

OCONEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
COVID-19 FAQs – Summer Programs Cancellations – 4-20-2020

Please see below Frequently Asked Questions regarding OCPRD summer program cancellations and the current COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your support and understanding as information continues to evolve and change.

1. What summer programs/events are cancelled?

All parks and recreation summer programs, to include Summer Day Camp, summer weeklong sports and other camps, Yoga and the Oconee 4th of July Fireworks event.

2. Why was the decision made to cancel OCPRD summer programs/events?

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, its effect on logistical planning and the continuation of social distancing recommendations, OCPRD made the difficult decision to cancel all summer activities and events. Our commitment to the health and safety of our summer participants, our community, and our staff is paramount and has guided us in making this decision. We truly enjoy running our summer programs and know how much the community values them; however, the level of close interactions required to operate these events does not support social distancing guidelines.

3. Why was the decision made now and not postponed until later when more information is available?

Due to the logistical planning required, such as hiring summer staff, processing registrations, purchasing camp supplies, determining if field trips possible, etc., it was prudent to go ahead now and made a final decision.

4. When will OCPRD programs resume?

We are hopeful to have a full slate of recreational activities in the fall. We will continue to monitor this closely and will post updates to our website and social media.

5. When will fall OCPRD program registration begin?

Fall Football and Cheer registration began Monday, April 20 with payment due by May 31.

Other fall program registration, such as soccer, flag football, volleyball, Yoga, etc., is set to begin on Monday, July 6.

6. Are park facilities open for the general public to utilize?

Only the trails, walking paths and OVP dog park are open at this time. We ask the public to follow the recommend guidelines of social distancing and avoid groups larger than 10.

7. When will closed park facilities reopen?

Park facilities currently closed will reopen once it is determined that the conditions allow for safe public use. Any park updates will be posted on the OCPRD Facebook page.

8. I scheduled a rental at a park or facility. Can I still have my event?

All park rentals have been cancelled through April 26 and may be extended. We ask that you accept a credit on account if you would like to schedule a future date or we will issue a refund by check (*all refunds should allow 3-4 weeks to process*).

9. Are you accepting rental requests at this time?

Reservation requests may be submitted, but they will not be finalized until county facilities reopen and events may be subject to change. Please submit a [Facility Request Form](#) to the appropriate Facility Supervisor staff.

10. If I have a question, how do I contact Parks and Recreation staff?

Citizens can call our office at 706-769-3965, Monday – Friday from 8 am – 5 pm, or email staff directly.

11. How do I get up-to-date information about the coronavirus in Oconee County?

The most reliable information can be found at the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [Georgia Department of Public Health](#). For information at a more local level, please consult the [Oconee County website](#).