

All programs and activities are complimentary unless otherwise noted. Preregister at www.ocalafl.org/recparks or call 352-368-5517.

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

LET'S SKATE OCALA!

Downtown Ocala

Now through Dec. 31 | Tuesday and Thursday: 5-9 p.m.
Friday: 5-10 p.m. | Saturday: Noon-10 p.m. | Sunday: 1-6 p.m.

An activity using synthetic "ice" that's so authentic you won't know the difference. Friday theme nights!

SANTA'S CALLING

Ocala Recreation and Parks

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday | Dec. 5, 6, 7 | 6-8:30 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will call from the North Pole to delight good little girls and boys.

SANTA ON THE SQUARE

Downtown Ocala

Tuesdays and Thursdays | Dec 5, 7, 12, 14, 19 and 21

A favorite family holiday program including a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, music, snacks and a hay ride!

AFTER DARK IN THE PARK

MOVIE SERIES

"ELF" | Citizens' Circle 151 SE Osceola Ave.

Friday | Jan. 15 | 7:30-9:30 p.m.

After inadvertently wreaking havoc on the elf community due to his ungainly size, a man raised as an elf at the North Pole is sent to the U.S. in search of his true identity. Please bring your own lawn chairs and blankets, popcorn and drinks will be available for a small fee.

"THE REVENANT" | Fort King National Historic

Landmark 3925 E. Fort King St.

Friday | Jan. 18 | 7-9 p.m.

A frontiersman on a fur trading expedition in the 1820s fights for survival after being mauled by a bear and left for dead by members of his own hunting team. Please bring your own lawn chairs and blankets; popcorn and drinks will be available for a small fee. (This movie is rated R; please use discretion with bringing children as some scenes are violent in nature.)

"SING" | Martin Luther King Recreation Complex 1510

NW Fourth St.

Friday | Feb. 16 | 7-9 p.m.

In a city of humanoid animals, a hustling theater impresario's attempt to save his theater with a singing competition becomes grander than he anticipates even as its finalists' find that their lives will never be the same. Please bring your own lawn chairs and blankets, popcorn and drinks will be available for a small fee.

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

Downtown Ocala

First Friday of each month | Dec. 1-May 4 | 6-9 p.m.

More than 30 visual/performing artists, shopping, and live entertainment! Display your art work for \$50.

VIP PREVIEW:

OUTDOOR SCULPTURE COMPETITION

Tuscawilla Art Park | 223 NE Fifth St.

Thursday | Feb. 15 | 5 p.m.

The evening will feature an exclusive preview of the 10 new sculptures, doevres paired with adult beverages, and a live musical performance by Meklit (Ehtio-American singer-songwriter and composer) to begin at 6 p.m. \$25/person.

LUCKY DIAZ AND THE FAMILY JAM BAND ALL AGES

Tuscawilla Art Park | 223 NE Fifth St.

Saturday | Jan. 20 | 3 p.m.

Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band is an all-star group that lights up the stage with all their #1 Sirius XM Kids Place Live hits. Get ready for a hip-shaking, head bopping dance party explosion! Tickets are free with purchase to the Discovery Center's exhibit Super Kids Save the World or \$2/person.

STUDENT AND EMERGING ARTIST

COMPETITION CALL FOR ENTRIES

AGES 16-30

City Hall | 110 SE Watula Ave.

Submit entries Jan. 22-Mar. 20 by 5 p.m.

The City of Ocala and Magnolia Art Xchange invites local artists to enter this competition, which will result in an exhibit at City Hall with an opening reception and awards ceremony in May.

ARC EXHIBIT

City Hall | 110 SE Watula Ave.

Friday | Jan. 12-Mar. 11 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

ARC Marion creates opportunities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live, work and play to the fullest of their abilities. When not learning job skills performing contract work for local manufacturers, adults in the Adult Day Training program have the opportunity to express themselves through art. Their artwork includes paintings, drawings, sculpture, collages, beadwork and more. Each piece of art is a unique reflection of the individual.

ROTARY DISCOVERY FEST

Tuscawilla Park | 500 NE Sanchez Ave.

Saturday | Feb. 10 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Celebrate Central Florida ranching heritage with a cattle drive, themed music, food, vendors, shows, entertainers and kid's area.

OCALA DOWNTOWN MARKET

Saturdays | 9 a.m.-2 p.m. | Rain or shine

Locally grown produce, jellies, jams, kettle corn, boiled peanuts, crafts, plants and a new kid's playground!

LILLIAN F. BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER

2200 NW 17th Pl. | 352-629-8389

FUN ZONE | AGES 5-18

Mondays through Fridays | Year-round | 2-6 p.m. (Now through May 24 after school) | 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (during school holidays, teacher workdays, summer)

Indoor/outdoor sports and games, video games, arts/crafts, painting, drawing, jewelry making, computer lab, and homework help! Closed holidays.

WINTER WONDERLAND CAMP | AGES 5-12

Wednesday-Friday | Dec. 20-22 | 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Mini Camp during the winter holiday break. Activities include: Arts & Crafts, sports, field trips, games, etc. \$15/child non-refundable registration fee. \$60/child program fee. Register now!

HOMESCHOOL P.E. PROGRAM | AGES 6-11

Tuesdays through Thursdays | Jan. 3-March 29 | 10-11 a.m.

The schedule varies weekly but includes basketball, soccer, tag games, dodge ball, table games, and various physical fitness activities. \$10/child non-refundable registration fee. Program fee is \$40/month/child. Registration opens Nov. 17.

E.D. CROSKY RECREATION CENTER

1510 NW Fourth St. | 352-401-3920

FUNTAGS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

AGES 5-12

Mondays-Fridays | Now through May 24 | 2-6 p.m.

Healthy snacks, homework help, educational FUN, fitness, arts/crafts, computer lab, indoor/outdoor games, sports and field trips. \$60/month/child. Registration NOW through May 3 for \$25/child.

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DODGEBALL | AGES 18+

Tuesday-Thursday | Jan. 1-Feb. 27 | 7 p.m.

Fun, competitive, recreational dodgeball league. \$150/team. Register now!

CAREER EXPLORATION | AGES 5 TO 18

Mondays | Dec. 6-Jan. 31 | 6-7 p.m.

Learn what it takes to apply for a job, prepare yourself, and how to dress for a job interview. Register now through Jan. 31.

ZUMBA | AGES 5 TO 18

Wednesdays | Dec. 6-Jan. 31 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Move to the beat at your own speed with Zumba classes. These invigorating, dance-fitness classes provide modified, low impact moves and easy to follow pacing who love a healthy, active lifestyle. Fee is \$25/month. Register now through Jan. 31.

FORT KING NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

3925 E. Fort King St. | 352-368-5533

A FIGHT FOR FREEDOM:

THE ATTACK ON FORT KING

Saturday and Sunday | Dec. 2 and 3 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Second Annual Re-enactment. Tensions are high as Indian Agent Wiley Thompson clashes with Osceola over removal of Native Americans to Indian Territory. \$5 entry fee.

STORYTELLING IN THE FORT:

A SOLDIER'S STORY | ALL AGES

Saturday | Dec. 2 | 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Fireside stories of the Seminoles, soldiers, and old Florida trails.

FORT KING LECTURE SERIES | ALL AGES

Friday | Jan. 19 and Feb. 16 | 6-8 p.m.

Join us as we address social, historical, and environmental issues of Fort King and the Seminole Wars.

AUDUBON BIRD HIKE | ALL AGES

Saturday | Jan. 13 | 8 a.m.

Marion Audubon Society presents a morning bird hike. Come learn and see some of the fascinating birds that can be found in your own back yard.

COEXISTING WITH FLORIDA WILDLIFE

ALL AGES

Saturday | Jan. 20 | 10 a.m.

Learn the do's and don'ts of encountering wild animals that deserve our care and respect.

VALENTINE'S CONTRA DANCE

IN THE FORT

Wednesday | Feb. 14 | 7-10 p.m.

Contra dance is a folk dance made up of long lines of couples. It has mixed origins from English country dance, Scottish, French dance styles in the 17th century. Enjoy a night filled with live music, candlelight and dancing, perfect for Valentine's Day!

HISTORIC HOMESTEADING | ALL AGES

Saturday | Feb. 17 | 10 a.m.

Learn traditional self-sufficiency skills and crafts just like the pioneers. \$10/person.

DISCOVERY CENTER

701 NE Sanchez Ave. | 352-401-3900

MAD SCIENTIST BIRTHDAY PARTIES

AGES 5-10

Saturdays | Now through May 31 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Two hour party

Experiments, games, goody bags, and decorations! 8-11 children is \$20/child, 12-17 children is \$17.50/child and 18-24 children is \$15/child. \$50 deposit required one week prior to party date.

SUPER KIDS SAVE THE WORLD | ALL AGES

Now through Jan. 20

Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | Saturday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Learn how to reduce, reuse, repair and recycle. \$6/person or \$20/family.

WILD WEATHER | ALL AGES

Feb. 23-Apr. 28

Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | Saturday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Learn the ways of weather through hands-on exhibits focusing on wind and water, air and heat, light and sound. \$6/person or \$20/family.

WILD WEATHER VIP RECEPTION

Saturday | Feb. 3 | 10 a.m.-3p.m.

Guests in attendance will have the opportunity to get an exclusive preview of the exhibit. Light refreshments will be provided and a cash bar will be available. Open to the public. \$6/person or \$10/family.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Fridays | 6-9 p.m.

Dec. 8 (Ages 5-8) | Jan. 26 (Ages 9-12) | Feb. 16 (Ages 5-8)

Enjoy after hours fun! Pizza provided \$15/child/night.

SUPER SATURDAYS | ALL AGES

Saturdays | 2-2:45 p.m.

Dec. 23 and 30 | Feb. 24 | Mar. 24 and 31 | Apr. 28

Get an in-depth look at our current exhibit. Program includes story time, hands-on science and a craft. \$8/person.

HOMESCHOOL TUESDAYS | AGES 8-12

Tuesdays | Dec. 5, 12 and 19 | 2-3 p.m.

Labs, demonstrations, and science activities for homeschoolers. A different topic each month! Pre-register by Nov. 20. \$32/member/month. \$36/non-member/month.

HOMESCHOOL STEAM | AGES 8-12

Tuesday | Dec. 19 | 2-3 p.m.

STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics. \$8/member. \$10/non-member.

CREATE SCIENTISTS | AGE 2-4

Tuesdays | Dec. 5, 12 and 19 | 11 a.m.-noon

You are never too young to be a scientist! Come along as we introduce your little Einstein into the many facets of science through story books, songs, simple experiments, and hands-on projects that will feed their minds and sometimes their tummy! Pre-register by Nov. 22. \$32/member/month. \$36/non-member/month.

SCIENCE KIDS | AGES 5-8

Tuesdays | Dec. 5, 12 and 19 | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Fun projects, experiments, and books! \$32/month/member. \$36/month/non-member.

SCIENCE LAB/LEGO ROBOTICS | AGES 8-12

Tuesdays | Dec. 5, 12 and 19 | 3:30-5 p.m.

Experiment with fun and science! Program your own robot. \$32/month/member. \$36/month/non-member.

BARBARA G. WASHINGTON ADULT ACTIVITY CENTER

210 NE 12th Ave. | 352-629-8638

JANUARY BUS TRIP | ST. AUGUSTINE

Wednesday | Jan. 17 | 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Shopping and Sightseeing, the historic nation's oldest city. A fascinating private tour that features 22 stops and over 100 points of interest. The town trolley allows you to get on and off at any convenient stop. Ages 50+. \$45/person. Space is limited, call ahead to reserve your spot!

EIGHTH AVENUE ADULT ACTIVITY CENTER

830 NE 8th Ave. | 625-629-845

SNACKS AND FACTS DAY TRIPS | AGES 50 +

Jan. 31 | Appleton Museum Tour

Feb. 21 | Geocaching at Tuscawilla Park

UGLY SWEATER PARTY | AGES 50 +

Saturday | Dec. 16. | 3-5 p.m.

May all your sweaters be ugly and bright as you indulge in sweet treats sure to delight! Join us in our holiday celebration! Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 ugliest sweaters!

PAINT YOUR OWN CANVAS AND WINE TASTING | AGES 50+

Saturday | Jan. 20 | 3-5 p.m.

A special evening of wine and painting on canvas. Create a colorful painting while sipping delicious wine in a fun and social atmosphere.

SWEETHEART BALLROOM DANCING

Saturday | Feb. 17 | 3-5 p.m.

Ballroom dance is a fun and easy to learn form of dance. Our active adults will learn the basic social dance patterns in dances such as Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Cha Cha etc.) The classes include instruction, practice and socializing.

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