



# Gwinnett

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Greetings!

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### Ready, set, go!

Our new [July – December edition](#) is packed with family-friendly events and activities for all ages and abilities. Many are free or low-cost. Check out all the offerings, sign up online, and kick your calendar into gear!

Registration is simple. Create an account or log in to an existing account. Click on an activity to add it to your cart and checkout. Some activities don't require registration.

If you have any questions or need assistance, just call the activity location during open hours.



### Beat the heat!



With summer in full sizzle, take a dip at one of Gwinnett's seasonal [pools or aquatic centers](#), which also offer everything from swim lessons to water aerobics classes and host fun events. Chill out at the interactive fountains at E.E. Robinson Park and Graves Park, which will feature a splashtastic [Rise Up & Cool Down](#) night in July – one of multiple events planned for National Park and Recreation Month. Play at the river channels at Rabbit Hill Park and Harbins Park. Seniors can savor the flavor of summer at BBQ Bingo! and Ice Cream with Elvis in August. Kick off Labor Day weekend with Red, White, and Watermelon at Bogan Park.

### Nature's calling

Get outside and reconnect with nature. Hit the trail at Walk the Talk, a Saturday wellness stroll hosted monthly by [Live Healthy Gwinnett](#) at different park locations. Count the bees and butterflies during the Great Georgia Pollinator Census in August. In September, head to Rhodes Jordan Park for the Kids Fishing Derby or spend the night at Tribble Mill Park for Camp Out and Clean Up! [UGA Extension Gwinnett](#) and Harvest Gwinnett offer a bounty of gardening activities. Peep the leaf-changing colors of fall on an October hayride at McDaniel Farm Park and bundle up for a Winter Woodland Walk in December at Simpsonwood Park.



### Just for kids



Usher in the school year this August with a ton of fun, including a STEAM session at the Environmental & Heritage Center in Buford, [4-H](#) Kick Off at a trio of parks, and themed Kids Nights on Friday evenings. Pop-up Park Play Days take place July through December. When school is on break, [camp](#) is in session, with special offerings in October, November, and December. Creative Discovery sessions include Little Explorers at Rhodes Jordan Park and Tiny Trailblazers at Bogan Park.

## Bust a move!

Not only does Gwinnett boast [over 50 parks](#) to stretch your legs, Parks & Recreation offers a full roster of martial arts, gymnastics, dance, and fitness [activities](#). Knock it out of the park on a sports league, with athletic offerings for youth and adults. Skateboarders can catch some air at Skate Jam at Duncan Park in August. In October, get your game on at Senior Field Day, and bring the whole clan for Community Field Day at Alexander Park, featuring an action-packed afternoon of friendly competition.



## Cultural awakening



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in September with fiesta fun at OneStop Buford, OneStop Norcross and Shorty Howell Park. A spirited Día de los Muertos salute follows in October at Best Friend Park. Delve into the history of Gwinnett's earliest inhabitants in November on a Native American Hike at Little Mulberry Park and hear storied tales at the [Environmental & Heritage Center](#). Sign up for an African dance class at OneStop Centerville or learn Salsa at Bogan Park. Open the doors to communication with Conversational Spanish and English [classes](#) taught at multiple locations.

## Art appreciation

Embrace your inner artist at the pottery studio at [Pinckneyville Park](#) Community Recreation Center, which offers hand-building, wheel, and independent study sessions. While kids can paint a bird house and draw caricatures, seniors can get crafty making candles and building models. Don't miss the gallery shows at Lilburn Activity Building and George Pierce Park in Suwanee. Music lovers can get into the groove at Rhythm at the Park at Shorty Howell Park or show off their rock-star swagger at the Family Lip-sync Battle at Lucky Shoals Park. Take the stage for acting and improv classes.



## Holiday hoopla



holidays past and present on a guided bus tour with multiple stops.

October kicks off a month of spooktacular events, from the Scaredy Cat Soiree to the Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee. Little gobblers can run for fun at the Turkey Tot Trot in November, while seniors enjoy a Thanksgiving feast at Gobble Till You Wobble. A flurry of fa-la-la-la fun follows the Lighting of the Tree at the [Gwinnett Historic Courthouse](#) on November 24. Brunch with Santa, decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus, and join in a Holiday Whobilation. Find the perfect gift at artisan markets. Snap a photo with your four-legged friend and support [shelter animals](#) at Home for the Pawliday. Experience

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