

Active in Okeechobee

2019 Summer Activity Guide



Shared Services Network of Okeechobee
700 SW Second Avenue
Okeechobee, Florida 34974
(863) 462-5000 ext. 257

Let's keep our children safe, supervised and active this summer!

Si necesita ayuda con traducción, por favor, vea a la Defensora de Migrantes de la escuela a la que asiste su hijo/a.

Active in Okeechobee

What activities have you planned for your children and teens this summer? The Shared Services Network has prepared this 2019 Summer Activity Guide to assist you in selecting activities appropriate for your children. Take a close look at all the activities; look for age appropriate programs, family-time opportunities, enrollment deadlines, fees (if applicable) and be sure to call the program to verify date, time and location. We hope this guide will assist you in finding several activities to keep your children safe, supervised, healthy and active this summer.

Many thanks to the sponsors of this guide and to the many individuals that have donated time to ensure the information is as complete and accurate as possible.

Sincerely,

Executive Roundtable of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee

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OKEECHOBEE AGRI-CIVIC CENTER, 4601 FL-710, Okeechobee, FL 34974

Arts/Crafts

Mr. Wendy's Scroll Saw Camp

My Aunt's House Inc.

Camp location:

Okeechobee Achievement Academy

1000 N.W. 34th Street

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 634-3776 or (863) 634-2306

Mr. Wendy's Scroll Saw Camp will provide students with instruction and practice of basic skills & safety using the Variable Speed Scroll Saw, Random Orbital Sanders and Drill Press. Students will then progress to complete easy to medium skill scroll work to include names, pictures, scenes, sports, animal figures and sayings. Scroll Saw patterns are available in levels from easy to difficult. Our Camp is open to all youth ages 12 – 18 years. Participants must be currently enrolled in Middle School or High School. Camp enrollment is limited due to youth operating machinery. Parent or Guardian MUST sign a permission form before youth can operate machinery. June 10 – June 21, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Summer Fun Art Classes

Fawn's Studio & Teaching Center

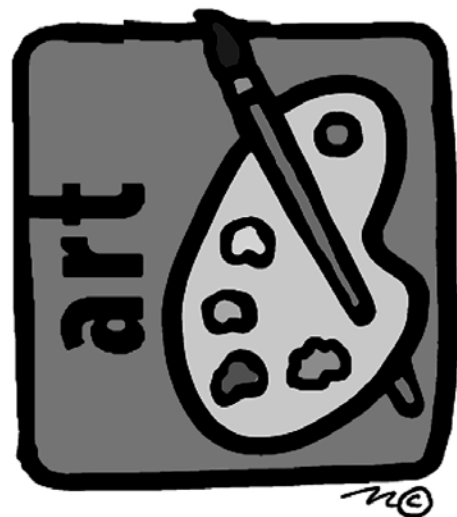
111 NE 2nd Street

Okeechobee, FL 34972

863-634-0241 fmcneillbarr@gmail.com

www.http://fawn-mcneill.pixels.com

State certified art instructor, Fawn McNeill Barr, offers drawing, painting, oil pastels, abstracts, art history, clay projects, mixed media, etc. (Each week has a different theme). Tuesdays and Wednesdays for ages 7 and up. Thursdays and Fridays for ages 5-8. May sign up for one or more weeks. By reservation only. Must sign up before May 24. Tues/Wed: 2:00-4:00 p.m., or Thurs/Fri: 2:00-3:30 p.m. June 4 – August 7, fees vary per class.



Pre-Kindergarten

Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee Counties, Inc.

308 NW 5th Street

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(877) 220-1223 Fax (772) 220-1229

FREE! Pre-Kindergarten

ALL 4 Year Olds!

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) is a free statewide program designed to prepare every 4 year old in Florida for kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. To be eligible for VPK, your child must be 4 years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year. If their 4th birthday falls February 2nd through September 1st in a calendar year, parents can postpone enrolling their child in VPK that year and wait until the following year when the child turns 5. To show proof of age the parent must provide the child's birth certificate, physician signed shot record, passport or military ID. To show proof of address parent must provide their driver's license, utility bill, property tax showing homestead exemption, residential rental agreement or pay stub. The address on the application must match your proof of Florida address. (No PO Box) Registration must be completed online at <https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com>. Questions – call 1-877-220-1223 (toll free) Fee: FREE

Summer Day Camps

First Baptist Church of Okeechobee

310 S.W. 5th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34974

(863) 467-7625

www.fbcokce.org

FBC Camp Kids

Six weeks of SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS. During each camp the children work on different art projects or techniques, increase cooking and cleaning skills, work on mission or outreach projects and recreation the children will learn basic sports. There will be six camps as follows:

Art Camp, June 17-21

Cooking Camp, June 24-28

Missions Camp, July 8-12

Art Camp, July 15-19

Cooking Camp, July 22-26

Recreation/Sports Camp, July 29-August 2

All camps will be held at the ROC from 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Fee: \$135 per week per child. For children that have completed kindergarten and up.

Discovery Island

Peace Lutheran School

750 NW 23rd Lane

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-7566 Fax (863) 763-0143

www.peacelutheranschool-okeechobee.org

Each week will be an adventure as campers focus on weekly themes such as mad scientists, sports mania, culinary delights, etc. Special presentations and field trips. Full and half-day programs available. June 3 – July 26, Mon-Fri 9:00-4:00. Fee: Full day is \$800, half day is \$600. Age 2 through having completed fourth grade. Limited scholarships are available. Must apply by May 3.

Summer Basic Sewing Camp

My Aunt's House, Inc. (The Closet)

202 N.E. 2nd Street, Suite 8

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 634-2306

Our "Basic Sewing Camp" will provide sewing skills and tips that will be beneficial throughout their lives. We will learn sewing on buttons, mending, hand sewing, machine sewing and so much more! We will be constructing tote bags, throw pillows, decorative pillow cases, pajamas, and skirts (with or without patterns). Sewing is an art all children should, at least, have the opportunity to learn. For boys and girls ages 12-18. Limit of twelve children. Preference will be given to children who have not attended our basic sewing camp at My Aunt's House. June 10 – June 21, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Okeechobee Achievement Academy. Please call (863) 634-2306 for more information.

Okeechobee Wrestling Club

(863) 634-9411

The Chobee Wrestling Club will begin sign up and registration for their spring and summer session. Practice will begin February 25 and continue through June and July. Practice will be held from 6 – 8 in the Yearling Middle School gym beginning in May. The program will incorporate the basic knowledge and skills of wrestling. These skills will be implemented as kids compete in tournaments around the state on weekends. Wrestlers will be sent to four camps in and out of state to further enhance their skills. Camp 1: May 30-June 2 Camp 2: June 6-8 Camp 3: June 24-July 1 and Camp 4: July 10-12. Fee: \$40 for each wrestler in elementary and middle schools.

Student Assistance Program/ Okeechobee County Parks and Recreation Summer Camp

New Horizons of the Treasure Coast

(772) 285-5445

The Student Assistance Program will be partnering with Okeechobee County Parks and Recreation for a seven-week interactive and educational summer camp experience. "Botvin Lifeskills Training" will be

presented and provide the main "asset building" by teaching them about negative consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and gateway drugs and also anger management and conflict resolution skills. There will be numerous field trips and daily physical/recreational activities. Open to students ages 6 – 12. June 10 – July 26. 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Fee: \$60 per week.

4-H Day Camps

For more information please contact the UF/IFAS Extension Office at 863-763-6469, or visit the Okeechobee Extension Service web page on the Okeechobee County BOCC website: <http://www.co.okeechobee.fl.us/>. Camp registration will open on May 1. Payment and registration must be received to reserve a spot in camps.

Just Horsin' Around 4-H Horse Camp

Okeechobee County 4-H (University of Florida/Okeechobee County Extension Service)

458 Highway 98 North

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-6469 FAX (863) 763-6745

<http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu>

June 24-28

Horse Camp is open to all youth ages 8 – 18. Campers must provide their own horse. Participants will explore different riding disciplines and are provided riding and lesson time in the saddle. Campers experience horse activities geared toward developing riders, and will also have the opportunity to explore many career possibilities related to the equine industry. Registration fee is \$163 for the week and includes a stall and 2 bags of shavings.

H2O Environmental Education Day Camp

Okeechobee County 4-H (University of Florida/Okeechobee County Extension Service)

458 Highway 98 North

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-6469 FAX (863) 763-6745

<http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu>

Week 1 – June 10-14

Week 2 June 24-28

Week 3 – July 22-26

H2O Camp is an Environmental Education Day Camp made possible by grants funded through Children's Services Council (CSC) of Okeechobee County, and the families of Okeechobee County thank them for their continued support. H2O Camp is open to youth ages 8 (as of September 1, 2018) to 18. Campers will be exposed to a wide variety of environmental education opportunities and recreational activities, while making new friends and increasing their knowledge of our local resources. Field trips planned include local museums and science centers, beaches, and springs, with a visit to Blizard Beach planned each Friday. Camp registration fee is \$150 for 1 week and includes admission and group transportation to all field trips.

Blast to the Past, Adventures in History Day Camp

Okeechobee County 4-H (University of Florida/Okeechobee County Extension Service)
458 Highway 98 North
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-6469 FAX (863) 763-6745
<http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu>

Week 1 – June 17-21

Week 2 – July 15-19

History Camp is made possible by grants funded through Children's Services Council (CSC) of Okeechobee County and the families of Okeechobee County thank them for their continued support. History Camp is open to all youth ages 8(as of September 1, 2018) to 18. Campers will experience hands on educational activities based on our local history and culture. Campers will also learn about American icons such as the Ringling Brothers by visiting the museum and the Ford/Edison legacies by a trip to their winter estates. Camp will wrap up with a visit to EPCOT each Friday and campers will get a taste of international culture and history. Camp registration fee is \$150 for 1 week and includes admission and group transportation to all field trips.

Farm to Plate Agriculture Day Camp

Okeechobee County 4-H (University of Florida/Okeechobee County Extension Service)
458 Highway 98 North
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-6469 FAX (863) 763-6745
<http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu>

Week 1 – July 15-19

Week 2 – July 29-August 2

Ag Camp is an Agricultural Education Day Camp made possible by grants funded through Children's Services Council (CSC) of Okeechobee County. The families and agricultural community of Okeechobee County thank the CSC of Okeechobee County for their support. Ag Camp is open to all youth that will be entering 5th through 12th grade this Fall. Campers will explore the agricultural industry through hands on learning experiences. Participants will visit local dairy, beef, and apiary operations, as well as cook local agricultural products and explore local natural resources. Camp registration fee is \$150 for 1 week and includes admission and group transportation to all field trips.

Blast to the Past, Adventures in History Day Camp

Okeechobee County 4-H (University of Florida/Okeechobee County Extension Service)
458 Highway 98 North
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-6469 FAX (863) 763-6745
<http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu>
July 8-12

Shooting Sports and Conservation Camp is made possible by a grant funded through the Children's Services Council (CSC) of Okeechobee County. The community of Okeechobee would like to thank CSC

of Okeechobee County for their support. Camp is open to all youth ages 10(as of September 1, 2018) to 18. Campers will learn about the importance of firearm safety and will learn firearm safety rules and techniques, hunting and game management techniques, and will explore a variety of local natural resources and recreational activities. Campers will also have the opportunity to increase their knowledge about and marksmanship skills in the archery, shotgun, and rifle disciplines. Camp registration fee is \$150 and includes admission and group transportation to all field trips.

Sheriff Stephen's Youth Summer Camp

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office
504 NW 4th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-3117 / (863) 462-5190

Okeesherriff.org

camold@okeesherriff.com

Sheriff's Youth Summer Camp is funded by Children's Services Council of Okeechobee, Inc. This is a one week camp, located at Okeechobee High School for youth ages 8-11. Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., June 3-7. A free summer day camp fostering positive relationships between youth and law enforcement while teaching outdoor ethics, gun safety, conservation and a wide variety of topics on wildlife. Registrations will be held on a first come first serve basis beginning at 8:00 a.m., May 3, School Board Operations, 938 NW 34th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Sign-ups will be on a first come, first served basis.

Fee: FREE



Sheriff Stephen's Teen Camp

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-3117/ (863) 462-5190
Okeesherriff.org
camold@okeesherriff.com

Sheriff's Teen Camp is funded through Children's Services Council of Okeechobee, Inc. This one week camp located at Okeechobee High School will be for youth ages 12-15 years old and run Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m., June 10 – 14. A free summer day camp fostering positive relationships between youth and law enforcement while teaching outdoor ethics, gun safety, conservation and a wide variety of topics on wildlife. Registrations will be held on a first come first serve basis beginning at 8:00 a.m., May 3, on the east side of Okeechobee Achievement Academy, 1000 NW 34th Street. Sign-ups will be on a first come, first served basis.
Fee: FREE

Summer Play Camp 2019

Okeechobee County Parks & Recreation
1718 NW 9th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-6950 FAX (863) 763-0662

www.facebook.com/parksandrec

Indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts, sports, swimming, field trips and "Too Good for Violence" curriculum. Campers must be 5-13 years of age. 5 year olds must meet certain prerequisites in order to attend. Selected youth 14-16 years of age are accepted as Counselors in Training. Program Hours: Monday – Friday, June 11 – July 27, 8:30 – 4:30. Registration period is Monday-Friday, April 29-May 31 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The camp fee is \$60/week per participant and \$50/week for children any additional child in the same household.

Bible Church Summer Youth Camp

Bible Church of God
3666 E Highway 70
Okeechobee, FL, 34972

This six-week program will provide an environment to learn valuable skills that will help build confidence and cognitive abilities. Program will offer physical, mental and cultural activities that include but are not limited to Sustained Silent Reading, Arts & Crafts, Physical Exercise, Bowling, Swimming, and Museum visits. June 10 – July 19 (excluding July 4). Fee: one-time registration and application fee of \$65 per child and \$60 for returning students.



Library/Reading Programs

Summer Reading Program

Okeechobee County Public Library
206 SW 16th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34974
(863) 763-3536

www.myhlc.org

Explore a 'Universe of Stories' this summer at the Okeechobee County Public Library with activities, crafts, programs, prizes and more! Everyone can join in on the fun with reading programs available for all ages. Registration is required one week prior to program, excluding story time; please call or come in to sign up.

Library Hours: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Library Cards: Residents of Okeechobee County or other Heartland Library Cooperative member counties are eligible for **free library cards**. The minimum age for a library card is five (5) years of age. Proof of identity (photo ID) and residency (current address) must be supplied when applying for a library card and when renewing or replacing cards.

The following programs will be available at the Okeechobee County Public Library
206 SW 16th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34974
(863) 763-3536
www.myhlc.org
www.facebook.com/okeelibrary

Summer Reading Story Time

Enjoy story time activities including songs, dance, crafts, stories and more! Ages 0-5. Parents must be present and participate. June 14-July 26 at 11:00 a.m. Fee: free

Pizza Planet

Decorate your own 'planet' as we learn to make fruit pizzas. Ages 5-8. Spaces limited. June 7 at 3:00 p.m. Fee: free

Galaxy Slime

Slime is back at the library! Join us as we make galaxy-themed slime that is out of this world. Ages 8-12. Spaces limited. June 15 at 3:00 p.m. Fee: free

Sew Weird

Learn how to sew simple stitches as we create our own alien stuffed animals. Ages 12-17. Spaces limited. June 21 at 3:00 p.m. Fee: free

Moon Sand

Learn how to make your own kinetic sand, also known as moon sand. Ages 5-8. Spaces limited. June 28 at 3:00 p.m. Fee: free

Lava in Space

We'll make our own lava 'lamp' experiments as we learn about lava in outer space. Ages 7-12. Spaces limited. July 5 at 3:00 p.m. Fee: free

Space Paint

Pour and splatter paint to make your own galaxy canvas art. Ages 12-17. Spaces limited. July 12 at 3:00 p.m. Fee: free

Astronaut Pudding

Want to know how astronauts eat in space? We'll enjoy some freeze-dried treats and make our own chocolate pudding just like the astronauts do! Ages 5-12. Spaces limited. July 19 at 3:00 p.m. Fee: free

Galaxy Globe

Need a moment to calm down and look at the stars? We'll make our own mini-galaxy mindfulness jars. Ages 8-16. Spaces limited. July 26 at 3:00 p.m. Fee: free

Educational/Tutoring**FAU Center for Autism & Related Disabilities**

Florida Atlantic University
500 NW California Blvd., D115
(772) 873-3422

www.autism.fau.edu

To provide resources, support, training and expert advice to individuals with autism, their families and the professionals that serve them. Eligibility criteria: documented diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Related Disability or children under six years old who are demonstrating developmental 'Red Flags' for autism spectrum disorders. FAU Center for Autism & Related Disabilities meets with families and professionals in the community of Okeechobee. FAU CARD's purpose is to serve individuals with autism spectrum disorders across their lifespan by helping them to become valued members of their community. Staff will meet with individuals requesting assistance to develop a plan for receiving services and supports that are based on individual needs and the latest autism research. Meeting with the CARD clinician is flexible and based on the individual's schedule. There are no fees for services for this year-round program. Contact the clinician directly to set up appointment: Rosie Portera, (772) 873-3442 or email r.portera.vaughn@fau.edu. Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Expanding Horizons Summer Youth Program

Indian River State College – Dixon Hendry Campus
2229 NW 9th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 824-6000 Fax (772) 462-7665
expandinghorizons@irsc.edu
www.irsc.edu

This is an eight-week hands-on program. Program participants learn leadership skills, receive instruction on employability skills, budgeting, and remediation in basic academic skills and receive relevant information on substance abuse, bullying and social media safety. They will also be engaged in career exploration. Program is open to youth 14-16 years of age residing

and attending school in Okeechobee County. June 3 – July 25, Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Fee: FREE

Reading and Math Recovery

Delagall Foundation
(321) 749-7924

Reading and math intervention are needed due to high poverty and illiteracy in the area. Students will receive educational assistance and mental health counseling to accomplish academic goals from grades K-12. June 3 – July 3 at Bethel Baptist Church from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fee: \$5

Character Building Program

Serious About You Sidewalk Ministry
(863) 532-8032

One-hour weekly interactive lessons on different character building strategies for children ages 5-13. These lessons will be presented through drama, puppets and power point stories. Snacks, games and prizes will be provided each week for participants. Weekly follow-up home-visits will be available. July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3 and 10 starting at 10:00 a.m. – 11/11:30 a.m. at the Okeechobee County School District Operations Building (938 NW 34th Street).

CASTLE – Positive Parenting

208 N Parrott Ave
Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 467-7771, www.castle.org

Positive Parenting is a 15 hour parenting education workshop for parents (only) is an evidence-based, COA accredited educational and support group for parents who are interested in: learning new parenting skills, redirecting behaviors, managing anger, home safety, nurturing skills, and practical tips on responding appropriately with pre-teens and teenagers. Upon completion of the full 15-hour course, participants will be given a certificate of completion. Preregistration is required at www.castle.org. The schedule may change according to the enrollment. Eligibility: Parents (no children) Fee: \$100 for three sessions
Summer Dates: Call for Okeechobee summer dates.

School Based Mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Okeechobee County
208 N Parrott Ave
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 824-2227 FAX (772) 828-2098

www.bbbsbigs.org

Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is one of the most enjoyable things you'll ever do. Not to mention one of the most fulfilling. With just an hour a week, you have the opportunity to help shape a K-5th graders future by empowering them to achieve. Call us today and start something amazing!

For volunteers – ages 16 and up, available during school hours, must go through screening process. All children must be referred by their teacher. During the school year, Monday – Friday, times vary.
Fee: FREE



Thank you

Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition for your support of the 2019 "Active in Okeechobee" Summer Activity Guide.

The OSAC meets quarterly. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 30th at Beef 'O' Brady's at 12 p.m.
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Save the Dates

for these upcoming events with the Okeechobee Children's Mental Health System of Care!

Summer Nights at FCHC

Expert information on anxiety, suicide awareness, web safety, and more from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Fred Brown Center at FCHC

June 18th, July 9th
& July 23rd

Behavioral Health Provider Fair at IRSC

A special behavioral health event for professionals working in education, law enforcement, mental health, medicine, social work and more

August 9th - 11am-2pm

Family Nights at IRSC

FREE dinner, expert presentations, and childcare for kids 3 and up 6:00-7:30 pm in the Williamson Education Center at IRSC

Aug. 27th, Sept. 24th, Oct. 22nd,
Jan. 28th, Feb. 25th,
March 24th, Apr. 28th

PLUS!
The Annual Back to School Expo at OHS
Aug. 3rd
8:00-11:00am



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Fast-Track Dual Enrollment Summer Classes

Indian River State College-Dixon Hendry Campus
2229 NW 9th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 824-6000

Dual Enrollment is defined as a student simultaneously earning high school credit toward a high school diploma, along with college credit toward an Associate Degree or credit toward a vocational certificate for an eligible course. Students must have a 3.0 GPA and have college level scores on the PERT/SAT or ACT tests, as well as a High School Administrator's authorization. June 3-June 20. Fee: FREE tuition and book(s) to qualified Dual Enrollment students.

Dual Enrollment Fast Track Classes:

DEP2004 Human Development
8:15-11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday 6/3-6/20

SLS1101 Student Success
8:15-11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday 6/3-6/20

SLS1101 Student Success
1:00-4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday 6/3-6/20

PSY2012 Intro to Psychology
1:00-4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday 6/3-6/20

GED Classes

Indian River State College-Dixon Hendry Campus
2229 NW 9th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 824-6009 FAX (863) 824-6019
www.irsc.edu

GED prep of the four subject areas; reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies. Must be 16 years old or older to participate.

Monday – Thursday, May 8 – August 7,
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Fee: \$30 for the semester
B Building Room 130

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes

Indian River State College-Dixon Hendry Campus
2229 NW 9th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972

Anneliese Prahl (863) 824-6031

or Josh Padgett (863) 824-6009

Learn to speak, read, and write in English so you can enter the workforce or continue your education.

Must be 16 years old or older to participate.

ESL Summer A schedule: Classes are scheduled to start on May 8 through June 19, Evenings classes only from 5:30-8:30 pm in Building A – Room 105. No Summer B classes this year.

Bicycle Safety

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office

504 N.W. 4 Street

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-3117 ext. 5156 FAX (863) 763-6366

www.okeesherriff.org

Bicycle Safety. Call for an appointment to discuss availability of the services.

Family Activities

Labor Day Festival

Okeechobee Main Street

55 S. Parrott Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34974

863-357-6246

www.okeechobeemainstreet.org

Family fun event with arts & crafts, live entertainment and food vendors. August 31 - September 2, 2019, 10:00-3:00. The admission is free.

Junior Ranger Program

Florida State Parks/Kissimmee Prairie Preserve
State Park

33104 NW 192nd Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 462-5360 FAX (863) 462-5276

www.floridastateparks.org

Many state parks participate in the Junior Ranger Program. Go to any Florida state park and ask for a Junior Ranger Kit. The kit includes 6 activities about the core principles of the Florida Park Service and what it means to be a Junior Ranger. After completion, the packet is turned in to a state park. The child will recite the pledge to become initiated as a Junior Ranger. Kids can complete more activities after this to learn more about the natural and cultural resources, service, and recreation to receive their Jr Ranger badge, patch, and other merchandise (tee-shirts, water bottles, hat, etc.). Florida state parks are open from 8 a.m. until sundown, 365 days a year. Entrance fee: \$5.00 - \$10.00 per vehicle.

Recreational Riding Night

Agri-Civic Center

4601 Highway 710

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-1666

Sign up to bring your horse for recreational riding night the first Tuesday of each month at the Agri-Civic Center from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Fee: \$10 per person per night. You must provide a negative coggins test, signed release form and pay prior to entering the arena, call for complete details.

Health/Medical/Dental

Sandy Pines Residential Treatment Center

11301 Tequesta Terrace

Tequesta, FL 33469

(561) 744-0211 x 399 www.sandypineshospital.com

Sandy Pines is a residential treatment center serving children and teens ages 5 through 17 with a primary psychiatric diagnosis. Located in southeast Florida, we are a Trauma-Informed Care facility using evidenced-based treatments including Trauma-Focused, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR) and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). Se Habla Espanol! Hours: 24/7 Fee: Insurance and Medicaid.

Help Me Grow

211 Helpline

PO Box 3588, Lantana, FL 33465

PHONE: 2-1-1 FAX 561-547-8639

www.211treasurecoast.org

Hours 24/7, children ages 0 – 8 years.

The 211 HelpLine Help Me Grow answers questions about how babies and children grow. This special call center also provides referrals for all children, including those with special needs. You can even get a developmental screening for children birth to age 8 over the phone to find out if your child is at risk. And if necessary a referral for additional screening and/or developmental evaluation will be made. Just dial 211 and ask for Help Me Grow!

Help Me Grow Florida is an affiliate of the HMG National Network and is sponsored by the Florida Developmental disabilities Council Inc. and The Florida Department of Education, Office of Early Learning. FEE: Free

Women, Infants & Children Program

FDOH WIC and Nutrition Services

1728 NW 9th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

English: (863) 462-5795

Spanish: (863) 462-5814

Fax: (863) 462-5220

www.FloridaWIC.org

WIC is a supplemental nutrition program. Nutrition education and counseling, as well as nutritious

supplemental foods are provided to pregnant and postpartum women, infants and children up to age five. Individualized goals and prescribed foods are key factors used to meet the dietary needs of clients. We also offer breastfeeding support and assistance to new mothers and babies enrolled in the program. Qualification is verified through Medicaid, TCA, SNAP eligibility or income per family size. Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00
Fee: FREE

Orthodontics

Wemmer Family Orthodontics

2025 Highway 441 North

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 467-2332 FAX (863) 467-2347

www.wemmerorthodontics.com

Wemmer Family Orthodontics provides a full range of orthodontic services for both children and adults. Treatment is also available for jaw growth disorders and TMJ (jaw joint) dysfunction. Tooth movement is accomplished by either fixed braces (we use state of the art, low-friction-low force damon system) or by removable clear aligners (invisalign system). Wemmer Family Orthodontics prides itself on customer service and on delivering quality results in a fun, but professional environment.

New patient exams are complimentary and summer is a great time to begin your journey to a new, beautiful smile. Summer Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Fred Brown Children's Health Center

Florida Community Health Centers, Inc.

2015 Highway 441 North

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-1951 Fax (844) 540-4797

www.fchcinc.org

Pediatric health services for children, newborn-18 years old. School physicals, sports physicals and immunization appointments are available as well as limited walk-in appointments. Appointments are available after 5:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Board certified pediatricians are available for all your children's primary health care needs. Bilingual staff is available to assist with interpretation. Make an appointment today with one of our Health Benefit Navigators to see if your children qualify for Florida KidCare coverage. Services are available to everyone regardless of their social or economic situation. To apply for our sliding fee scale for health care services, please bring a copy of your 2018 tax return. If a 2018 tax return is not available, please provide your three (3) most recent paystubs. For more information, please contact our office. Fee: based on income, we accept most major insurances. Call for current hours of operation.



Fl♥rida KidCare
HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE

Head to toe coverage for all Florida kids from birth through the end of age 18, even if one or both parents are working.

Most families pay nothing at all, and many families pay just \$15 or \$20 a month. Full-pay options are also available.

I AM  **KidCare**

With year-round enrollment, the time to apply is always now:
floridakidcare.org • 1-888-540-5437

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Fl♥rida KidCare
SEGURO MÉDICO Y DENTAL

Cobertura desde la cabeza hasta los pies para todos los niños de la Florida desde el nacimiento hasta completar los 18 años de edad, aun cuando uno o ambos padres trabajen.

La mayoría de las familias no pagan nada en absoluto, y muchas familias solamente pagan \$15 o \$20 al mes. También hay disponibles opciones de pago completo.

SOY  **KidCare**

Con la inscripción abierta durante todo el año, el momento para solicitar es siempre ahora:
floridakidcare.org • 1-888-540-5437

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Florida Baptist Mobile Dental Van

Open Hands Health Center, Inc.
309 NW 5th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 357-1257 F: (863) 357-0858
www.openhandshealthcenter.org

Free extractions and fillings for adults only. No medical insurance is required; must be an Okeechobee County resident with income within 200% poverty level. Must call Open Hands Health Center for eligibility and to fill out paperwork. June 3 – June 7, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Oakview Baptist Church. Fee: FREE, donations accepted.

SHINE Medicare Program

Area Agency on Aging Inc.
4400 N Congress Ave
West Palm Beach, FL 33407 (Okeechobee site upon request)
866-684-5885 FAX: 561-214-8670
FloridaSHINE.org
We are a network of volunteers who assist beneficiaries and caregivers with information and appeals for Medicare. Open to anyone that has questions or concerns about Medicare and navigating insurance. Monday-Friday, 8 am – 5 pm Fee: FREE

We have taken great care to ensure that all dates, phone numbers and information listed are correct; however mistakes do happen. Please call the programs that are of interest to you and your child to verify location, dates, times, fees and ages.

Florida Department of Health

Okeechobee County
1728 NW 9th Ave.
Okeechobee, FL 34972
863-462-5800 F: 863-462-5821

Immunizations

Beat the rush! Don't wait until August to make an appointment for your child's immunizations and/or physical, make an appointment with your child's provider soon.

Immunization requirements for school year 2018-2019:

- Kindergarten through 11th grade students required to have 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.
- 7th -12th grade students are also required to have one Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.
- 12th grade required to have one (1) dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.
- The Varicella vaccine is NOT required if there is history of Varicella disease documented by the healthcare provider.

Students entering or transferring into the Okeechobee County School System are required to provide documentation of an up-to-date Florida Certificate of Immunization- 680 Form. If your child has moved from out of state, and is starting school in Okeechobee School System, please have an up-to-date immunization record from your previous provider so your child will not have to have unnecessary immunizations to start school.

Immunizations are available at the Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County, through the Vaccines for Children program, for children from birth to completion of the school immunization series. Florida Department of Health, Okeechobee County also provides **Adult/Program 17 vaccine** which includes; Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis(Tdap), Meningococcal(MCV), for ages 19 and older, and Human Papillomavirus(HPV) for ages 19-26 years of age for **uninsured and under-insured only**. Clients who qualify only pay \$15.00 administration fee. Proof of income and insurance cards must be provided at eligibility interview.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 863-462-5800. The Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee is open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m., Monday through Friday, except state holidays.

Become smoke-free

Quit Doc Research and Education Foundation
The Tobacco Free Partnership of Okeechobee
(863) 801-8277

Quit Smoking Classes- Available throughout Okeechobee - Please contact AHEC at 877-819-2357 for the current class and time schedule. Free Nicotine Patch & gum, lozenges available while supplies last.

Quitline 877-U-CAN-NOW (877) 822-6669

Fl♥rida KidCare

What is Florida KidCare?

Florida KidCare is health insurance for children under age 19 who do not have insurance. Eligibility for Florida KidCare is based on income and family size. Florida KidCare covers doctor visits, immunizations, dental, emergencies, and much more! It includes the following: MEDIKIDS: Children ages 1 through 4.

HEALTHY KIDS: Children ages 5 through 18.

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES NETWORK: Children birth through 18 who have special health care needs.

MEDICAID: Children birth through 18. *A child who has other health insurance may still qualify for Medicaid.*

Florida KidCare - How do I apply?

The fastest and easiest way to apply for Florida KidCare is online! Visit www.floridakidcare.org and click "Apply Now" to begin.

You can also obtain an application by calling 1-888-540-5437 or visiting www.floridakidcare.org. If you apply through a paper application, you can submit your application one of these ways:

- Fax application to: 866-867-0054 (TOLL FREE)
- Email application as a scanned attachment to: contactus@healthykids.org
- Mail application to: Healthy Kids and Florida KidCare, P.O. Box 980, Tallahassee, FL 32302-0980

How much do I pay each month for coverage?

- There is no charge for Medicaid.
- For MediKids, Healthy Kids, and the CMS Network, most families pay just \$15 or \$20 per month. Monthly premiums depend on your household's size and income. If you do not qualify for subsidized coverage, you may be eligible for the full-pay option.
- You may have to pay small charges or co-payments for some services.

Dental Everglades Pediatric Dentistry

2029 Highway 441 North

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 357-7338 FAX (863) 357-7342

Everglades Pediatric Dentistry provides a full range of dental services for healthy and medically compromised children from age 0 to 18 years old. These services include dental cleanings, fluoride treatments, fillings, extractions, nerve treatments, crowns, space maintenance and sealants. In office sedation is available (nitrous oxide, conscious sedation, IV sedation). Treatment is provided in a child friendly environment with a board certified pediatric dentist, Dr. Melissa Kindell. Insurance accepted: Cigna, Delta Dental, Met-Life, Guardian, Assurant, HealthyKids-MCNA, HealthyKids-ADI Dentamax and CMS. Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00.

Performing Arts

Music Lessons

Okeechobee Music, Inc.

909 S. Parrott Ave., Suite J4

Okeechobee, FL 34974

(863) 467-9373 FAX (863) 467-9370

Okeechobeemusic@yahoo.com

Private lessons for guitar, bass, voice, keyboard/piano, violin, mandolin, drums, sound and brass/woodwinds. Once a week suggested. Days vary according to instrument. Must have instrument to practice at home. Rentals available. Monday – Friday 10:00-6:00, Saturday 10:00-4:00. \$15 per half-hour.

Ballet Summer Camp

The Okeechobee Ballet

810 N Parrott Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 447-7350

Ballet summer camp is designed for children with one year or less of experience in ballet. It included ballet class, story time, crafts, games and exposes kids to classical music and a disciplined art form. More advanced intensives are also available for experienced dancers. Boys and girls are welcome ages 5-9. Must register with The Okeechobee Ballet by two weeks before the camp begins. First come, first served. Call ahead to register. Monday – Friday; June 17-21, 1:00 p.m. – 5 p.m. or Monday – Friday; June 24-28, 1:00 p.m. – 5 p.m. Fee: \$125/week

Open Recreation

Oakview Baptist Church

677 SW 32nd Street

Okeechobee, FL 34974

(863) 763-1699

www.oakviewbaptist.com

Playground and jogging/walking track open for public use from dawn to dusk. Available for private party, call church office for details.

Walking/biking trails

Agri-Civic Center

4601 Highway 710

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-1666

Walking and biking trails 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Residents are allowed, and encouraged, to use the roads and parking lots at the facility for walking, exercising, bike riding, etc. as long as it does not interfere with an event that is taking place. Even if there is an event in the arena, people can still use the perimeter road, the parking lot on the West side of the facility, or other areas on the facility grounds that do not interfere with the event.

C. Scott Driver Park

10100 Highway 78 West

Okeechobee, FL 34974

Access to the Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee, including boat launch ramps (6) and floating docks (4). Open 24 hours; handicap accessible restrooms; open dawn to dusk; (9,000 s.f.) event pavilion, providing drive-through covered pavilion, weigh-in area for tournaments (5,400 s.f.), meeting/banquet room (3,600 s.f. A/C, heated area); two parking areas providing 161 parking spaces for vehicles and trailers. *(Please call Sharie Turgeon at 863-763-3959 for more information)*

Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (L.O.S.T.)

Okeechobee County Parks & Rec

(863) 763-6950

Designated as a segment of the Florida National Scenic Trail, the L.O.S.T. encircles Lake Okeechobee. Approximately 110 total miles, it spans Okeechobee, Martin, Palm Beach, Hendry and Glades counties. It is located atop the Herbert Hoover dike, and provides views ranging from scenic lake side to working agricultural landscapes. It also takes users near and through communities that are at the heart of agriculture in this part of the state, such as Clewiston and Belle Glade. The area affords opportunities for viewing wildlife, particularly in fall and winter, when birds such as herons, egrets, and a variety of wintering waterfowl are abundant. And of course, fishing opportunities are endless. Approximately 17 miles of paved trail is located within Okeechobee County and may be accessed from the Okee-Tantie Recreation Area, Lake Okeechobee Recreation Area, Taylor Creek Lock, Nubbin Slough Recreation Area and Henry Creek Recreation Contact information: US Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Operations Office, 525 Ridgelawn Road, Clewiston, FL 33440-5399, 863-983-8101
<http://pillar.saj.usace.army.mil/recreation>
www.floridagreenwaysandtrails.org

Okee-Tantie Campground & Marina

10430 Highway 78 West

Okeechobee, FL 34974

Year-round facility located on the North shore of Lake Okeechobee. Access to Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River. Recreation area includes: picnic pavilions, new bandshell, boat launch ramps (6), floating docks (2) restrooms, wildlife, etc. Boat slip rentals. *(For boat slip rental reservations or more information please call 863-763-2622)*

Platt's Bluff Park

CR 599 off SR 70 West

Boat launch ramp

Taylor Creek Stormwater Treatment Area (STA)

North on Highway 441 across from G4S Okeechobee Youth Development Center. Owned by South Florida Water Management District and managed by Okeechobee County. Hiking and biking are the approved activities to explore and enjoy on this property. This trailhead provides access to three miles of hiking and biking trails, with views of the marsh, cypress stands and creek. Hike on the levee trail and see a variety of wildlife in the treatment area, bicycle on the three miles of levee trail around the treatment area, or simply enjoy nature with your binoculars and cameras.

Douglas Brown Basketball Courts

826 NE 16th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

Parks & Rec (863) 763-6950

2 lighted concrete courts (50' X 84').

First come, first served. Hours: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Willie Alderman Field

424 NE 15th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

Parks & Rec (863) 763-6950

Youth baseball/softball field, 1 lighted, (225' down the lines; 275' center field) reservations available. Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Lake Okeechobee Recreation Area, a/k/a, Jaycee Park and/or Lock 7

U.S. Highway 441 South and Highway 78 West

Okeechobee, FL 34974

Parks & Rec (863) 763-6950

Access to Lake Okeechobee's north shore, including boat ramps (3), observation, fishing pier, restrooms, picnic tables & paved parking.

Sports Complex

640 NW 27th Lane

Okeechobee, FL 34972

Parks & Rec (863) 763-6950

Hours: 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. (Note: During school hours, use of the facility may be restricted based on school use.)

Baseball/Softball Fields (4) lighted; youth baseball fields (3), softball field (1), Concession, restrooms; limited use during youth league seasons.

Football/Soccer Field (1) lighted; drop-in use; limited use during youth league seasons.

Tennis courts (8) lighted, first come, first served. Limit play to one hour when others are waiting.

Racquetball Courts (4) first come, first served; limit play to one hour when others are waiting.

Basketball Courts (2) first come, first served

Wooden Jungle Playground ages 2 – 13

Picnic Pavilion – reservations for use of the pavilion are required with a, \$25 per/day fee. Call (863) 763-6950 or (863) 467-7667 for scheduling. (Minimum two week notice on pavilion rentals)



**Okeechobee
United Way
House**

208 N Parrott Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972

American Red Cross
Big Brothers Big Sisters
CASTLE
Children's Home Society

*Your United Way changes lives for the better,
bringing health & human services to the people
who need them by helping support 14 United Way
Partner Agencies in Okeechobee County.*

www.UnitedWayOkeechobee.org



OCSB 2019 SUMMER Food Service Program - Announcement of FREE Summer Meals

Okeechobee County Schools is sponsoring Summer Break Spots with free meals from June 4th – Aug 2nd. In addition, several community summer day camps will open their doors during meal time for walk-ins to join them for free meals. **Students age 18 and under may walk in and eat breakfast and lunch at no charge at the locations below.** Meal types vary at community summer day camps and will be handled by each individual camp. All registered summer school program attendees are eligible to eat meals at no charge. All meals MUST be eaten on site and may not be taken off the property.

Tuesday, June 4th, through Thursday, June 27th

North Elementary School Elementary Summer School Programs, Walk-ins Welcome

Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00
Lunch: 10:30 – 12:30

High School Summer Programs Middle School and High School

Summer School Programs, Walk-ins Welcome

Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:30
Lunch: 12:00 – 1:30

Tuesday, June 4th through Friday, August 2nd

Join Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1258 NE 13th Ave for Lunch

All participants should plan to leave the grounds after eating

Lunch: 11:00 – 12:30

Monday, June 10th through Friday, July 26th

Join Parks and Rec at the Okeechobee Civic Center for breakfast and lunch

Walk-ins should plan to leave the center after eating

Center **will not be** open on days the camp is on a field trip

Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00
Lunch: 11:30 – 12:30

Friday June 28th - Friday August 2nd

Okeechobee High School Walk-ins are welcome

Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:30
Lunch: 12:00 – 1:30

Questions about the Summer School Food Service Program may be directed to the District's Food Service Office at 863-462-5148.

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer

2019 Pool Hours:

June 4 — August 12: Tuesday-Friday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Family Swim Night Thursday starting June 6, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

August 17 — October 27: Saturday and Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Senior Water Exercise Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 5 – August 9, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., \$2.00 per class.

Pool dates and rates are subject to approval by the Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners and may change without further notice.

2019 Pool Rates: Regular Admission: per day/per person \$3.00; children 3 years and under FREE (accompanied by a swimming adult)

Family Night Admission: per night/per person \$2.00

Senior Water Exercise \$2.00 per day/per person

Parties private/regular 2 hours: \$75.00*

Parties nonprofit organizations: 2 hours \$60.00*

Parties additional hours: \$25.00* per hour

Pavilion rentals: \$25.00*

Passes: Ten visits/individual: \$25.00, Lap Swimming per day: \$2.00

Swim Lessons: Ages 6 months and up –adult swim lessons will be offered. The cost is \$40 per session per child (with a \$5 discount for additional children enrolled from the same household). Payment is due upon registration. Refunds will reflect a \$5 processing fee. Registration will be held June 6 and 7 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Session I: June 10-20, Session II: June 24-July 4, Session III: July 8-18. Each of these sessions will have the following time slots available: 8:00-8:30, 8:45-9:15 and 9:30-10:00. All a.m. Different class levels will also be offered. Call for more information. (863) 467-7667

Enrollment is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Shockwaves Summer Swim Team

Please call the pool for more information or should you have any questions (863) 467-7667.

Kiwanis Park

350 NW 6th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

North Ballfield; 8:00 a.m. – dusk, call for reservations

Picnic Pavilion: 8:00 a.m. – dusk, reservations available (\$25/day)

Playground: 8:00 a.m. – dusk, no reservations available/required

Skate Park: 8:00 a.m. – dusk; helmet required; skate card required

Restrooms: 8:00 a.m. – dusk

Tennis Courts (2), 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. No reservations available/required, first come, first served, one hour limit when others are waiting.

Okeechobee County Parks & Recreation

950 NW 23rd Lane
Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-6950

OK Softball Fields (adult)

Hours 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. (Access restricted during league seasons.)

Softball Fields (2) field reservation fee = \$10/hour per field, light fee = \$15/hour.

Sand Volleyball Courts (2) first come, first served. 8:00 a.m. - dusk

Playground ages 5 – 12, adult supervision recommended. Hours: 8:00 a.m. – dusk

Okeechobee Historical Park

1850 Highway 98 North

Okeechobee, FL 34972

Hours: Thursdays 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Historical Museum and Schoolhouse

Okeechobee County Rental Facilities:

(863) 763-6950 for reservations, rental and security deposit information.

Alton Chandler Civic Center a/k/a Basinger Community Center

20350 Hwy 98 North

Douglas Brown Community Center

812 NE 16th Avenue

Okeechobee County Civic Center

1750 Hwy 98 North

C. Scott Driver Pavilion and Hall

10101 Hwy 78 West

Overnight Camps

4-H Camps

Okeechobee County 4-H

(University of Florida/Florida 4-H)

458 Highway 98 North

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-6469 FAX (863) 763-6745

<http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu> or

www.florida4h.org/camps

Florida 4-H Gator Adventures Camp

July 22-26

This week is full of fun and educational activities such as canoeing, swimming, recreational games, campfires, fishing, a dance and more. It's guaranteed to provide youth with an exciting Outdoor Adventure! Youth will have an opportunity to learn teambuilding skills and will participate in activities that will promote healthy lifestyle choices as well as physical activity. A daily snack from the canteen and a summer camp t-shirt are included in the camp fees, along with three nutritious meals per day prepared on site by our Certified Food Safety Staff. All cabins are air conditioned. Campers must be between the ages of 8-13. Eligibility is based on age by June 1, 2019.

Florida 4-H Marine Camp

(Camp Timpoochee 4-H Center)

Senior Marine Camp (ages 14-17): June 24-28

Junior Marine Camp (ages 8-13): July 15-19

Junior Marine Camp (ages 8-13): July 22-26

Are you interested in learning about marine life, going fishing, or exploring the underwater world with a mask and snorkel? If so, this is the camp for you! Separated from the Destin beaches by the Choctawatchee Bay, Camp Timpoochee 4-H Center, (located in Niceville, Florida) allows campers firsthand experience with Florida's marine environment from above and below the waterline. Timpoochee's marine lab is equipped with large aquariums supporting life from both fresh and saltwater habitats. Sport fishing sessions will help youth learn about local fish and how to catch them. This week is full of learning and other fun activities such as snorkeling, swimming, recreational games, campfires, camp dance, evening activities and more. Marine education activities will be led by specialists with the University of Florida's Sea Grant Program and State 4-H Staff, making this week an exciting Outdoor adventure. A daily snack from the canteen and a summer camp T-shirt are included in the camp fees, along with three nutritious meals per day prepared on site by our certified food safety staff. All cabins are air-conditioned. Eligibility is based on age by June 1, 2019.

Junior Marine Camp Tuition: \$300

Senior Marine Camp Tuition: \$350

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Special Events**GRAD Nite 2019**

Friday, May 31, 2019, 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. at Okeechobee KOA Resort, 4276 US-441, Okeechobee, FL 34974

Annual Non-Alcohol GRAD Nite Party for 2019 Okeechobee High School graduates and their pre-approved guest; safe entertainment on your last night together, great prizes, scholarships and more!

Back to School Expo

Our Village Okeechobee

Find Our Village Okeechobee on Facebook!

SAVE THE DATE: The Back to School Community-wide event will be held August 3rd at Okeechobee High School from 8:00-11:00am. Like the Our Village Okeechobee Facebook page to make sure you know all of the details. Community providers will be on site to provide information about their programs geared towards children and their families. We will be giving away new backpacks, school supplies, and new or gently used clothing on a first come, first served basis. Fee: FREE. A positive attitude is required for entry.

**Sports/Fitness****Super Summer Cheer, Dance, Tumble & Fun Week!**

Okeechobee "STORM" Cheer

2821 SW 3rd Terrace

Okeechobee, FL 34974

(863) 634-4327

"Super Summer Cheer, Dance, Tumble & Fun Week!" Summer Cheer Camp is funded by Children's Services Council of Okeechobee, Inc. This camp includes instruction in all aspects of cheerleading, dance and tumble. Lunch and snack will be served. Must call to register.

Fee: FREE

Chobee Nation Basketball Clinic

Chobee Nation

P O Box 2384

Okeechobee, FL 34973

Find Chobee Nation on Facebook!

This four-week summer camp will provide basic basketball training and skill sets; dribbling, passing, shooting and defense. In addition, the camp will focus on the rules of the game which include: how to resolve conflict, how to work together as a part of a team, and effective communication. Chobee Nation strives to provide opportunities for personal growth and development of young athletes while also reinforcing positive attitudes, self-confidence, self-esteem and the ability to excel on and off the court, as well as promote team work and leadership. Program begins June 3 and ends June 28. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Okeechobee High School.

Fee: FREE

Okeechobee Youth Football League**Football Camp**

Okeechobee Youth Football League

(863) 801-7030

This three-week program will endeavor to provide the ideal environment to learn valuable skills that will build confidence and team building. The program will offer physical, mental activities that include but are not limited to physical exercise, board work, yoga and swimming. This is a non-contact football clinic and therefore no equipment is needed. June 24 – July 12, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration is open to youth between the ages of 5-16. Fee: FREE

Vacation Bible School**First Baptist Church of Okeechobee**

310 S.W. 5th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34974

(863) 467-7625

www.fbcokee.org

"In the Wild" (VBS '19) Bible. Missions. Crafts. Recreation. Music. Snack Rotations. Children GOING INTO Kindergarten through 5th grade. June 10 – June 14, 8:30-12:00, Fee: FREE

Peace Lutheran Church School750 NW 23rd Lane

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-5042

ROAR. Includes crafts, music and games. Kids explore God's goodness and celebrate faith that empowers them through life. Ages 3-10. July 15 – 19; 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Fee: free.

Other**The Salvation Army**

PO Box 1702

Okeechobee, FL 34973

(772) 464-4846 FAX (772) 464-4933

Social Services: Care to Share/FPL bills, Angel Tree/Christmas toys, and summer camps/low income. We help people as referred on an individual basis. For Care to Share, must be the final bill. All others, according to the individual crisis. Tuesdays 10:00-1:00. Fee: FREE

Foster Care Recruitment & Licensing Program

Camelot Community Care

1801 SE Hillmoor Dr., C-106, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

772-226-6235 FAX 772-226-6236

www.camelotcommunitycare.org

CHANGE A LIFETIME, BECOME A FOSTER PARENT! Ordinary people in our community do extraordinary things. Your family, friends and neighbors have made a huge difference in the lived of children, opening their hearts and homes to children who have been abused, abandoned and neglected

through no fault of their own. We'd love you to join our team by becoming a foster parent.

Call us at 772-226-6235, or email

TCurl@camelotcommunitycare.org

Fee: FREE

CASTLE – Safe Families

208 N. Parrott Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

863-467-7771

www.castletc.org

In-home parenting education. Eligibility criteria: must have a child 0-17 years of age living in the home. Fee: FREE

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

CASTLE – Families In Between

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www.castletc.org

Families In Between is a five-hour COA accredited course, using evidence-based curriculum for parents of minor children who are divorcing or separating. The skill-based curriculum focuses on teaching anger control, respectful communications as a means of ending loyalty conflicts and lowering risk for children of divorce. A certificate is provided upon completion of the course. Eligibility: Parent going through separation Fee: \$50. Call for Okeechobee summer dates.

Our Village Okeechobee1703 SW 2nd Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 697-8718

Our Village Okeechobee has recently moved to a larger space at the address above. We will be offering activities for families and children throughout the summer. Like Our Village Okeechobee on Facebook to see events and activities which might interest you. You may also call or text Leah Suarez, Executive Director for details or questions at (863)697-8718.

NOPE Task Force – Okeechobee County

Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education

Reaching communities through prevention, education and support. <http://www.nopetaskforce.org/chapter-okeechobee.php>

Substance Abuse Coalition Meetings

Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition

(863) 697-1993

Osacokee@gmail.com

Meetings held at Beef 'O' Brady's, 12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m. Call or email for meeting dates.

Community Transportation

Okeechobee County (863) 357-9900

Any qualifying resident may request services from the Community Transportation System. Some passengers will ride for free if sponsored 100% by a local social services agency or when traveling to a fully Medicaid-funded medical service. Other passengers, depending on age or disability, may ride at a reduced or subsidized rate under the Transportation Disadvantaged Non-sponsored program. Fees will vary depending on the sponsorship program which you qualify for. Your reservationist will tell you the cost of your trip when your reservation is made. Children under the age of five (5) must use a child restraint seat which the passenger must provide. Children age eighteen (18) and under require an adult escort.

Future Leaders

Teach Children to Save for Their Future

CenterState Bank
2100 South Parrott Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974

The Future Leaders Account (I-FLA) is for teens ages 15 & above as well as college students. We understand that your needs are different, which is why we designed this account with you in mind; it provides you free Checking, free Online Banking with Bill Pay, Mobile Banking with Mobile Deposit, free eStatements* and more. Certain eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify – please visit your local CenterState branch today to inquire. Plus... You Can Apply for a Young Adult/College Visa Card. *eStatement is required

Okeechobee County 4-H

Okeechobee County 4-H (University of Florida/Okeechobee County Extension Service)

458 Highway 98 North

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-6469 FAX (863) 763-6745

<http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu>

There are 22 different 4-H clubs and many 4-H activities available in Okeechobee County. The clubs range in projects from dairy, beef, swine, horse, exotic animals, small animals, leisure arts, leadership development, shooting sports, and public speaking. 4-H is open to all youth, ages 5-18. Contact the Extension Office for more information or to sign up to become a member of 4-H for the 2019-2020 4-H year. A 4-H Online profile must be created for each youth enrolling in 4-H, this profile must be updated every 4-H year, the 4-H year runs September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020. Annual statewide membership fee: \$20 (covers all insurance plus state and national fees, paid directly to the state 4-H program) some clubs may also have minimal dues.

The Just-Us (Justice) Awards Program is an Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office sponsored program where School Resource Deputies recognize school aged youth for noteworthy achievements and contributions to their schools and community. The Just-Us Program will present awards in various categories:

- Just-Us Citation Youth Recognition Award
- Just-Us Citation Youth Community Enhancement Award
- Just-Us Citation Random Acts of Kindness Award
- Just-Us Citation Outstanding Youth-Friendly Business Award
- Just-Us Citation Outstanding Supporter of Youth
- Just-Us Citation Outstanding Youth Team Award

If you have any questions or would like to request more information about the Just-us Citation Program please email schoolresource@okeesherriff.org or call (863) 763-3117

2-1-1 Crisis Hotline/Community Helpline

211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast

Post Office Box 3588

Lantana, FL 33465

2-1-1

www.211treasurecoast.org

Open 24 hours/7 days a week

TEXT 898211

211 provides a one-stop service for everyday needs and in times of crisis. By simply dialing 2-1-1 or texting 898211 you can find out about and get connected to such resources as health services, drug/alcohol treatment, mental health counseling, Medicare/Medicaid, victim services, domestic violence programs, financial assistance, food assistance as well as summer free meal sites and back to school events.



This summer there will be children removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect, or abandonment and placed in the court system. Your help is needed to ensure the children will have a safe permanent home. Become a Volunteer Child Advocate. As the voice for an abused child, you will help to ensure that the court system will not overlook a child's rights and needs. You will represent the best interests of the child.

- Must be at least 21 years of age. There is no age limit.
- No legal or social work experience is required.



FREE LITERACY APP FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY RESIDENTS!



Okeechobee County Schools is providing Footsteps2Brilliance®, a comprehensive literacy app, to the parents of all pre-K - 2nd grade children who live in Okeechobee County, FL. This engaging app will help you prepare your child for school.

If you are registered at an Okeechobee County Public School, look for your Super Secret Code from your teacher. Children outside of Okeechobee County Public Schools, register now at:

www.okeereads.com



¡APP GRATIS PARA LA LECTURA Y LA ESCRITURA PARA TODOS LOS RESIDENTES DE CIUDAD DE OKEECHOBEE!



Las Escuelas Públicas de la Ciudad de Okeechobee provee un App de Footsteps2Brilliance®, programa comprensivo de alfabetización, para todos los padres de todos los niños de Pre-K - 2 grado que viven en Ciudad de Okeechobee, FL. Este app atractivo preparará su hijo/a para la escuela.

Si está registrado en una escuela pública de Okeechobee, busque su Super Secret Code de su maestro. Niños fuera de las Escuelas Públicas de Okeechobee, regístrese ahora en:

www.okeereads.com



Okeechobee County Sports Complex, 580 NW 27th Lane, Okeechobee, FL 34972 P: (863) 467-7667

2019 Pool Hours:

June 4 — August 12: Tuesday-Friday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Family Swim Night Thursday starting June 6, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

August 17 — October 27: Saturday and Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Senior Water Exercise Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 5 – August 9, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., \$2.00 per class. *Pool dates and rates are subject to approval by the Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners and may change without further notice.*

2019 Pool Rates: Regular Admission: per day/per person \$3.00; children 3 years and under FREE (accompanied by a swimming adult)

Family Night Admission: per night/per person \$2.00

Senior Water Exercise \$2.00 per day/per person

Parties private/regular 2 hours: \$75.00*

Parties nonprofit organizations: 2 hours \$60.00*

Parties additional hours: \$25.00* per hour

Pavilion rentals: \$25.00*

Passes: Ten visits/individual: \$25.00, Lap Swimming per day: \$2.00

Swim Lessons: Ages 6 months and up –adult swim lessons will be offered. The cost is \$40 per session per child (with a \$5 discount for additional children enrolled from the same household). Payment is due upon registration. Refunds will reflect a \$5 processing fee. Registration will be held June 6 and 7 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Session I: June 10-20, Session II: June 24-July 4, Session III: July 8-18. Each of these sessions will have the following time slots available: 8:00-8:30, 8:45-9:15 and 9:30-10:00. All a.m. Different class levels will also be offered. Call for more information. (863) 467-7667

Enrollment is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

- We provide training and professional support.
- You make a visit to a child in foster care once a month minimally.
- You attend court four times a year to be the voice of the child in the court system.

No child should have to go to court alone. Please consider joining our team of volunteers. As one child shared, her Guardian ad Litem, "... helped me keep my head held high when things got out of hand and never let me give up." Let's give every abused child a voice. For more information please contact Nicole Hughes at: (772) 871-7269

Email: nicole.hughes@gal.fl.gov

Website: www.guardianadlitem.org

Web Resources:

- **Teach a Child to Read**
<http://www.succeedtoread.com/>
- **One Tough Job**
<http://www.onetoughjob.org/>
- **Florida Department of Education**
<http://www.fldoe.org/>
- **Parents Television Council**
www.parentstv.org/PTC/familyguide/main.asp
- **Think Green**
<http://www.thinkgreen.com/students-k-5>
- **AAA Math**
<http://www.aaamath.com/>
- **Kids Know It Network**
<http://www.kidsknowit.com/>
- **Crayola**
<http://www.crayola.com>
- **Kids Click** – search engine for students
<http://www.kidsclick.org/>
- **Online dictionary**
<http://dictionary.reference.com/>
- **Online thesaurus**
<http://thesaurus.com/>
- **Florida's Safe Surfing**- internet safety information for kids, teens, and parents
<http://www.safe florida.net/safesurf>
- **Florida's Prepaid College Board** - prepay for your college tuition and save money
<http://www.myfloridaprepaid.com/>
- **Okeechobee County School District Website**
<http://www.okee.k12.fl.us/>
- **Bright Futures**
<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>
- **Florida Diagnostic Learning & Resources Center**
<http://www.fdlrs.org>
- **Florida KidCare**
<http://www.floridakidcare.org>
- **Animal Fact Guide**
<http://www.animalfactguide.com>
- **America's Library**
<http://www.americaslibrary.gov>

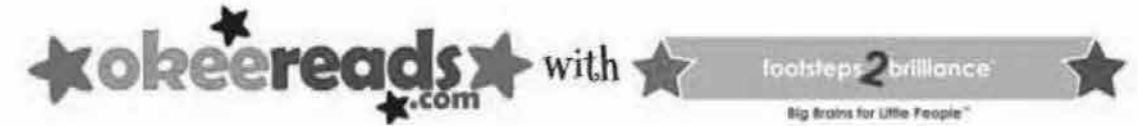
- **A safe place where kids can create, share and learn.**
<http://www.kids.gov>
- **Florida Center for Reading Research**
www.fcrr.org
- **FSA**
www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families

Learning the Basics of Internet Safety

Children use a variety of online services, and each of these services can have different safety concerns. However, there are some basic tips which you can employ no matter how your children use the internet.

- Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home
- Establish limits for which online sites children may visit and for how long
- Remember that internet technology can be mobile, and make sure to monitor cell phones, gaming devices, and laptops
- Surf the internet with your children and let them show you what they like to do online
- Know who is connecting with your children online and set rules for social networking, instant messaging, emailing, online gaming and using webcams
- Continually dialogue with your children about online safety
- Start a discussion with your child
- What are your favorite things to do online?
- What is personal information? Why should you keep it private?
- What could you do to be safer online?
- What would you do if anyone online asked to meet you face-to-face?
- Beside me, who do you feel that you can talk to if you are in a scary or uncomfortable situation?

Great resource for both parents and students:
www.netsmartz.org.



What is Footsteps2Brilliance?

Footsteps2Brilliance is a transformative pre-K through 3rd grade literacy solution that utilizes mobile technology to connect school, home, and the community for academic success. **EVERY** child in Okeechobee County - those registered in a public or private school, homeschooled and not yet attending school - have access to Footsteps2Brilliance – for **FREE!** Since it's a mobile reading app, it can be used virtually anywhere. All parents need to do to get started is register.

The 30 Million Word Gap

At risk children hear 30 million fewer words by age 3 than their more affluent peers. These children enter kindergarten with 25% of the vocabulary they need to succeed, and 88% of them will never catch up. Teachers are spending valuable instructional time catching students up rather than teaching them to read. We aim to change that with Footsteps2Brilliance.

With Footsteps2Brilliance...

- Students are motivated to become active learners through engaging animated eBooks and innovative games.
- Teachers can instantly track student progress, differentiate instruction and engage in collaborative learning through a professional development network. The data gleaned will provide teachers with real-time formative assessments that help differentiate instruction. (All Prek-2nd grade and ESE teachers have access.)
- Parents are given the tools they need to extend classroom learning into everyday life.
- Teachers and parents can track mastery of reading comprehension, vocabulary and standards based concepts.

Resources

Using F2B for just 15 minutes per day in school, students can significantly increase their vocabulary, comprehension, critical thinking, and writing skills. Resources for ideas or help can be found in this shared on www.okeereads.com. Check often, it is updated regularly. If there is a resource you would like, please feel free to contact me.

Help is Here!

Should you need any further information or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Trisha Jennings at (863)462-5000 ext 262 or jenningsst@okee.k12.fl.us. I can help you with almost any aspect of the program (how to log on, forgotten usernames, how to implement the program, summer program, etc).



Children's Services Council of Okeechobee

(863) 462-5000 ext. 265



Children's Services Council-CSC is a taxing authority that generates .0400 per \$1,000 of property value. Five members are appointed by the County Commissioner and five members are required by law to make up the Council. Each year a Request for Proposal or grant is sent out to agencies that provide programs to Okeechobee children.

During the last fiscal year over \$326,000 was put aside for grants, over \$200,000 was for summer programs and \$50,000 was used for Special Projects. Twenty-five agencies received funds through the grant to provide mental health services, tutoring, mentoring or residential programs. There were camps for the children in the summer and the CSC provided funds for Grad Nite, the 12th Annual Okeechobee Family Health Expo and the fair to name a few. The Council meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the School Board Office. For further information we are located in Room 104 on Tuesdays, call at 863-462-5000 extension 265 or look at our new website at www.cscfokeechobee.com. You may also call Cathleen Blair at 863-610-0176.



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