



WINTER PROGRAM & EVENTS GUIDE

Leisure Services

December 2009 - February 2010

Leisure Services Administration

705 Sunset Drive (706) 613-3800
 The Allen House, 205 Old Commerce Rd.
 (706) 613-3625

Arts Division

Athens Creative Theatre (ACT)

293 Gran Ellen Drive 706-613-3628

East Athens Educational Dance Center

390 McKinley Drive 706-613-3624

Lyndon House Arts Center

293 Hoyt Street 706-613-3623

Morton Theatre

195 W. Washington St 706-613-3770

Athletics Division

Bishop Park

705 Sunset Drive 706-613-3589

East Athens Community Park

200 Trail Creek Street 706-208-0185

Holland Youth Sports Complex

250 Vincent Drive 706-613-3604

Satterfield Park

3028 Cherokee Road 706-613-3589

Southeast Clarke Park

4440 Lexington Road 706-613-3871

Natural Resources

Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail

706-613-3616

Greenway

706-613-3615

Memorial Park

293 Gran Ellen Drive 706-613-3580

Sandy Creek Nature Center

205 Old Commerce Rd 706-613-3615

Sandy Creek Park

400 Bob Holman Rd 706-613-3631

Recreation Division

Broadacres Community Center

Broadacres Homes 706-613-3600

Columbus Senior Center

103 Columbus Avenue 706-613-3603

East Athens Community Center

400 McKinley Drive 706-613-3593

Thomas N. Lay Park

297 Hoyt Street 706-613-3596

Therapeutic Recreation

293 Gran Ellen Drive 706-613-3580

Parkview Community Center

Parkview Homes 706-613-3601

Rocksprings Community Center

105 Columbus Avenue 706-613-3602

Holiday Events

Santa's Mail Bag Have your child receive a personalized letter from Saint Nick himself. Download the form to give Santa all the info he needs at www.accleisure-services.com, or come by the Rocksprings Community Center or Memorial Park to pick it up. Your children will feel extra special this season when they get a Santa letter and know they were on his nice list this year. Registration begins Oct 17 and ends Dec. 17. Birth - 9 years, \$3 per child.

Christmas Bird Count for Kids For the love of birds, learn more about this citizen science project. Armed with binoculars, field guides and a checklist we will search for the birds making their home at Sandy Creek Nature Center. Sign up as individuals or as a team, 7-16 years, individuals will be grouped by age Sat. Dec. 5, 9 a.m. - Noon, Sandy Creek Nature Center. Please pre-register by calling (706) 613-3615, ext 0, \$6/ACC Residents, \$9/Non-ACC Resident.

"A Christmas Carol" Presented by Theatre IV America www.theatreiv.org Perhaps the best loved holiday story of all time, this adaptation of Dickens' classic is particularly suited to children. Each performance lasts approximately one hour. Wed., Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Morton Theatre, Tickets: \$7.50 - \$10 Tickets must be purchased IN ADVANCE ONLY by calling (800) 275-5005, or online at www.theatreiv.org.

Santa's Workshop at Broadacres Be an elf in Santa's workshop! You'll need to help decorate the tree, hang the lights, stuff the stockings, make food for the reindeer, and decorate cookies for Santa. We're sure he'll stop by to see if you've done a

good job. 4-12 years, Wed., Dec. 23, 4 - 6 p.m., \$3 per child. Call (706) 613-3603 to register.

LHAC Gallery Shop Holiday Market Ongoing, Tues. - Sat. from Noon - 5 p.m. LHAC Gallery Shop offers works by more than 85 area artists, many with national reputations.

Downtown Parade of Lights Thousands of people will be downtown to welcome Santa to Athens! You can participate with Santa during this float-oriented parade held annually in Downtown Athens. Visit www.accleisure-services.com/christmas_parade.shtml for current information, along with downloadable entry forms. Entry Date: Nov 19, by 4:30 p.m., at Bishop Park, Entry Fee: \$40 Parade Date: Dec 3, 7 p.m. Parade Location: Downtown Athens, City Hall, corner of College and Washington Contact: markmccoy@co.clarke.ga.us (706) 613-3589

Holiday Glass Brick Luminaries at Sandy Creek Park Decorate and illuminate a holiday glass brick. We will provide everything you need including brick, lights, hot glue and bows. When you register let us know how many you will be making, so that we have enough supplies. 13 years and older, Sat, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. - Noon, Pre-registration is required by calling (706) 613-3631, by Dec 3, \$18/ACC Resident (* price per finished glass brick) \$22/Non-ACC Resident

Happy Holidays Concert at East Athens Community Center! Join us as we spend the evening listening to local choirs. 6 years and older, Sun, Dec 6, 4- 5:30 p.m., \$1, Call (706) 613-3593.

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Winter Registration Begins Saturday, October 17 for ACC Residents Only

Holiday Events, (continued from front)

“Finding Home: A Christmas Musical”

Presented by Cornerstone Productions
www.cornerstoneproductionsonline.com
Everyone gets wrapped up in the busyness of the season, but it takes a storm to bring everyone together and reveal the true meaning of Christmas. This Broadway style musical is full of toe-tapping songs, original ballads, and familiar Christmas carols: Dec. 10-13, Thurs. & Fri – 7:30 p.m. Sat. – 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sun. – 3 p.m. Morton Theatre. Advance tickets: \$10 Adults, \$8 Seniors, Students, and Children Day of Show: \$15 Adults, \$10 Seniors, Students, and Children (706) 613-3771

Holidays Around the World Learn how other countries celebrate Christmas. Hear stories, make crafts, sample holiday foods from other lands, and find out which Santa visits us! 6-12 years, Fri., Dec. 11, 4-6 p.m., \$3 per child, Rocksprings Community Center. Registration is required by calling (706) 613-3603.

Breakfast with Santa Join Santa for breakfast, and enjoy crafts and activities for children as well as your chance to talk to Jolly Old St. Nick (photo included). For families (children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult), Sat., Dec. 12, 8-8:45 a.m. OR 9-9:45 a.m. OR 10- 10:45 a.m., Sandy Creek Nature Center Please pre-register by calling (706) 613-3615, ext. 0, \$5/ACC resident, \$7/ Non-ACC Resident

Holiday Hay Ride at Rocksprings Park Bring your family to enjoy a winter morning hayride with hot cocoa and cookie decorating. Take home a picture with Santa. All ages, Sat., Dec. 12, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$3 per person, Registration is required by calling (706) 613-3603

Atlanta Ballet’s Nutcracker at the Fox Theatre Senior Adult Trip Join us to enjoy this beloved holiday classic. Sat, Dec 12, Depart from Memorial Park at Noon show begins at 2 p.m, \$40 per person. Call (706) 613-3603 to register.

Parent’s Day Out: The Holidays are Coming! We invite all elementary aged students to spend a day at the park with us while parents do some holiday shopping! We’ll enjoy a program in the zoo, create some fabulous arts & crafts, play games, make a

healthy snack, & watch a movie! Sat, Dec 12 10 a.m.-3 p.m.. Memorial Park (Can drop in and out!) Please bring a bag lunch!. Pre-registration required: Oct. 17-Dec. 9. Call (706) 613-3580 for more information or to register. \$0-\$10 ACC residents, \$15 Non-ACC residents

Holiday Open House for Historic House Museums Sat, Dec 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Open House reception held in conjunction with three other historic houses in Athens, the Church-Brumby House, the Taylor-Grady House and the T.R.R. Cobb House. The Ware-Lyndon House will be decorated by Ladies Garden Club with traditional holiday decor of the period, Mid – Late 1800’s, featuring displays of live greenery. Light refreshments will be served and there will be holiday craft-making activities for the family. Call (706) 613-3623 for details. Free.

Kids’ Christmas Party at East Athens Community Center. Come for a night of fun and games as we celebrate Christmas with Santa and everyone in the community. K – 5th Grades, Thurs, Dec 16. 5- 6:30 p.m. Registration Deadline: Dec 1, Fee: TBD.

Tikes, Trikes & Strollers- Winter Wonderland Bundle up your toddlers and go for a quick spin down the Greenway. Bring a scooter, stroller, tricycle or bike to decorate, then we’ll have hot chocolate, snacks and games. Call (706) 613.3615, ext. 242 for more information and to pre-register. Preschool ages, must be accompanied by an adult. Thurs, Dec.17, 1-2:30 p.m., \$2/ACC Resident, \$5/Non-ACC Resident

Youth Christmas Party at Lay Park Have your very own time with Santa and tell him how good you’ve been all year! Refreshments and prizes provided. 3 – 10 years, Thurs, Dec. 17, 5 p.m. (706) 613-3596. Fee: TBD.

Elves Workshop Join the elves at Sandy Creek Park’s workshop and make some last minute holiday gifts for your family and friends. Games and activities, too! 5-12 years, Fri, Dec. 18, 3:30 – 6 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling (706) 613-3631, by Dec 16. \$8/ACC Resident per child, \$10/ Non-ACC Resident per child.

Breakfast with Santa Join St. Nick for

breakfast, and enjoy crafts & activities for children as well as a chance to talk to Kris Kringle himself! (Photo included). For families, children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult, Sat, Dec 19, 9 -9:45 a.m. OR 10 -10:45 a.m., Memorial Park. Pre-registration required by Dec 17. Space is limited to 40 people per session. Call (706) 613-3580 for more information or to register. \$6/ACC Resident, \$9/Non-ACC Resident.

Breakfast with the Grinch He’s a mean one, but he will pose for pictures while we serve up pancakes and orange juice, enjoy a Grinchy craft, and have a candy cane hunt. 2-8 years, Sat, Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-Noon, Rocksprings Community Center, \$3 per person Registration required by calling (706) 613-3603.

Day off School Programs: Happy Holidays! We’ll spend these days playing games, making crafts, enjoying zoo programs, and making snacks that relate to Christmas, Hanukkah & New Year’s! We’ll also travel to the local movie theater for a family friendly film on the second day. (Activities differ daily). Be sure to bring a bag lunch! Elementary School Students Mon., Dec. 21 & Tues, Dec 22 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Memorial Park Recreation Hall. Pre-registration required by Dec 17. Minimum 10 participants, maximum 30. May register for one day or both. \$15/ACC Resident; \$23/Non-ACC Resident per day.

Invasive Crafts! Learn to make holiday crafts out of invasive plants harvested from the Greenway! We will also learn why these plants are invasive, the harm they cause and the best way to remove them. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Tues, Dec 22, 10 a.m. - Noon, \$2 / ACC Resident, \$5/Non-ACC Resident

Parkview Express! Santa Claus is coming’ to Parkview! Join us for Christmas treats, crafts, a candy cane hunt, get your picture made with Santa, and enter the drawing to win your own copy of the classic Christmas tale, *The Polar Express*. Birth-12 years, Tues, Dec 22, 5 p.m., \$3. Call (706) 613-3603 to register.

Cookies for Santa at Lay Park. Get ready

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Programs for All Ages

for Santa's arrival, make cookies, decorate and take home. 12 years and under, Wed, Dec. 23, 3 p.m. \$1/ACC Resident/ \$2/Non-ACC Resident (706) 613-3596

Winter Blast Holiday Camp at Lay Park. Enjoy recreational activities, art & crafts, cooking. 6 - 12 years, Mon. Dec. 28 – Wed Dec. 30, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Registration begins Oct 17 \$11/ACC Resident, \$17/Non-ACC Resident. (706) 613-3596

Holiday Mini Camp at East Athens Community Center Consists of crafts, board games, and themed activities. 6-12 years, Dec 28 - Dec. 30, Noon - 4 p.m., Register by Dec. 18, \$18, (706) 613-3593 for details.

Mini-Camp "Gifts from Nature"
The holidays are the season of giving. Join us for this three day camp as we discover the gifts that we receive from nature. Each day we will explore nature, make crafts and share a snack. The last day of camp we will celebrate New Year's at Noon., 4-12 years, Tues-Thurs Dec. 29, 30, 31, 9:30-12:30 p.m. ENSAT, Sandy Creek Nature Center. Please pre-register by calling (706) 613-3615, ext 0, \$16/ACC resident), \$24/Non-ACC Resident.

FOR ALL AGES Arts Division

Athens Creative Theatre
(706) 613-3628

Audition - Reader's Theatre "Old Time Radio Show" (show dates: Feb. 12-14, 19-21, 2010) Ages 16 years and older, Audition Date: Jan. 7: 6:30-9:30 p.m. (by appointment only) Call (706) 613-3628, starting Dec. 7 to make an audition appointment.

"Old Time Radio Show" Turn back time to the golden days of yesteryear when only "The Shadow" knew what evil lurked in the hearts of men! Or who killed who or cheated on who.... Stay tuned for the next exciting adventures of ACT's Reader Theatre Festival When "Old Time Radio Show" programs come to life before your very eyes! Feb 12, 13, 19, 20, 7:30 p.m. Feb 14 and 21: 3 p.m. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors/student/ children(\$2 off ticket price if have group of 10 or more)

Quinn Hall at Memorial Park, (706)-613-3628 for reservations.

Audition- Female Rep group: "Anybody for Tea" and "In Juliet's Garden" show dates: Mar. 4-7, 2010) "Anybody For Tea" by C.B. Gilford is a marvelous comedy about a house full of older women who become smitten with the homicide detective that lives across the way. When their polite invitations to tea remain unrealized they resort to more drastic measures- homicide! Come enjoy this rollicking farce and see who's left standing when the last cup of tea falls to the floor!

Audition - "In Juliet's Garden" by Judy Elliot McDonald. William Shakespeare never counted on this garden party! Get down and dirty with the maidens of the classics when Juliet, Ophelia, Portia, Katharina and Desdemona all gather round to discuss how they would have handled things had they been at the other end of the pen and not... William! This lively piece bubbles over with wit and uncanny understanding of the women who made classic theatre so great! Dec. 1 and 2, 6:30-9 p.m. (by appointment only.)

Lyndon House Arts Center (706) 613-3623

Through Our Eyes: Portraits and Self-Portraits by the Students of the Clarke County School District Exhibition Dates: Nov. 8 – Jan. 20, Exciting works in a wide range of media by hundreds of CCSD students Pre-K – 12th grades. The public is invited to attend a reception for students, families and friends on Sun. Nov. 8, 2 – 4 p.m.

Period Decorative Arts Collection (1840-1890) and Athens History Museum Dates: Ongoing during LHAC operating hours The Ware-Lyndon House (c. 1850's) is a Late Greek Revival home with Italianate influence listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The interior has been restored and arranged with decorative arts and furnishings of the period. The historic display room features artifacts related to the historic house and to the history of Athens.

Make It A Day On Not A Day Off Mon, Jan. 18, 1 – 4 p.m. This is the slogan for the

day of service co-sponsored by countless community organizations in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Holiday. This year volunteers will work on many different community-wide projects in the morning and then celebrate in the afternoon at Lyndon House Arts Center with music, remarks by community speakers and hands-on art activities for the whole family.

35th Juried Exhibition Call for Artists

The 35th Juried Exhibition is a professionally oriented art competition open to Athens area artists working in all visual media. A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 is charged for submission of 1-3 works. Actual works (no slides or CDs) must be delivered as listed below and entry forms will be available at that time. For more information on submission requirements or to receive a guidelines flyer call (706) 613-3623. Entry Days Deadline: Thurs., Jan 28 from 12:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at LHAC. Fri., Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at LHAC FIRM FINAL DEADLINE - NO SUBMISSIONS AFTER 4 p.m. on JAN. 29. Exhibition Dates: Feb. 21 – May 8, Gala Reception: Sun., Feb. 21 from 2– 4 p.m..

Morton Theatre (706) 613-3770

More information and tickets to these events can be purchased by calling the Morton Theatre Box Office at (706) 613-3771 or online at www.mortontheatre.com unless otherwise noted.

"I Have a Dream" Presented by Theatre IV America www.theatreiv.org
The phenomenal impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is chronicled in this compelling dramatization (Grades 3 – Adult). Each performance lasts approximately one hour. Thurs., Feb. 16 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., \$7.50 - \$10 Tickets must be purchased IN ADVANCE ONLY by calling (800) 275-5005, or online at www.theatreiv.org

Athens Alumni Youth Step Show Presented by the Athens Alumni NPHC Step Show with prizes and scholarship giveaways. Sat., Feb. 20, 6 p.m., \$15

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Annual Dance Performance Title T.B.A.

Presented by the East Athens Educational Dance Center
<http://www.accleisureservices.com/east-dance.shtml> This 23rd annual dance production features the talented students of the East Athens Educational Dance Center in various dance styles including tap, ballet, jazz, modern, hip hop, and more. Thurs., Feb. 25- 9 & 11 a.m. – School Performances. Fri., Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. Open Dress Rehearsal Sat., Feb. 27 – 7 p.m., Sun, Feb.28 – 3 p.m. To reserve tickets for a school performance, please call (706) 613- 3624. Tickets for other performances are \$10 in advance beginning on Mon, Feb. 15 and \$12 day of show.

Natural Resources Division

Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail (706) 613-3616

Groundhog Day Celebration Will Gus, Bear Hollow's resident groundhog, predict an early spring for Georgia? Find out during our special event covering the history of Groundhog Day. We will have a live feeding demonstration (if he decides to come out of hibernation), crafts, information about woodchucks/groundhogs and cocoa to keep you warm, Tues. Feb. 2 , 9 – 11 a.m.,. Woodchuck exhibit in zoo. Free

Greenway (706) 613-3615

Wilderness Skills Learn outdoor survival techniques, wilderness first aid and how to be prepared for an emergency in the great outdoors. All ages, under 16 must be accompanied by an adult, Sat, Dec 19 or Sat, Jan 23, or Sat, Feb 6, 9-11 a.m., \$2/ACC Resident, \$5/Non-ACC Resident

Full Moon Hike A guided night hike by the light of the full moon. We'll see nature in a different light as we try to spot the flora and fauna of the Greenway by moonlight. This hike will be at night on an uneven surface. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied with an adult. Wed., Dec. 2, 6-8:30 p.m., or Sat. Jan. 30, 6:30-9 p.m., or Sun., Feb. 28 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. \$2/ACC Resident, \$5/Non-ACC Resident

Geocaching Adventures Learn the basics of geocaching, including how to use a GPS unit and no trace ethics before we go geocaching to search for hidden treasure. GPS units will be provided. All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Sat, Dec. 5, Jan. 30, or Feb. 20, 1-3 p.m. \$2 ACC Resident, \$5 Non-ACC Resident

Invasive Crafts! Learn to make crafts out of invasive plants harvested from the Greenway! We will also learn why these plants are invasive, the harm they cause and the best way to remove them. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Thurs. Jan. 7, or Thurs, Feb. 11, 10 a.m. - Noon, Cost: \$2 /ACC Resident, \$5/ Non-ACC Resident

Blue Moon Hike Experience this "once in a blue moon" event to see how plants and animals ring in the new year! This hike will be at night on an uneven surface. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied with an adult. Thurs., Dec. 31, 6 - 8:30 p.m. \$2/ACC Resident, \$5/Non-ACC Resident

Greenway Groundhog Watch Catch a glimpse of the resident groundhogs as they emerge from their burrows for Groundhog Day. Maybe he or she will help us guess if winter is almost over. All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Tues., Feb 2, 1-2 p.m. Free!

Volunteer Days – Invasion of the Forest Snatchers Every 2nd and 4th Saturday through the winter. Join a Special "Lopperations" team or form your own to clean up invasive plants on the Greenway. Contact Leslie Boby at (706).613.3615 x227 or email LeslieBoby@co.clarke.ga.us to join us or sign up your group today! We need you to help fight the invasion of the forest snatchers

Sandy Creek Nature Center (706) 613-3615

Oconee Rivers Audubon Society Monthly Meetings Join the local chapter of the Audubon Society for their monthly meetings. Each month features an interesting talk and reports of local bird sightings. Non-members are welcome! 13 years-Adult Thurs., Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, 7 - 9 p.m., No registration required. Free

Naturalist's Walks Get active and learn something too! Join Nature Center staff on

Saturday morning walks around the property to see what we can discover during the winter. Bring your camera and binoculars. For all ages (children under 13 with adult) Sat., Dec 19, January 16, Feb 20, 10- 11 am, No registration required. Free

Nature's Trading Post The trading post is open! Trade the one or two objects you have found in nature for points or other nature objects in our collection. All ages welcome, but an adult must accompany children under 13, Sat, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20, 11 a.m.. - Noon, Sandy Creek Nature Center, Drop In, No registration required. Free

Second Saturday Storytime Listen to a story and learn from Nature Center staff during this monthly series. For families (children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult) Saturdays, Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13, 2:30 p.m. (approximately 30-minute program), No registration required. Free

Family Program "Log House, Tales from the Past" Learn about life in the nineteenth century through stories, games, food and handicrafts. For families (children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult) Sat, Jan 23, 2 - 4 p.m., Pre-register by calling (706) 613-3615, ext. 0 \$6/ACC Resident Families, \$9/ Non-ACC Resident Families

Open House "Paleontology" Discover how fossils can share secrets about pre-historic life. Enjoy a variety of activities, games, crafts and more! Come for a few minutes or stay for a couple of hours! For families (children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult). Sat, Feb 13, 1 -3 p.m., No registration required. Free

Owl Prowl Learn about these feathered nocturnal animals and search for owls that inhabit our woods during an evening hike. For families (children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult) Feb 19, 6:30-8p.m. Please pre-register by calling (706) 613-3615, ext. 0, \$6/ACC Resident family, \$9/ Non-ACC Resident family

Frog Hop 5K Road Race Help support the Nature Center by entering the 12th annual 5K run/walk and 1 mile Tadpole Fun Run at Sandy Creek Park. For all ages, Sun, Feb 21, 2 p.m. Fun Run, 2:30 p.m. 5K, Sandy Creek Park, Entry forms available at Sandy Creek Nature Center or online at sandycreeknaturecenter.com Register online at www.active

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com, \$15 per person or \$50 per family if pre-registered by Sat, Feb 13. \$20 per person after Sat, Feb 13, \$10 no t-shirt option. For more information, call (706) 613-3615, ext. 235.

Sandy Creek Park (706) 613-3631

Starwatch: Winter Night Skies Join Sandy Creek Park and the Athens Astronomical Association as they share with you the views of the winter constellations, Mars and the crescent moon. Fri, Feb.19, 7 - 9 p.m., \$2/ACC Resident, \$3/Non ACC Resident

Starwatch: Geminid Meteor Showers Join Sandy Creek Park and the Athens Astronomical Association as they share with you the views of the Geminid Meteor showers and planets Jupiter, Mercury, Uranus, Neptune. Rain or Shine – if the skies don't cooperate, join Dr. Snook as he presents a talk on meteor showers and comets. Starlab will be set up inside. Sun, Dec 13, 6 - 9 p.m., \$2/ACC Resident, \$3/Non-ACC Resident

Recreation Division

East Athens Community Center (706) 613-3593

Athens Pioneers Celebrate Black History Month with us and meet and talk with some of Athens' residents who were the first to perform in their jobs. Sun, Feb 21, 3 – 5:30 p.m. Registration not required. Free

Thomas N. Lay Park (706) 613-3596

Family Fun Night! Bring potluck dish to share with others. Music and friendly competitions including hula hoop contests, sack races, free throw contest, card games and more! Tues, Jan. 12, 6 p.m., Registration not required. \$1 per person.

African-American Film Festival. During Black History Month, Lay Park presents movies that feature predominantly African American casts or produced by an African-American. Refreshments provided. Sat, Feb. 6, 20, 2 p.m., Free

Programs for Kids

Arts Division

East Athens Educational Dance Center (706) 613-3624

Visit us online for a complete list of classes including Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Praise Dance. Classes for adults and children

Lyndon House Arts Center (706) 613-3623

Tot Time Art Little ones will explore paint, paper, clay, and other materials as they find their artist within. Instruction will combine book themes, music, creativity, self-expression and fun. This class is a great complement to The Artist Within class. While little ones enjoy art downstairs in the Children's Studio, Mom or Dad can relax and unwind while creating art upstairs in the Drawing and Painting Studio. 2-4 years, 6 Wednesdays, Jan 13 - Feb 17, 10 – 11 a.m., \$35/ACC Resident plus \$5 supply fee, \$53/Non-ACC Resident plus \$5 supply fee

Young Artist You'll create something wonderful and new as you use your imagination and build new skills. Limit 6 students. 4 - 6 years. 6 Wednesdays, Jan 13– Feb 17
Session I: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Session II: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. \$35/ACC Resident plus \$6 materials fee, \$53/Non-ACC Resident plus \$6 materials fee

Painting for 6-10 Year Olds Students will develop their ability to see and draw with an artist's eye. They will learn how to incorporate line, shape, and color to create drawings and paintings. Students will learn several delightful watercolor techniques. 6 - 8 years, Session I: 6 Tuesdays, Jan 12 – Feb 16, Session II: 6 Thursdays, Jan 14 – Feb 18, 4– 5p.m., \$35/ACC Resident plus \$6 materials fee, \$53/Non-ACC Resident plus \$6 materials fee

Art Time for 4-6 Year Olds With books as our inspiration, 4-6 year olds will explore art techniques, creativity, color and textures. Session I: 6 Tuesdays, Jan 12 – Feb 16, Session II: 6 Thurs, Jan 14 – Feb 18, 4– 5p.m.,

\$35/ACC Resident plus \$6 materials fee (dependent on scholarship eligibility), \$53/Non-ACC Resident plus \$6 materials fee

Clay for 9 – 12 Year Olds Have fun with clay and learn the basics of wheel throwing and hand building, as you create different types of interesting and cool animals. All supplies will be provided. 9-12 years, 6 Tues, Jan 12 – Feb 16, 4– 5:30 p.m., \$47/ACC Resident plus \$10 materials fee, \$71/Non-ACC Resident plus \$10 materials fee

Teen Painting Class Students will develop confidence in choosing materials and handling the paint, looking at art and making some sense of it all. Students will learn the "art" of sharing their work. We provide the pencils, paper, brushes, paint and painting surfaces. 11 years and older, 6 Tuesdays, Jan 12-Feb 16, 5:30 – 7 p.m., \$47/ACC Resident plus \$6 materials fee, \$71/Non-ACC Resident plus \$6 materials fee

Teen Cartoon Illustrator's Club

The meetings usually are a discussion of recent drawings and characters led by cartoonist artist Robert Brown. Occasionally the club invites adults who have made a career or hobby with their own drawing skills. The meeting ends with pizza and fellowship. Bring \$5 for pizza and soft drink. Winter Meeting dates: Jan 14 & 28, Feb 11 & 25, Mar 11 & 25. Call (706) 613 3623 for more information.

Athletics Division

Bishop Park (706) 613-3589

*Registration is December 7-9 for ACC Residents Only (must bring proof of residency in the form of a current utility bill)
Open Registration for everyone begins December 10, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Bishop Park*

Shining Stars Gym 'n Learn This is a fitness-based learning program opened to students 3 to 5 years of age that can help prevent childhood obesity with nutritional information and a 45-minute gymnastics

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class each session. Your child will receive a well-rounded educational experience to help prepare him/her for school-socially, mentally, and physically. Each gymnastics class will be led by certified instructors. We invite you to come and be a part of this exciting new program! 3 to 5 years *must be 3 prior to Aug 1, 2009, Term 2 – Jan 11 – Mar 3, 2010 (No class Jan. 18) Term 3 – Mar 15 – Apr 28, 2010, Mon and Wed, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., \$0-\$119 per term for ACC Resident, \$170 per term/Non-ACC Resident

Fantastic Fridays Where parents and kids can come to hang out and have fun in a non-structured environment. Parents are required to stay and are responsible for leading their kids through various obstacle courses and fun! 10 months – 4 years, Jan 8 – Apr 23, 2010 (No program Mar 12, Apr 2, and 16), 9 a.m. – Noon (Drop-in any time), Register at Bishop Park Gym day of program. \$12 per visit/ACC Resident, \$18 per visit/ Non-ACC Resident

Classic City Majorettes This is a great program for beginners only. Students learn twirling, strutting, dance-twirl, and jazz. 5 years and older, Winter Session I – Oct 13 – Dec 1 (8 weeks) Winter Session II – Jan 5 – Feb 23 (8 weeks), Spring Session – Mar 2 – Apr 20 (8 weeks), Tues, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Register at first class, \$65/ACC Resident, \$80/Non-ACC Resident

Youth Basketball Teams will be offered for the following: PeeWee K-1st, (coed), Mites 2nd-3rd (coed), Midget Boys and Girls 4th-5th, Junior Boys and Girls 6th-8th. Volunteer Coaches are needed. Ages 5-14. 5 years old prior to Sept 1, 2009, Season: Dec 7 – Feb 20. Games: Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at East Athens Community Center and Lay Park. \$42/ACC Resident, \$63/Non ACC Resident. Registration ends Oct 29. Call (706) 613-3589.

Youth Soccer spring registration begins Jan 23 at Bishop Park. Call (706)-613-3871 for details.

Gymnastics (706) 613-3589

Registration December 7-9 for ACC Residents only (must bring proof of residency in the form of a current utility bill). Open Registration begins December 10 for everyone. Registration is held Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Bishop Park.

Diaper Gym Children attend classes with active parental participation and support. Activities include motor development, aerobics, elementary skills, stretching, rhythm, songs, and group activities. 10 to 17 months, Jan 4 – Apr 20 (15 weeks) (No class Mar 9), Tues, 9:15 – 10 a.m., \$73/ACC Resident, \$110/ Non-ACC Resident

Parent and Tot Gymnastics With parental help, each child explores, discovers, receives positive reinforcement, meets new friends and learns movement skills and concepts. 18-29 months and 30-42 months, Jan 4 – Apr 26 (15 weeks) (No classes Mar 8-11) Call for schedule, \$73/ACC Resident, \$110/Non-ACC Resident

Bednastics A special evening class for students and their caregivers where weekly themes help introduce each child to the exciting world of movement education and basic gymnastics! 12-42 months, Jan 4 – Apr 26 (15 weeks) (No class Jan. 18 or Mar. 8), Mon, 6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., \$73/ACC Resident, \$110/Non-ACC Resident

Toddler Gymnastics This program is similar to our Parent and Tot program except students participate without assistance (students must have either participated in our Parent and Tot program or attend day school to be eligible). 30-42 months, Jan 4 – Apr 26 (15 weeks). (No classes Jan. 18 or Mar. 8-11), Call for schedule. \$89/ACC Resident, \$134/ Non-ACC Resident

Preschool Gymnastics Weekly themes make each class unique, safe and fun. Students are challenged through obstacle courses. A new gymnastics skill is introduced each week, 3.6 to 4 years of age, Jan 4 – Apr 26 (15 weeks), (No classes Jan. 18 or Mar. 8-11). Call for schedule. \$89/ACC Resident, \$134/Non-ACC Resident

School Aged Gymnastics Classes for boys and girls beginner through advanced levels are offered. Pre-K through 7th grade, Jan 4 – Apr 26 (15 weeks). (No classes Jan. 18 or Mar. 8-11). Call for schedule. \$89/ACC Resident, \$134/Non-ACC Resident

Shooting Stars This class is part of our Rec League program and is designed to be based directly on the USAG levels that our competitive gymnasts use. The Shooting Star level is 1. The gymnasts will learn skills and

routines on all four events and will compete these routines in a special competition where they will be judged and given scores at the end of the session. Previous experience is required for this class. 4 and 5 years (Age as of Sept 1 of current school year). Jan 4 – Apr 26 (15 weeks). (No classes Jan. 18, Mar. 8 or 11), Mon or Thurs, 4– 4:55 p.m., \$89 /ACC Resident, \$134/Non-ACC Resident

All-Stars The gymnasts will learn skills and routines on all four events and will compete these routines in a special competition where they will be judged and given scores at the end of the session. This is a fantastic way for all of our gymnasts to be able to compete! Evaluation is required. Call for more information. 5 -7 (Age as of Sept 1 of current school year), Jan 5 – Apr 22 (15 weeks) (No classes Mar 9 or 11), Tues and Thurs 4 - 5:25 p.m. \$119/ACC Resident, \$179/Non-ACC Resident

Gym Stars Gymnasts will learn skills and routines on all four events and will compete these routines in a special competition where they will be judged and given scores. Evaluation required. Call for more information. 8 years and older (Age as of Sept 1 of current school year). Jan 5 – Apr 22 (15 weeks) (No classes Mar 9 or 11). Tues and Thurs, 5:30 p.m. – 6:55 p.m., \$119/ACC Resident, \$179/ Non-ACC Resident

Tennis

Please visit www.tennisforlife.net for complete class descriptions.

Registration is accepted by calling the Bishop Park Tennis Office at (706) 613-3592

Lil Stars 5 and 6 years, Jan 26 – Mar 5 (6 weeks), Tues 3:15 – 4:00 p.m., Thurs 3:15 – 4:00 p.m., \$57/ACC Resident (1x per week) Tues or Thurs, \$67/Non-ACC Resident (1x per week) Tues or Thurs \$99/ACC Resident (2x per week) Tues and Thurs, \$109/ Non-ACC Resident (2x per week) Tues and Thurs, (Limited number of scholarships - ACC residents only)

Shining Stars (Beginner – Beginner/Intermediate) 7 - 10 years Jan 26 – Mar 5 (6 weeks), Tues 4-5 p.m., Thurs 4-5 p.m., \$57/ ACC Resident (1x per week) Tues or Thurs, \$67/Non-ACC Resident (1x per week) Tues or Thurs, \$99/ACC Resident (2x per week) Thurs AND Thurs, \$109/ Non-ACC Resident (2x per week) Tues AND Thurs,

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(Limited number of scholarships - ACC residents only)

Future Stars (Beginner/Intermediate)

9 - 15 years, Jan 26 – Mar 5 (6 weeks), Tues 5-6 p.m., Thurs 5- 6 p.m., \$57/ACC Resident (1x per week) Tues or Thurs, \$67/Non-ACC Resident (1x per week) Tues or Thurs, \$99/ACC Resident (2x per week) Tues AND Thurs, \$109/ Non-ACC Resident (2x per week) Tues AND Thurs, (Limited number of scholarships - ACC residents only)

Junior Academy (JA) (Intermediate)

9 – 17 years, Jan 25 – Mar 5 (6 weeks), Mon, 4:30 – 6 p.m. AND Fri 4:30 -6 p.m., \$156/ACC Resident (2x per week), \$166/ Non-ACC Resident (2x per week)

Tennis Academy (TA) (Advanced Intermediate)

9 – 17 years, Jan 26 – Mar 5 (6 weeks), Tues, 4:30 – 6 p.m. and Thurs 4:30 - 6 p.m., \$156/ACC Resident (2x per week), \$166/Non-ACC Resident (2x per week)

High School Boot Camp . 13-18 years, Jan 11-14 (4 days), Mon–Thurs 4-5:30 p.m., Jan 19-22 (4 days), Tues-Fri 4-5:30 p.m., \$60/ ACC Resident , \$70/Non-ACC Resident

Natural Resources Division

Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail (706) 613-3616

Scouting for Scouts A variety of scout programs for girls and boys of all ages. Overnight programs offered as well. Programs include an earned badge, pin, or certificate. Please call for more information and to register. Minimum of 6 participants! Times and dates by reservation, located at the Zoo Operations Building, Ranges from \$4-\$27 per scout depending on program level.

Memorial Park (706) 613-3580

Yoga Sprouts We use fun, playful yoga poses and breathing exercises which give children a feeling of well being. The benefits of yoga can be seen in all areas of a child's life- creatively, physically, socially, and academically. more Two groups available: Pre-School (3-6 years) and Elementary (7-12 years) Session I: Tues Jan 12- Mar 2 Session

II: Tues, Mar 16- May 11 (no class on March 30) Preschool: 3:45- 4:45 p.m.; Elementary 5-6 p.m. Pre-registration required. Registration for Session I ends Jan 8. Registration for Session II ends Mar 12. Minimum 4 participants, maximum 10 participants. Call for more information or to register. \$48/ ACC Resident, \$72/ Non-ACC Resident

Early Release Day: National Geographic

Elementary students are invited to spend the afternoon of a Clarke County Schools early release day celebrating the day the National Geographic Society was founded. We'll enjoy a pizza lunch, play some games from around the world, create international crafts, and make some ethnic snacks. It is a small world after all! Elementary School Students, Wed, Jan 27, 12:30-5 p.m. Memorial Park Recreation Hall. Pre-registration required by Jan 22. Maximum 25 participants. Call (706) 613-3580 to register. \$10/ ACC Resident, \$15/ Non-ACC Resident

Red Cross Babysitting Course Make a New Year's resolution to gain a new skill. Learn what it takes to be a great babysitter! A Red Cross certified instructor will guide you through basic leadership, safety and supervisory skills needed to babysit and you'll receive lots of great resource materials. A real resume builder! 11-15 years, Sat, Jan 30, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Bring a bag lunch, please!) Memorial Park Pre-registration required by Jan 21. Class size is limited to 10. Call to register. \$30/ACC Resident, \$53/Non-ACC Resident

Day off School Program: Walk Like An Egyptian On February 16, 1923 archeologists opened King Tut's tomb, which had been shut for more than 3,000 years. Help us celebrate the discovery by engaging in some archeology of our own, making Egyptian crafts & snacks, and joining in some Mummy games! Elementary School Students Mon, Feb 15, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Memorial Park Recreation Hall Pre-registration required by Feb 10 . Minimum 10 participants, maximum 30 participants. \$15 /ACC Resident; \$23/Non-ACC Resident.

Spring Break Camp: Festivals Around the World Spend the week having fun at the park! We'll spend this week focusing on how different countries celebrate spring! Elementary School Students Mar 8-12, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pre-registration required. January 23- March 4. NO LATE REGISTRATION

ALLOWED. Minimum 10 participants, maximum 40 participants. \$43/ACC Resident/ \$65 Non-ACC Resident

Greenway (706) 613-3615, ext. 242

Bike Safety Class A partner event with BikeAthens to teach kids about bike safety including how to wear a helmet, passing pedestrians, obeying traffic laws, etc. Will begin with a discussion, followed by safety lessons, end with a ride down the Greenway and hot chocolate! 8-14 years, who already know how to ride a bike. Sat, Jan 9, 1-3 pm \$2/ACC Resident, \$5/Non-ACC Resident

Tikes, Trikes & Strollers- Chinese New Year! Bundle up your toddler and join us on the Greenway to ring in the year of the tiger. We'll have hot chocolate, snacks and games. Bring a scooter, stroller, tricycle or bike to decorate! Preschool ages, must be accompanied by an adult. Tues, Jan 26, 1-2:30 p.m. \$2/ACC Resident, \$5/Non-ACC Resident

Tikes, Trikes & Strollers- Celebrate Mardi Gras! Bring a scooter, stroller, tricycle or bike to decorate, then let's celebrate Mardi Gras with quick spin down the Greenway. We'll have hot chocolate, festive snacks and games to enjoy! Pre-school ages, must be accompanied by an adult. Tues, Feb 16 1-2:30pm \$2/ ACC Resident, \$5/Non-ACC Resident

Sandy Creek Nature Center (706) 613-3615

Eatin' with the Critters This program includes age-appropriate nature exploration, animal encounters, hikes and crafts. After the program, bring your lunch and picnic at the Nature Center. , 3-5 years with adult, Alternative Wednesdays, starting Dec 3 (no class Dec 31), 11 a.m.-Noon. \$13/ACC Resident, \$20/Non-ACC Resident

Naturalist Assistant Program Training For teens that are interested in all aspects of working at a nature center-from learning about animals to teaching our visitors-especially kids, about nature. We are looking for a few new members to add to this program, 13-18 years, Sat, Jan 30, 1-5 p.m. Please pre-register by Jan 23.

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Babies and Beasties Series Join us for a program that allows toddlers and their parents to learn about the world around them. Interact with nature through hands-on activities, crafts and outdoor adventures to spark an interest early. 18 months- 2 years with adult, Thurs, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, 10 - 10:45 a.m., Please pre-register by calling (706) 613-3615, ext. 0, \$7/ACC Resident, \$11/ Non-ACC Resident

Sandy Creek Park (706) 613-3631

Kids Treasure Hunt Early Release Day Follow the clues along the wooded trail and the answers will be clear, spend the day exploring and your treasure will appear. Enjoy this self-led hiking trip and discover new areas of the park while collecting clues that will unlock a treasure box with a prize. 4 years and older, Wed, Jan 27, 2 p.m., \$4/ ACC Resident, \$6/Non-ACC Resident

Archery for Beginners Basic archery instructors for kids and adults, with a strong emphasis on safety. 10 years and older, Sat, Dec 12, 1 – 3 p.m., Pre-registration is required by calling (706) 613-3631, by Dec 10, \$6/ACC Resident \$9/Non ACC Resident

Winter Craft Daze Bring the kids out to Sandy Creek Park for an afternoon winter craft activity in tune with the season. Each month will be a different theme! 5 - 12 years, Sat, Jan 9, Sat, Feb 27, 3 - 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required by the preceding Friday \$3/ACC Resident, \$5/Non-ACC Resident

Hiking Classes Are you interested in learning some basic hiking techniques, map reading, and more? Then join our trained staff on one or all of these hiking adventures in the region. Transportation will be provided for all courses, but please bring a sack lunch. All participants need to bring a full water bottle and wear good sturdy hiking shoes. Be prepared for the weather (rain or shine!) Families & Individuals, 10 years and older, ~Hiking 102: Sun, Dec 13 (Raven Cliff Falls, White Co, GA) ~Hiking 103: Sun, Jan 3 (Panther Creek Falls, Stephens Co, GA, 8 am. Pre-registration is required by the preceding Friday. 02/103: \$20/ACC Resident, \$30/Non ACC Resident

Recreation Division

East Athens Community Center (706) 613-3593

Karate Class This program promotes mental development and teaches self defense. 7 years and older, Mon- Thurs, 5 – 6 p.m., \$2

Celebrating National Thank You Month Teach the children about the importance of manners and saying thanks, they will also write thank you cards to someone that has helped them. 6 – 12 years, Thurs, Jan 21 4:30 – 5:30p.m, \$1

Cavity Free Zone Learn dental hygiene from professional dental office staff. 6 – 12 years, Thurs, Feb 18, 4:30– 5:30 p.m., \$1

Kids Health and Wellness Day Join us in a day of fun and activities, including Health screening, Healthy Eating, Life Style Choices and other activities. The CCHS -vs- CSHS Alumni will play and talk briefly on healthy lifestyles. (Program free to all ACCLS B-Ball player w/ jerseys.) 7 years and older , Sat, Feb 27, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., \$1, 12 years and younger and \$3, 13 years and older

Model Car Club Use creativity and problem solving skills, while building cars. 10 years and older, Fridays , 4 - 6 p.m., \$2

Teen Club The purpose of this group is to encourage cooperation, teamwork, good behavior, and self-esteem in young women. 10 – 18 years, Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Free

So You Want To Be A Millionaire This program will teach children effective ways to manage money. 7 – 20 years, Wed, Dec 1, 5- 6 p.m., \$1

Bike Safety This program teaches the correct techniques of riding a bicycle while staying safe. 7 – 18 years, Sat, Jan 2, 1- 2 p.m., \$2

You Are What You Eat Learn about health and the many benefits of a good diet. 6 – 12 years, Thurs, Nov 19, 4:30 –5:30 p.m. Registration ends Nov. 13, \$1

Looney Tunes Art Class The children will learn basic concepts and techniques for creating cartoon art, characters and story lines. 10 – 15 years, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. \$1

Heart to Heart This program reaches out to young males and females in the community allowing them the freedom of speech and issues 10 – 18 years, Thurs Dec 17, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Free

Air Hockey Tournament Learn basic fundamentals of air hockey and there will be a tournament after the lessons, best 2 out of 3 wins prize. 7 years and older, Sat, Jan 16, 6- 8 p.m. Registration ends Jan 8, \$1

Thomas N. Lay Park (706) 613-3596

After School Program UGA Mentors offer homework help and interact in activities for students including music, computers, reading, recreation, arts and crafts and more! 6 years and older (school age children), Dec 1 – Feb 26 3 - 5 p.m. \$1 per day/ACC Residents (scholarship eligible) / \$2 per day/ Non-ACC Residents

In The Park Art Wear your coat and join us as we walk around the grounds of Lay Park talking about seasons and what we see. Write and draw and have your finished winter product displayed in the lobby at Lay Park. 8 - 12 years, Thurs, Jan 7, 4 p.m. \$1/ACC Resident; \$2/Non-ACC Resident

Youth Field Trip to the Apex Museum Get an African American perspective to better understand and appreciate the contribution of African Americans to America as well the world. 10 - 12 years, Mon, Feb 15, 4 p.m.. Free

Laying Down The Law Meet ACC Athens-Clarke Police Officers who will talk to young men about what it takes to stay on track for a successful life. 13 - 15 years, Tues, Dec 15, 4 p.m. Free

Broadacres Community Center (706) 613-3600

Yoga for Kids Learn basic yoga poses. 6-12 years Mondays, 4-5 p.m., \$48 for 8 sessions
Winter Break Camp “Backwards Week.” These four days we will picnic inside, put

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up an indoor tent, have messy indoor art projects, inside scavenger hunts, sports, and do silly things that we would usually save for the outdoors. 6-12 years, Mon, Dec 28-Thurs, December 31, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$11 per child.

Broadacres Has Got Talent! Enter our talent contest to win awesome prizes! 8-16 years, Wed, Jan 6, 5 p.m., \$2 entry fee.

I Have a Dream Join us and learn about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., his work, his message, tell us about your own dreams, and enter a drawing to win a book about MLK's life! 6-16 years, Mon, Jan 18, 4 p.m., \$2

Winter Garden Combat nature-deprivation by creating your own indoor garden. 6-12 years, Fri, Jan 22, 4 p.m., \$2

Cupid's Corner Make gifts for all your sweethearts and enjoy some treats at our Valentines program. 4-12 years, Fri, Feb 12, 4 p.m., \$3

SMART Girls This Girl's Group will meet to talk about making SMART choices about boys, school, family, friends, our bodies and everything in between. 12-16 years, Fridays, beginning Feb 19, 5-6 p.m., Free.

Parkview Community Center (706) 613-3601

Yoga for Kids Learn basic Yoga poses. Every Thursday, 6-12 years, 5-6 p.m., \$48 for 8 sessions.

Parkview Has Got Talent! Enter our talent contest to win awesome prizes! 8-16 years, Thurs, Jan 7, 5 p.m., \$2 entry fee

I Have a Dream Join us and learn about the life of MLK, his work, his message, tell us about your own dreams, and enter a drawing to win a biography about MLK's life. 6-16 years, Mon, Jan 18, 4 p.m., \$2 per child

Winter Garden Combat nature-deprivation by creating your own indoor garden. Wed, Jan 20, 6-12 years, \$2

Cupid's Corner Make gifts for all your sweethearts and enjoy some treats at our Valentines program. 4-12 years, Wed, Feb 10, 4 p.m., \$3

SMART Girls This Girls' Group will meet

each Friday to talk about making SMART choices about boys, school, family, friends, our bodies and everything in between. 12-16 years, Fri, beginning, Feb 19, 5-6 p.m., Free

Rocksprings Park (706) 613-3603

Rocksprings' Has Got Talent! Enter our talent contest to win awesome prizes! 8-16 years, Fri, Jan 8, 6 p.m., \$2 entry fee

Cupcake Club The Cupcake Club will meet once a week to hear a story, play, and decorate a different themed cupcake. 3-5 years, Wed beginning Jan 6, 10 -11:30 a.m., \$1 per week.

Abrakadoodle Art Classes The Mini Doodlers will create unique masterpieces in four separate sessions exploring mediums including watercolors, pastels, clay, and finger-paints. Class size is limited to 10 children, so register today! 3-5 years, Session I: Jan 25, Session II: Feb 1, Session III :Feb 9, Session IV: Feb 16, 1-2pm \$20 covers all four sessions and materials.

Stir it Up! After-School hands-on creative cooking class. Learn kitchen safety and simple recipes you can prepare at home. 8-12 years, Session I: Jan 11 and 12, Session II: Jan 18 and 19, 4-5:30 p.m., \$7 per child for both sessions, this includes materials

Winter Garden Combat nature-deprivation by creating your own indoor garden. Thurs, Jan 21, 4 p.m., 6-12 years, \$2

Where Does the Sidewalk End? "If you are a dreamer, come in...." Program for Home-schoolers to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Shel Silverstein's famous poetry book. Poetry writing workshop that will include sidewalk chalk drawings to inspire the poet within. 7-12 years, Thurs, Jan 28, 11 a.m. -1 p.m., \$2

The Great R.A.C.E. at Rocksprings Park Recreation Activities, Challenges, and Exercises provides youth with an opportunity to engage in daily recreation activities that involve critical thinking skills, physical exercise, play, leadership, and sports. Participating youth will earn RACE points by taking part in drop-in activities at the center. Win

prizes with RACE points earned at the end of the Great R.A.C.E. 6-16 years, Registration begins Tue, Jan 5 at 3 p.m. at Rocksprings Community Center. Sign up at the Center, get your RACE card, and start to play! Program runs Jan 5 - Feb 26, \$2 entry fee

Wacky Valentine's Day Be Our Valentine for treats, wacky and unique crafts, stories, and more. 4-10 years, Sat, Feb 13, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$3 per child

Black History Month Treasure Hunt Discover the Gems of Black History Month on this fun adventure. 6-12 years, Thurs, Feb. 18, 4-5 p.m., \$2 per child

Puppetry Workshop Create a puppet to take home, learn about different types of puppets, and put on a show in our mini-theater. 4-10 years, Sat Feb 27, 2-3:30 p.m., \$2 per child

Winter Break Camp "Nickelodeon Daze" Four days of crafts, computer activities, games and sports with Nick-show themes! SpongeBob, Rugrats, iCarly, Drake and Josh, Danny Phantom, and Wolverine, 6-12 years, Mon, Dec. 28-Thurs, Dec. 31, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$11 per child. Space is limited.

Lifeguard Academy Training program especially for Athens-Clarke County teens that provides not only job training but potentially a summer job! Through the Lifeguard Academy, participants are given the opportunity to earn their lifeguard certification free of charge. With this certification, teens will be interviewed for summer part-time jobs with ACC Leisure Services. Spots are limited to 10 participants, so apply early! Call (706)-613-3580 for more information. Teens ages 15-18 Session 1 Monday through Friday, March 8-12, Session 2 TBD 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Ramsey Center at UGA Complete an application form and return it to Memorial Park (293 Gran Ellen Drive) no later than Monday, February 22.

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Programs for Adults

Arts Division

East Athens Educational
Dance Center
(706) 613-3624

Visit us online for a complete list of classes including Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap, and Praise Dance. Classes for adults and for children.

Lyndon House
Arts Center
(706) 613-3623

Beginning to Intermediate Pottery Beginner and intermediate potters will focus on functional pottery, wheel throwing, handles, glazing, trimming and decoration. Students have the option of choosing one open studio time weekly for extra practice. Lab fee includes 50 pounds of clay, firing and glazes. Additional clay may be purchased for \$20 per 25 pounds with a limit of 50 pounds. 6 Thurs, 6 – 8:30 p.m. Jan 14 – Feb 18, \$105/ACC Resident plus \$30 lab fee, \$157.50/Non-ACC Resident plus \$30 lab fee

Zen Seeing, Zen Drawing Inspired by the delightful book of this title by Frederick Franck, this class will give students the opportunity to draw in a very relaxed manner, not worrying about results, allowing the drawing to unfold quite naturally and beautifully. This class will strengthen the student's ability to see more fully the person or object they wish to draw. 6 Wed, Jan 13-Feb 17, 1-3 p.m., \$83/ACC Resident, \$125/Non-ACC Resident

The Artist Within Students will explore drawing and painting activities designed to nurture the artist within. Several of the lessons are intended to strengthen the student's ability to see, to really see. Others are intended to give visual expression to feelings and moods. Lessons will draw upon books by Betty Edwards and Fredrick Franck. This class is a great complement to the Tot Time art class. While little ones enjoy art downstairs in the Children's Studio, Mom or Dad can relax and unwind while creating art upstairs in the Drawing and Painting Studio.

6 Wednesdays, Jan 13-Feb 17; 10-11 a.m., \$42/ACC Resident; \$63/Non-ACC Resident

Etching for Beginners and Intermediates This course provides an introduction to Intaglio/Etching processes, using printmaking methods to inscribe images into metal plates. Materials for the first class will be provided, and instructor will give a list of other supplies during the course. Etching tools are also provided on loan for the students. 6 Thurs, Jan 14 – Feb 18, 6– 8:30 p.m. \$105/ACC Resident, \$157/Non-ACC Resident

Printmakers Cooperative This enthusiastic group of printmakers of all experience levels meets most Friday mornings to learn from each other and work on their projects. The group explores solar printing, relief printing, etching and experimental printmaking. Bring your own supplies and projects. Most Fridays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Students share expenses

Face and Figure: Drawing & Painting Studio Participants share in expenses for the model. Instruction is not provided. You are welcome to come whether you are beginning or experienced. Usually 1st and 3rd Sat, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Students share expenses and help with set-up

Oil or Acrylic Painting Basics This class will cover basic techniques in drawing, image composition and painting styles using the still life and landscape as the focus of your explorations. Mixing colors and color theory are central to the course. For the beginner and advanced beginner. 8 Thursdays, Jan 14-Mar 4, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. \$111/ACC Resident plus \$3 materials fee \$167/Non-ACC Resident plus \$3 materials fee

Painting with Charles Some of his most recent work can be seen on various billboards in Athens. Whether you work in acrylic or oil, you'll benefit from Charles' individualized approach for the advanced beginner and intermediate painter. Students bring in their own subject matter or works in progress and Charles will offer easel side instruction on an individual basis. 8 Tues, Jan 12 – Mar 2, Session I: 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Session II: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. \$111/ACC Resident, \$167 / Non-ACC Resident

Charity Quilting Bee If you love to quilt, join this friendly group of quilters who create quilts for local and overseas charities. Some quilting experience is necessary. This is a quilting bee of the Cotton Patch Quilt Guild, but the public is welcome and membership is not required. Ongoing on Wed 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Jewelry/ Metalsmithing This class will focus on jewelry and metals as an art form rather than a mode of production. We will focus on techniques such as piercing, soldering, stone setting, appliqué, and inlay. In this class students will have the opportunity to create jewelry, as well as objects. We will make items such as earrings, pendants, a small container, and a wax seal, as time permits. Tuesday, Jan 12 – Feb 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. \$83/ACC Resident plus \$10 supply fee \$125/Non-ACC Resident plus \$10 supply fee

Enamel Bead Making You'll learn the basics to start making your very own glass enamel beads. Learn how to create various design elements into the glass. No bead is the same and you'll complete about 5 beads to make your next unique jewelry design! \$10 lab fee to be paid to the instructor at the beginning of the first class. Sat Jan 16, 9:30-12:30 p.m. or Thurs, Feb 11, 5:30-8:30 p.m., \$21/ACC Resident plus \$10 supply fee to instructor, \$32/Non-ACC Resident plus \$10 supply fee to instructor

Beading Basics Learn the basic techniques of beaded jewelry design including tools, findings, stringing materials and design tips to make your very own creations. If you have your own collection of beads, please bring them with you. You'll create at least one necklace, two bracelets and several pairs of earrings to take home. A \$15 lab fee is due to the instructor at the beginning of class. Sat, Jan 30, 9:30-1:30 pm or Tues, Feb 16 & 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$28/ACC Resident plus \$15 supply fee to instructor, \$42/Non-ACC Resident plus \$15 supply fee to instructor

Athletics Division

Bishop Park
(706) 613-3589

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Adult Tumbling Meet new friends and get back into shape. 15 and older. Jan 6 – Apr 21 (15 weeks) (No class Mar 10); Wed, 7 – 8:25 p.m., Dec 7-9 for ACC Residents only (**must bring proof of residency in the form of a current utility bill**). Open registration for everyone begins Dec 10, Registration held at Bishop Park. Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. \$119 /ACC Residents, \$179/Non-ACC Residents

ACC Adult Double Elimination Basketball Tournament Program begins Mon, Dec 7. Call for registration and fee information.

Tennis

Visit www.tennisforlife.net or call (706) 613-3592 for complete information

USA Step 1 - Beginner 19 years and older, Jan 26 – Mar 5 (6 weeks), Tuesday 6-7:15 p.m., \$72/ACC Resident, \$82/Non-ACC Resident

USA Step 2 .19 years and older, Jan 25 – Mar 5 (6 weeks), Monday 6-7:15 p.m., \$72/ACC Resident, \$82/Non-ACC Resident

USA Step 3 19 years and older, Jan 26 – Mar 5 (6 weeks), Monday 6-7:15 p.m., \$72/ACC Resident, \$82/Non-ACC Resident

Special Populations (706) 613-3580

Wonderful Wednesdays This program, designed for adults with cognitive disabilities, teaches leisure skills and promotes community inclusion and exploration. Call (706) 613-3580 for more information or to register. 18 years and older, Wednesdays, Jan 13 & 27, Feb 10 & 24, Mar 3 & 24, Apr 7 & 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Various locations depending on activity Pre-registration required. Maximum 15 participants. Registration is open until full. (Late registrations allowed, if space available!) For eight-session package- \$14/ ACC resident, \$21/ Non-ACC resident

Natural Resources Division

Memorial Park (706) 613-3580

Memorial Park Dog Obedience Classes are held at the Memorial Park Operations Building, classes take place Tuesday evenings beginning February 2 for 7 weeks. The puppy class (puppies 5 months and under) 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., basic (5 months and older) 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Memorial Park, Pre-registration is required: Jan 25- 28. PLEASE BRING DOGS TO ORIENTATION JAN 28 at 6:30pm. Call Andrea at (706)-742-5743 or visit www.k9insight.biz for more information. \$100 / ACC Resident; \$120/Non-ACC Resident

Pet CPR Medical or other emergencies can be common among pets, and we need to know how to care for these situations. Come learn the best things you can do to help Fido, Spot or Fluffy in the times they may need it the most! 13 years and older, Wed, Feb 10, 6-9 p.m. Memorial Park Recreation Hall Pre-registration required. Oct 17-Feb 8. \$30/ACC Resident; \$45/Non-ACC Resident (includes First Aid manual plus take-home DVD!)

Sandy Creek Nature Center (706) 613-3615

Oconee Rivers Audubon Society Monthly Meetings Each features a talk and reports of local bird sightings. Non-members are welcome! 13-Adult Thurs, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, 7-9 p.m., no registration required, Free

Sandy Creek Park (706) 613-3631

Fly Tying Classes Join local Trout Unlimited leaders for a class in the art of fly tying. Participants will start by learning the basics of tying fly fishing lures, and should be proficient to tie on their own. All tools and materials provided for use during class. Contact Joshua Trey Barnett at (706) 202-7713 with questions. 16 years and older, TBA 1-3 p.m., Pre-registration is required by calling (706) 613-3631

Recreation Division

East Athens Community Center (706) 613-3593

Pool Tournament Come test your skill as we host our first but not the last pool tournament, in hope of finding out who is the best pool player in Athens. Best 2 out of 3 and Trophies for the 1st and 2nd place winners. 18 to 75 years and older. Nov 14, 1 - 5 p.m. Registration Closes Nov. 6 Tournament Admission Fee: \$5

Exercise For Adults This is a class of basic exercise and weight control, 18 years and older, Mon, Tues and Thurs, 6-7 p.m. Registration is Open, \$2

Smart Adults This is a program for adults to test their smarts, so forget are you smarter than a 5th grader, are you smarter than you used to be. First Friday of every month, 6-8 p.m. Registration is Open, Free

Ping Pong Tournament We want the best young players in Athens to come try to beat each other in a friendly game of ping pong. Trophies will be given to the 1st and 2nd place winners, 18 years and older, Jan 9, 6 -8 p.m., Registration ends Dec. 31, \$5

Thomas N. Lay Park (706) 613-3596

Adult Fitness Room The fitness equipment room includes a multi-station gym, elliptical cross-trainer, treadmills, 7-in-1 station, and recumbent bikes. Signed physical activity waiver provided by Lay Park is required for this activity. 18 years and older, Daily, Dec 1 – Feb 26, Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sat, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sun, 2– 6 p.m. No registration required. Free

Registration for
Non-County
Residents begins
Wednesday, October 21

Programs for Seniors

Columbus Avenue Senior Center (706) 613-3603

Senior Yoga. Improve flexibility and lower blood pressure. Every Fri from 9-10 a.m., \$2 per class Walk-ins welcome

Book Club We will meet once a month for book discussion and coffee. December's book is "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd. Last Friday of the month 5-6 p.m. \$5 to join

Bingo Our most popular Senior program, Bingo is the third Tues of each month. Everyone wins a prize! 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$4

Red and Green Senior Fling Join in on our Christmas celebration! We will enjoy delicious holiday foods, music, fun, and a white elephant gift exchange. Sat, Dec 19 5 - 7:30 p.m., \$4

1st Annual Chilly Weekend Chili Cook-off at Rocksprings Warm up by entering our chili cook-off. If you don't have a great recipe, just come by to taste and vote on the winner. Winner receives donated gift certificates to great Athens restaurants! Sat, Jan 16, 2 p.m. All ages, \$5 entry fee Register by calling (706) 613-3603.

Be Mine Valentine Bash Sweat treats, card-making workshop, mood music, door prizes, candy raffle and pictures made with your valentine and printed for you to take home. 50 years and older, Sat, Feb 13, 6-8 p.m., \$4

East Athens Community Center (706) 613-3593

Senior Bingo Bingo Games with prizes and refreshments. 55 years and older, Fourth Tuesday of every month, 10 a.m. - Noon, Registration is Open, \$4

Senior Dance This program will teach seniors the latest dance steps and provide exercise. 55 years and older, Second Tues of each month 10 a.m. - Noon, Registration is Open \$2

Athens Night of Lights Trip Join us in an evening of holiday lights and fun in city Athens. 55 years and older, Dec 19, 6-8 p.m., Depart East Athens Community Center at 5 p.m. \$1

Thomas N. Lay Park (706) 613-3596

Let Your Fingers Do The Walking An introductory class looking at the use of Microsoft Word and navigating the world wide web. 55 years and older, Fri, Feb 5, 1 pm Registration begins Feb 1, \$2/ACC Resident, \$3/Non-ACC Resident

Senior Adult Sweetheart Prom Enjoy an evening of dancing, listening to soft music, socializing and refreshments. 55 years and older Sun, Feb 7, 5 p.m., \$1

Senior Trips

All trips are for Seniors, 50 years and older
Fees are due at time of registration.

Senior Trip to Madison-Morgan Holiday Tour of Homes Get in the holiday spirit by enjoying a great meal, some holiday shopping & a tour of six beautifully decorated antebellum homes 50 and older, Fri, Dec 4, 9:30 a.m.- approx. 4:30 p.m. Depart from & return to Athens Community Council on Aging, 135 Hoyt Street. Pre-registration required. Oct 17- Nov 25. Maximum of 20 registrants. Call (706) 613-3580 to register. \$27/person. This includes admission to the Tour of Homes. Lunch on your own.

Senior Trip to Dawsonville's North Georgia Premium Outlets Treat yourself to enjoying the post-holiday sales with us as we visit the North Georgia Premium Outlets, home to over 140 outlet stores! 50 years and older, Thurs, Jan 14, 9 a.m.- approx. 4:30 p.m. Depart from & return to Athens Community Council on Aging, 135 Hoyt Street. Pre-registration required. Oct 17- Jan 11. Maximum of 20 registrants. Call (706) 613-3580 to register. Fee: \$5/person. (Covers van transportation.) Lunch on own in food court.

Athens-Clarke County Library Ever wonder about your family history? Join us for a trip to the Heritage room at the ACC Library to learn how to look up genealogy information and trace your roots. Who knows what you may learn about where you and yours come from. Tues, Jan 26, 10 am, Free Call (706) 613-3603 to register.

The Blue Willow Inn in Social Circle Join us for lunch at this historic restaurant. Have your picture made on the beautiful grounds. Shop with us, visit the 1950's Soda Fountain, and the Natural History Museum. Fri, Feb 19. Depart Memorial Park at 10 a.m. and return around 4 p.m. \$22 fee, includes all-you-can eat lunch buffet. Call (706) 613-3603 to register.

Senior Trip to Clemson, SC We'll tour the South Carolina Botanical Gardens, visit Fort Hill- the historic home of Vice President John C. Calhoun, and the historic French Huguenot Hanover House. Thurs, Feb 25. \$15, includes transportation and admission fees. Maximum of 20 registrations. Call (706) 613-3580 to register. Lunch on your own.

Senior Trip to Booth Western Art Museum and Etowah Indian Mounds See one of the nation's largest western art collections and visit the historic Etowah Indian Mounds, the most intact Mississippian Cultural site in the Southeastern United States. Thursday, March 25, Depart from and return to Athens Community Council on Aging, 135 Hoyt Street. Pre-registration required, Jan 25-Mar 22 by calling (706) 549-4850. \$20/person.

3rd Annual New Years at Noon 5K Even if you stayed up late to ring in the New Year, sleep in and join us at Sandy Creek Park for the 3rd Annual News Years at Noon 5K. After the race, there will be plenty of hot soup, chili, and refreshments for everyone! Race proceeds go toward Bobby's Learning Garden. All ages. Fri, Jan 1 at Noon. Pre-register at www.active.com or download an application at www.sandycreekpark.com. \$15 per individual or \$50 per family (fees based on pre-registration by Dec 20.)

Visit www.accleisureservices.com for all the details on these and other events.