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

PRE-REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT (IF APPLICABLE) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS.  
Register for county recreation programs by going online at [www.marioncountyfl.org](http://www.marioncountyfl.org)

ADULTS

### BASIC WILD CAVING EXPERIENCE AT BRICK CITY ADVENTURE PARK

Saturday / June 2 / July 7 / August 4 / 9 am

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### KAYAK 101 AT CARNEY ISLAND

Saturday / June 23 / July 28 / August 25 / 9:30 am & 12 pm

This is an introductory kayak program for those with little or no kayak experience. The program provides instruction on getting in/out of a kayak, paddling techniques and safety tips followed by a short paddle to test your skills. Program fee \$13/person, plus the park entrance fee. Pre-registration is required.

### KAYAK OUTINGS

Juniper Creek - June 24 / July 8 / August 18

Ocklawaha River (Ray Wayside to Gores Landing) - June 3 / June 30 / July 29

Ocklawaha River (Gores Landing to Eureka) - June 16 / July 15 / August 19

Rainbow River (KP Hole) - August 24

Silver River (Ray Wayside) - June 10 / July 21 / August 26

Kayak outings for the experienced paddler. Participants are to meet at the designated launch site by 8:30 am. Fee is \$29/person (includes kayak, paddles, life jackets and snacks) plus the park user fee which varies per site. Pre-registration required.

### PADDLEBOARD / STAND UP PADDLING 101 AT CARNEY ISLAND / AGES 10+

Saturday / June 9 / July 14 / August 11 / 11 am & 1 pm

Tuesdays / June 26 / July 24 / August 21 / 9 am & 12 pm

Paddleboard / Stand-Up Paddling (SUP) is the latest outdoor activity to hit the waters. SUP has become a popular water fitness activity of all ages requiring one to utilize upper body strength with balance and coordination. Fee is \$7 / plus the park user fee which varies per site. Pre-registration required.

PRIVATE KAYAK OUTINGS, KAYAK 101 and PADDLEBOARD CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE.  
PLEASE CONTACT THE MARION COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO ARRANGE AT (352) 671-8560.

### EXTREME ADVENTURE CAMP / AGES 8-15

Monday-Friday / August 13-17 / 8 am-5 pm

A fun filled week of outdoor adventure that takes it to the extreme. Enjoy a variety of outdoor activities that includes kayaking, tubing, caving, rappelling and rock climbing, as well as an overnight campout. Fee is \$115/child.

### FIREWISE NATURE CAMPS / AGES 6-12

Monday-Friday / 8 am-5 pm

Firewise Nature Camp, a summer nature camp program for children ages 6-12, presents a fun new nature theme each week that includes a Firewise Community segment. Our weekly camps will include hands on activities, arts and craft projects, hikes, games, highlighted by guest speakers and field trips. No camp July 4th. Camp held at Brick City Adventure Park. Weekly fee is \$85/Child.

Week 1 / June 11-15 "Be Brilliant, Rise to the Occasion, Renew Your Energy"

Week 2 / June 18-22 "More Rock Than Meets the Eye"

Week 3 / June 25-29 "Don't Let the Little Things Bug You"

Week 4 / July 2-6 "Scary Enemy! Leap Over Obstacles"

Week 5 / July 9-13 "Gearing Up!!"

Week 6 / July 16-20 "Hardware - Mind Your Teeth"

Week 7 / July 23-27 "Sending Morse!"

Week 8 / July 30-August 3 "Walk-About... Map It Out"

Week 9 / August 6-9 "Dinners on the Ground"

### FISH CAMP / AGES 8 - 15

Monday-Friday / August 6-10 / 8 am-5 pm

Youth will learn bank / boat fishing, boating safety, types of tackle, casting tips, knot tying, fish identification, how to clean and prepare fish, fishing rules, and more. All youth will receive rod and reel and tackle box with fishing gear. The final day will include a family fish fry. Fee is \$130 / week and includes your gear. Program enrollment is limited. Register early.

### KAYAK / PADDLEBOARD MINI-CAMP / AGES 10-15

Monday-Thursday / June 11-14 / 8 am-1 pm

Learn the basic skills of kayaking as well as the latest "stand up paddling" (SUP) sport. Program includes instruction and local outings in the area. Participants meet at Brick City Adventure Park. Fee is \$75 / child. For additional information email [cathy.norris@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:cathy.norris@marioncountyfl.org) or call (352) 671-8560.

### SUMMER MINI-CAMPS / AGES 6-12

Monday-Thursday / June 18-July 19 / 8 am-2 pm

Our "Summer Mini-Camps" are offered at several area summer school sites. Administrative Fee is \$20/child. Breakfast and lunch program will be available at most "Summer Mini-Camp" sites. Camp site information will be available in April and available by visiting [www.marioncountyfl.org](http://www.marioncountyfl.org) and clicking on the Parks and Recreation page. You may also contact Dan Burleigh at (352) 671-8560 or email [daniel.burleigh@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:daniel.burleigh@marioncountyfl.org).

### SUMMER "ROCK" AT REDDICK

Monday-Thursday / June 18-July 26 / 8:30 am-12:30 pm

It's "Recreation Outreach for Community Kids" (ROCK) at the Historic Reddick Gymnasium this summer. The ROCK Program will offer a variety of activities throughout the summer weeks which your child can take part in. Don't be bored this summer... join us each day and take part in a variety of fun games, relays, crafts and sports. Administrative fee is \$12/child for the summer program. "ROCK" at Reddick requires pre-registration before a child can participate. No camp program on July 4th. For information on Reddick programs please contact [cathy.norris@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:cathy.norris@marioncountyfl.org) or [danny.smith@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:danny.smith@marioncountyfl.org) or call (352) 671-8560.

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All Programs are limited in size and require pre-registration. For more information please call (352) 671-8560 or email [cathy.norris@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:cathy.norris@marioncountyfl.org).

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*Unless otherwise noted in program description, all programs at all locations require preregistration. Go online to <http://RecreationandParks.OcalaFl.org> OR call or visit the facility at which the program is offered for assistance.*

ADULTS

**ADULTS | \$2.50 | Pool Pass \$40 (25 admissions)**

**CHILD | \$1.50 | Pool Pass \$30 (35 admissions)**

Mon-Fri | 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m. | 1-2:50 p.m. | 3-4:50 p.m.

Sat | 11 a.m.-5 p.m. | Sun 12 noon-5 p.m.

**Jervey Gantt Aquatic FUN Center | 2390 SE 36 Ave.**

Open May 19-September 30 |

**Hampton Aquatic FUN Center | 255 NW Martin Luther King Blvd.**

Open May 26-September 3

CALL CARLA AT 401.3918 FOR MORE INFORMATION

## **AQUABILITY (AGES 5+)**

**Hampton Aquatic FUN Center | 401.3916 (Diane)**

Mon | June 4-25 | July 9-30 | August 6-27 | 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Tues | June 5-26 | July 10-31 | August 7-28 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Wed | June 6-27 | July 11-August 1 | August 8-29 | 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Thurs | June 7-28 | July 12-August 2 | August 9-30 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

An adaptive aquatics program for individuals of all ages with disabilities. \$22 per person per four-week session.

## **AQUASIZE (AGES 18+)**

**Hampton Aquatic FUN Center | 401.3916 (Diane)**

Tues & Thurs | June 5-28 | July 5-31 | August 2-30 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This class provides a workout to music that incorporates the use of buoyancy equipment, and includes stretching, cardiac, toning, strength training, and abdominal. Modifications will be demonstrated for all fitness levels. Limited to 20 participants. \$27 per Aquasizer.

## **LEARN TO SWIM (AGES 3+)**

**Jervey Gantt Aquatic FUN Center | Hampton Aquatic FUN Center | 401.3918 (Carla)**

Various sessions | First session begins June 11

Mon-Thur | Various times

Let our certified swim instructors teach your child how to swim! Sessions are comprised of eight 30-minute lessons and available in the mornings and evenings to meet your family's needs. The cost is \$50 per two-week session per child.

FAMILY FUN

## **FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK**

**Downtown Ocala | First Friday of each month | 6-8 p.m.**

Come downtown to see artists demonstrations and purchase works of art in a street fest atmosphere.

## **OCALA FARM MARKET**

**Downtown Square | Every Saturday | 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Nutritional, locally grown farm fresh produce, homemade jellies/jams, kettle corn, boiled peanuts, plants, and crafts.

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHTS**

**Jervey Gantt Aquatic FUN Center**

**2390 SE 36th Avenue | 401.3918 (Carla)**

Thurs | June 21 | July 5 & 19 | August 2 & 16 | 7:15-9 p.m.

Bring the entire family out to make waves with us. Price includes music, games, a hot dog, chips, and drink. \$4.50 per adult. \$3.50 per child.

## **RED, WHITE & BLUES**

**Tusawilla Park | 300-899 NE Sanchez Ave. | 629.8444 (Stan)**  
Tuesday | July 3 | 6-9 p.m.

A patriotic festival in honor of our country. Music, FUN, and food for the entire family.

## **SATURDAY IN THE PARK**

**Jervey Gantt Recreation Complex | 368.5505 (Ire)**

Saturday | July 21 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be health screenings, fitness demonstrations, clinics, games, and FUN for all ages!

## **TUSAWILLA TRADITIONS: FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL**

**Tusawilla Park | 300-899 NE Sanchez Ave. | 629.8444 (Stan)**

Saturday | August 4 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join us for a day of FUN-filled family traditions and games galore!

## **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

**Martin Luther King Recreation Complex**

**1510 NW 4th Street | 368.5505 (Ire)**

Saturday | August 11 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Let's celebrate going "Back to School." Backpacks and school supplies, health services, food, and entertainment will be provided. Parents must accompany their children.

## **BEGINNING GEOCACHING: CADET RANGER EXPLORERS (AGES 11-13)**

**Tusawilla Park | Girl Scout House**

**300-899 NE Sanchez Avenue | 368.5500 (Katherine)**

Saturday | June 9 | 10 a.m.-12 noon

The Ocala Park Rangers will teach the FUNdamentals behind this real world treasure hunting game that the whole family can enjoy. Supplies provided. \$10 per person. Limited to 25 participants.

## **FUTURE STARS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE (AGES 5-14)**

**E.D. Croskey Rec. Center | 1510 NW 4th St. | 401.3920 (Terri)**

Mon & Wed | Tues & Thurs | June 11-August 3 | 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Pledge to be a Future STAR: Sportsmanship. Teamwork. Attitude. Respect. This league focuses on age appropriate skill development. \$25 per player (includes a four day clinic).

## **DISCOVERY CENTER SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP (AGES 8-12)**

**Discovery Center | 701 NE Sanchez Avenue | 401.3900**

Monday-Friday | June 11-August 10 | 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

This camp will stimulate, entertain, and educate our campers with a different theme and activity each week. \$20 one-time registration fee. \$100 per member; \$110 per non-member. Limited to 25 preregistered participants.

## **COOL CROSKEY SUMMER CAMP (AGES 5-12)**

**E.D. Croskey Recreation Center**

**1510 NW 4th Street | 401.3920 (Terri)**

Monday-Friday | June 11-August 17 | 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Play. Learn. Create. Discover. Imagine a day filled with games, team sports, arts and crafts, swimming, and field trips. \$45 per person. Limited to 80 children.

## **SUMMER OPEN RECREATION (AGES 6+)**

**E.D. Croskey Rec. Center | 1510 NW 4th St. | 401.3920 (Terri)**

Mon-Fri 3 p.m. | Sat 1-6 p.m. | June 11-August 17

Youth will have FUN creating art projects, playing team sports or engaging in outdoor activities and games. The Learning Library offers a place to read a book or watch a movie. Limited to 30 children. FREE!

## **HOT FUN IN THE SUMMER TIME**

**Lillian Bryant Comm. Ctr | 2200 NW 17 Pl. | 629.8389 (Kelvin)**

Monday-Friday | June 11-August 17 | 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Register your child for activities such as dodge ball, softball, play Monopoly, Four Square, take field trips, participate in spelling/math bees, learn how to swim, and more! One time \$5 registration fee includes t-shirt and \$10 per week per child (includes snack/lunch M-T, child brings own snack/lunch on Fridays). \$5 discount when you register three or more children.

## **DOWNTOWN SUMMER JAMS**

**Downtown Square | 629.8444 (Stan)**

Fridays | June 15 | July 20 | August 17 | 7-10 p.m.

Back for a second season! Local young artists of all genres showcase their talent in this summer concert series.

## **LIL' RANGER EXPLORERS: "DON'T BUG ME" (AGES 5-7)**

**Heritage Nature Conservancy**

**1900 block of NE 3rd Street | 368.5500 (Katherine)**

Saturday | June 16 | 9-11 a.m.

Ocala Park Rangers and kids will set off on an adventure to identify different types of BUGS as well as their importance to our environment. \$5 per child. Limited to 25 children.

## **JR. RANGER EXPLORERS: AQUATIC ECOLOGY (AGES 8-10)**

**Tusawilla Park**

**300-899 NE Sanchez Avenue | 368.5500 (Katherine)**

Saturday | June 16 | 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Join the Ocala Park Rangers as they explore living creatures that dwell in our lake, and catch and identify insects' zooplankton, fish, and more. \$5 per person. Limited to 25 children.

## **JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CAMP (AGES 11-15)**

**Jervey Gantt Aquatic FUN Center**

**2390 SE 36th Avenue | 624.2410 (Carla)**

Monday-Saturday | June 18-23 | 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

This camp provides a FUN and exciting way to capture your teen's attention. Candidates must pass three prerequisites: Swim front crawl 25 yards, submerge to a depth of 10 feet, and tread water for one minute. \$75 per person.

## **DISCOVERY CENTER OUTDOOR CAMP (AGES 11-14)**

**Discovery Center | 701 NE Sanchez Avenue | 401.3900**

Mon-Fri | June 18-29 | July 9-20 | 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Get up off the couch and join this active and physically engaging camp. \$20 one-time registration fee. \$100 per member per session; \$110 per non-member per session.

## **FLICK & FLOAT**

**Hampton Aquatic FUN Center**

**255 NW Martin Luther King Blvd. | 401.3918 (Carla)**

Friday | July 13 | 8-10:15 p.m.

Come enjoy a splash in the pool while we watch a movie on the big screen. Movie TBD

## **JR. GOLF CLINIC (AGES 5+)**

**Ocala Golf Club | 3130 NE Silver Springs Blvd. | 401.6917**

Tuesdays | Year-round | 4-5 p.m.

Focus on basics of full swing and short game. \$5 per child per session.

## **ADULT SOFTBALL (AGES 18+)**

**Ocala Regional Sportsplex**

**3500 SW 67th Avenue | 401.3909 (Steve)**

Year-round | 6:45-10:30 p.m.

Sunday's co-ed league is laid back/recreational; Tuesday's men's league is relaxing/not ultra-competitive; Wednesday's co-ed league is top-notch competition for serious players; and Thursday's men's league is for tournament type play. \$275 per team.

## **MEN'S SOCCER (AGES 18+)**

**Ocala Regional Sportsplex**

**3500 SW 67th Avenue | 629.8444 (Stan)**

Sundays | Year-round | 12:00 noon and later

We're bringing competitive soccer back to Ocala! Sign your team up! We'll have leagues and tournaments including 11 vs 11 and 6 vs 6 competitions. Team fees TBA. Limited to 16 teams.

*The Ocala Recreation & Parks Department is seeking VOLUNTEER CITIZEN RANGERS to secure and promote parks, monitor activities, answer questions, assist park visitors, help with youth programs, special events, and public relations. Please contact Katherine at 368.5500 for details.*

## **SEARCH, REGISTER and PAY**

for all programs 24 hours per day, 7 days a week from any device connected to the internet at <http://RecreationandParks.OcalaFl.org>.

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