

Thomson-McDuffie Recreation & Leisure Services

2012 Program

January 2012

Citizens of Thomson, Dearing and McDuffie County

The mission of the Recreation & Leisure Services is to provide and maintain quality park facilities and recreational activities with the major emphasis on fun and enjoyment for girls, boys, adults and senior adults.

Bob Howard

Director, Thomson-McDuffie Recreation & Leisure Services

The Thomson-McDuffie Recreation & Leisure Services is proud to provide for our community ongoing recreational activities for all ages. Our scheduled year-round activities include those for the young, as well as the old, and are sanctioned by the Georgia Recreation & Parks Association. The Department itself is governed by the McDuffie County Board of Commissioners with an appointed Board of Advisors representing the County as well as the cities of Thomson and Dearing.

The Department publicizes activities through our Program Guide, the Internet, the McDuffie Progress, McDuffie Mirror, WTHO FM, and WTWA AM. We also coordinate activities with our local school system to avoid conflicts of interest and scheduling of shared facilities. The Thomson-McDuffie Recreation & Leisure Services does not discriminate against age, sex, race, creed, or religious beliefs in activities or services offered.

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Advisory Board Meetings

February 8

May 9

August 8

November 14

Meetings are held at 12:00 Noon at the Recreation Department conference room at Sweetwater Park. Anyone who would like to be placed on the agenda should contact the recreation office at least four working days prior to the meeting date.

Athletic Policies

Youth Sports

1. Drafts. Our youth sports teams are formed by utilizing the same draft system in all team sports. The following procedure will be used at each draft.
 - a. Coaches draw a number at the draft meeting to determine rotation order of selecting participants for their teams.
 - b. Rotation Example: 4 teams
1 2 3 4
2 3 4 1
3 4 1 2
4 1 2 3
 - c. Coaches continue selecting participants in drawn rotation order until all participants in the age group have been selected.
2. Gender Policy. Girls may participate on boys teams when girls teams aren't offered in the same sport. (Including all-star teams). Boys may not participate on girls teams. Girls must participate on girls teams when offered.
3. All-Star Selection. All-star teams will be selected in all youth team sports. The selection process is the same for each sport. (All-stars begin at the 9-10 age group)
 - a. Each coach will be given a ballot with all players names on it that participated in their respective league.
 - b. Each coach will select a predetermined number of players from the ballot that they feel should be on the all-star team.
 - c. The recreation department staff will also complete one ballot for each league.
 - d. The players with the most votes will form the all-star team.
 - e. Note that each sport has a different number of players required to form a team.
4. All youth coaches must fill out a coaches application, consent to background check and attend a coaches certification clinic before being allowed to coach.
5. All youth sports programs are governed by the Georgia Recreation & Park Association (GRPA) athletic guidelines with the exception of local rules that are incorporated to benefit our programs. Each sport has its own set of by-laws.

Refund Policy

1. Refunds are authorized up to one day prior to an activity. There will be no refund given after an activity has begun.
2. If registration does not result in a minimum number for an activity, an automatic refund will be mailed and activity will be canceled.

Registration Policies and Procedures

1. Some activities are limited in size and therefore are on a first come – first serve basis. After an activity has reached capacity, names will be placed on a waiting list until space is available.
2. Advance payment is required.
3. Participation Fee Waiver payments are available with verification of total household income. **Note that you must provide a copy of your current Tax Return for income verification. MINIMUM FEE IS \$20 PER CHILD.**
4. A copy of each child's Certificate of Live Birth must be on file at the recreation office in order to register for activities.
5. Registration for all recreation department programs is held at the recreation office at Sweetwater Park. Registration for all senior citizens programs is held at the Leisure Services Center on Greenway Street.
6. Activity dates and times are contingent on availability of facilities, and therefore subject to changes. Every effort will be made to notify those affected.
7. In case of inclement weather, please call the recreation department for activity cancellations **after 4:00 pm.**
8. All football equipment and uniforms must be turned in to the recreation office from the previous season in order to register for the current year. Parents will be billed for any football equipment not returned at the end of each season.
9. The Recreation and Leisure Services Department is not responsible for injury incurred while participating in any of its activities. Insurance is available.
10. Insurance is required.

Youth Recreation Programs

Baseball

Registration for 2012: February 1-24

Age Divisions: 5-6 T-Ball (co-ed)
7-8 Junior- pitching machine
9-10 Minor
11-12 Major
13-14 Junior
15-16 Senior

Fees: \$35.00 per child (Out of county residents \$50.00 per child)

Age Control Date: April 30th

Whatever age your child is on April 30th is the age group he/she will participate in.

Girls Fast-Pitch Softball

Registration for 2012: February 1-24

Age Divisions: 8 & under
10 & under
12 & under
14 & under
16 & under

Fees: \$35.00 per child (Out of county residents \$50.00 per child)

Age Control Date: January 1

GRPA rules apply

Golf

Registration for 2012: May 1-18

Age Divisions: 11 & under
(co-ed) 13 & under
15 & under
18 & under

Fees: \$35.00 per child
(Green fees will be paid at the course as needed prior to play)

Minimum Age Limit: 9

Age Control Date: August 1

Competitive Cheerleading

Age Divisions: youth 6 grade & under
Junior 9th grade
Senior 7th – 12th grade

Registration May/June

Competition season October – April

Gymnastic & Tumbling year round

Tuesday, Sweetwater 5:00 Beginners

6:00 Intermediate 1

7:00 Intermediate 2

7:30 Advanced

Contact: Laura Adams (706) 595-8182

Youth Flag Football

Ages: 9-12 graders

Managers meeting TBA at the recreation office at Sweetwater Park. Games will be played in January and February.

Contact Monte Ashcraft

Hunter Education classes for 2012

Sept. 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Oct. 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Nov. 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Place: Sweetwater Activity Center

Contact Person: Sgt. Mark Padgett

(706) 595-4211

Green Jacket's Night TBA

Football

Registration for 2012: August 1-24

Age Divisions: 7-8 "C" Division
9-10 "B" Division

Weight Limits will apply

11-12 "A" Division

Weight Limits will apply

Fees: \$35.00 per child (Out of county residents \$50.00 per child)

Age Control Date: September 1

Cheerleading

Registration for 2012: August 1-24

Age Divisions: 5-7 "C" Division
8-9 "B" Division
10-12 "A" Division

Fees: \$35.00 per child (Out of county residents \$50.00 per child)

Age Control Date: August 1

Non-competitive sport

Soccer

Registration for 2012: August 1-24

Age Divisions: Under 6
Under 8
Under 10
Under 12
Under 14

Fees: \$35.00 per child (Out of county residents \$50.00 per child)

Age Control Date: August 1

Basketball – Boys & Girls

Registration for 2012: November 1-24

Age Divisions –

Co-Ed 5-6 year old

Boys: 8 & under	Girls: 8 & under
10 & under	10 & under
12 & under	12 & under
14 & under	14 & under
17 & under	

Fees: \$35.00 per child (Out of county residents 50.00 per child)

Age Control Date: January 1

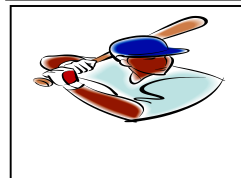
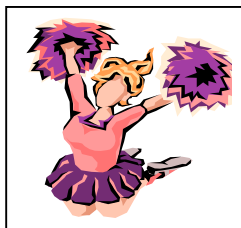
Boys Church League Basketball

Managers Meeting TBA at 6:00 pm at the recreation office

Age Division: 8th – 12th grade

Players must attend the church they represent

Fees to be determined



Miscellaneous Youth Activities

❑ Robert Sapp Baseball Camp

Location: Sweetwater Park
Camp Date: June 25-29 Time: 9:00 – 3:00
Registration Date: April - May
Boys and Girls ages 7-14
Cost: \$125 per person
\$115 per person (per team rate, min 5 persons)

❑ TST Soccer Camp

Boys and Girls ages 5-18
Registration: August
Location: Sweetwater Park
Date: Aug. TBA Time: 6:00 –8:00
Fees: \$40.00 per player (includes, bottle & instruction)

❑ Kids Fish For Free

Location: Public Fishing Ponds
Ages 15 & Under
An adult must accompany children
Contact: George Atnip at 595-1684 for more information
Dates: TBA

❑ Volleyball

Outdoor court located at Sweetwater Park. Open to the public year round.

❑ Track

Outdoor ½ mile walking track located at Sweetwater Park.
Open to the public year round.

❑ Open Court Basketball

Monday – Friday
Time 9am until 9pm
Fees: \$2.00 Adults, \$1.00 Students, 30 day pass Adults \$20.00 & 30 day pass students \$10.00

Adult Co-Ed Volley Ball

Managers Meeting
TBA
6:00 at SWP, Contact Monte Ashcraft
Season will be played in November/December

Adult Athletic Programs

Adult Softball

USSSA Rules apply
Anyone wishing to enter a team in the league must have a representative at the manager's meeting
State Berths will be awarded to USSSA State Tourneys
Fees: \$325.00 for McDuffie County Teams
Out of County teams \$25.00 per game (Out of County team is defined as 60% of team's roster does not live or work in McDuffie County)

Spring & Summer League:

Manager's Meeting, TBA, at the Recreation Department
Divisions: Men's Open & Women's Open, 6:00 pm
Men's Church & Women's Church, 6:30 pm

Players must attend the church they represent on a year round basis, at least two services per month.

Fall League:

Manager's Meeting, August 2, at the Recreation Department
Divisions: Men's Open league, 6:00 pm
Church Co-Ed, 6:30 pm

Youth Church Basketball

Manager's Meeting, TBA, at the Recreation Department

Fees: TBD (NO Out of County teams allowed)

Divisions: Youth Church Basketball
Players must attend the church they represent on a year round basis, at least two services per month.

Adult Flag Football

Manager's Meeting TBA at the recreation office at Sweetwater Park. Games will begin in January and run through February.

Fees: TBA

Ages: **16 & older**
Men's Open 7:00
Contact Monte Ashcraft

United States Specialty Sports Association

GRPA Events



Recreation Facilities

Athletic fields and buildings are available for reservation and/or rental by individuals, groups, or organizations by contacting the Recreation Department at 595-2152. Availability is limited and varies with season. Smoking is prohibited in all County owned buildings. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on County owned properties. Security or Staff person are required for all building or park reservations.

Sweetwater Park, 85 acres, 9 lighted baseball/softball fields with scoreboards, 2 lighted football fields with scoreboards, ½ mile walking track, 2 playground systems, 2 picnic shelters, concession and restroom facilities. Athletic fields \$125 per day.

Pitt Street Park, 2 lighted baseball/softball/football fields with scorebooth, 1 outdoor basketball court, tot lot, concession and restroom facilities.

William Eubanks Community Center & Park (Dearing), 2 lighted baseball/softball fields, 2 lighted tennis courts, 1 outdoor basketball court, tot lot, community building, concession and restroom facilities. \$35.00 per day plus \$35.00 key deposit.

Vontego Cummings Community Park, 1 outdoor basketball court, 1 tot lot, picnic area.

Sweetwater Activity Center (Wire Road), 1 large multi-purpose room with stage, kitchen, restrooms, tables and chairs. Reservation fee \$100.00 per day (with a \$50 refundable key deposit) plus \$15.00 per hour for security. Teens parties \$150 per day (with a \$50 refundable key deposit) plus \$15 per hour each 2 security officers and 1 staff person, \$35.00 per evening for business meetings. Call 595-2152 for reservations

Senior Center (Greenway Street), 7,700 sq.ft., 2 large multi-purpose rooms, conference room, class rooms, kitchen, picnic area with tables, restroom facilities. Reservation fee \$35 or \$100.00 plus \$50.00 security deposit. Call 595-7502 for reservations.

Officials Clinics

Augusta USSSA will conduct officials clinics for baseball, softball, football, soccer, and basketball for the 2012 season. If you are interested in becoming an official, please contact Don Capitosti at 706-738-0723.

National Youth Sports Coaches Association Clinics (NYSCA)

NYSCA certifications are required for all persons interested in coaching in the recreation department youth leagues. There is a \$10.00 fee for the clinic which entitles the coach to the **NYSCA** magazine, \$500,000 liability insurance, certification card, and **NYSCA** patch. Training consists of 4 hours of video instruction followed by discussions. Coaches will be taught skills to deal with kids on all levels of ability. Coaches must sign a Code of Ethics, and will also be given a Code of Ethics for both players and their parents to sign. Coaches will be notified each year after the initial certification for renewal of their certification by the **NYSCA**. Renewal certification fees are \$15.00 per year.

NYSCA Clinic Dates – all clinics will be held at the recreation office on Whiteoak Road.

Baseball/Softball	1 st year	TBA
Football	1 st year	TBA
Soccer	1 st year	TBA
Basketball	1 st year	TBA

Clinics are mandatory for all coaches

Recreation Hotline 595-0459

For daily updates to scores for all youth and adult games as well as any **game cancellations or rescheduling** and other Recreation & Leisure activities

Please call after 11 a.m. each day for updated scores of the previous day games and after 4 p.m. for any game cancellations

Senior Center

304 Greenway Street, Thomson, Georgia

Hours: 8:00 – 5:00, Monday – Friday

Phone: (706) 595-7502

Fax: (706) 597-2640

Email: mhill@thomson-mcduffie.net

Meals on Wheels – Nutrition services prepared and served to the 50 & older
Lunch served Monday – Friday at the Senior Center except holidays
Homebound meals are delivered Monday – Friday except holidays
Those wishing to qualify for the program should contact the Center and fill out a membership form.

Bingo – Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 10:00 am-11:00 am

Exercise – Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9:30-10:30, Certified Instructor

Line Dancing – (Advance Class) Monday, 12:30-2:00
(Beginner Class) Monday, 2:00-2:30

Blood Pressure Check Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-10:00

Movie Day – 1st Tuesday 12:30

Art Classes – Please call for more information

Ceramics – Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:30-3:30

Craft/Jewelry Class – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30-2:30

Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 1:00-2:00

Computer Classes – Please call for more information

Exercise Equipment/Table Games Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00

Grandmas Craft Store – Hours of Operation, Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00. All items made by senior citizens. All proceeds go toward funding of activities at the Senior Center.

Quarterly Meetings – 2nd Wednesday of January – April – July and October 11:00a.m. at the Center.

The **McDuffie County Leisure Service** began in 1977 as the McDuffie County Council On Aging, Inc. as a nutrition site in the Community Room of the Housing Authority and later moved to the old Coca-Cola Bottling Plant and was commonly known as the Senior Citizens Center. It was and is the general consensus that we have NO OLD PEOPLE, but rather a group of people who have witnessed the changing dates on a calendar, and are still very much alive. Independent, quality living for anyone 55 and older by providing a safe and caring environment where people can make new friends, enjoy old friends, and share happy moments as well as stressful concerns with their peers is encouraged. In addition, Monday through Friday each week they are served a hot meal in a congregate setting and hot meals are also delivered to those who are homebound. A variety of recreational activities are provided throughout the year as well as is counseling to individuals and families as needed and assistance with filing of insurances and taxes as needed. Throughout the year knowledgeable speakers are brought in to keep our participants informed in areas that may concern them. We also offer both day and extended trips on a regular basis.

Rural Transportation

180 Sweetwater Park Drive S.E. Thomson, Georgia

Hours: 8:00 – 5:00, Monday – Friday

Phone: (706) 595-6683



Rates

Senior Citizens

McDuffie County \$2.00
Augusta \$5.00 (round trip)

Under 60

McDuffie County \$5.75
Augusta \$11.50 (round trip)

The **McDuffie County Rural Transportation System** operates five vehicles from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. **Rural Transportation** provides transportation services to all McDuffie County residents for local appointments Monday through Friday. Appointments need to be between the hours of 8:30 am and 2:00 pm. Three vans are equipped with a wheelchair lift. Weekly trips are made on Thursdays to Augusta for appointments between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. To arrange for transportation contact the office at least 24 hours in advance of your appointment so we can get you to your destination on time.

Thomson-McDuffie Recreation & Leisure Services
Mail-In Registration & Emergency/Consent Form
Include Check or Money Order with Registration Form
(One for each athlete)

Activity _____ Weight (football only) _____
Athletes' Name _____ Nickname _____
Mailing Address (street, city zip) _____
Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Birthday (mo/day/yr) _____ Age _____
T-shirt Size: _____ Pants Size: _____
In Case of Emergency Notify:
Name _____ Relationship _____
Address (street, city, state zip) _____
Phone: _____

Have you turned your football equipment in? Yes No

AGE CONTROL DATES

T-Ball, Football, Cheerleader – September 1st Pee Wee Soccer – December 31st Co-Ed Soccer – August 1st
Baseball – April 30th Basketball – January 1st Girls Fast Pitch Softball – January 1st
Paying Method Check _____ Cash _____ Money Order _____ Other _____

**BOYS AND GIRLS WILL BE ASSIGNED TEAMS WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR
TRANSPORTATION EXCEPT T-BALL.**

Release of Liability For Minor Participants

IN CONSIDERATION OF _____, my minor child/ward "my child" being allowed to participate in any way in the Thomson-McDuffie Recreation program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury to my child from the activities involved in these programs is significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. FOR MYSELF, SPOUSE, AND CHILD, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASES or others, and assume full responsibility for my child's participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the program's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant concern in my child's readiness for participation and/or in the program itself, I will remove my child from the participation and bring such attention of the nearest official immediately; and
4. I, my self, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, person representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELATE THE other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releases"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my child's involvement or participation in the programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
5. I, for myself, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDENIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releases from any and all liabilities incident to my involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

I understand the seriousness of the risks involved in participation in this program, my personal responsibilities for adhering to rules and regulation, and accept them as a participant.

Parent/Guardian(s) Signature(s)

Date

Recreation & Leisure Service Department
Staff & Information
Bob Howard, Director

Recreation Department

Charles Pettis, Athletic Manager
Monte Ashcraft, Athletic Coordinator
Mattie Cheatham, Administrative Assistant
Stephanie Walker, Administrative Secretary
Wayne McNeal, Maintenance Supervisor
Hamp Brown, Maintenance
Lamont Jones, Maintenance
Freddie Taylor, Maintenance
Carl Gunn, Gym & Field Supervisor (PT)
Don Capitosti, Field Supervisor

Senior Center

Merlinda D'Antignac, Superintendent
Sara McGhee, Program Assistant
Linda Lynch, Administrative Clerk
Shelly Frails, Kitchen Manger
Martha Harrell, Ceramics Instructor (PT)
Evelyn Easley, Asst. Ceramics Instructor (PT)
Hiza Weber, Craft Instructor (PT)
Dorothy Farr, Asst. Craft Instructor (PT)

Rural Transportation

Dorothy Pinkston, Supervisor
Dixie Street, Driver
Betty Sallywhite, Driver
Bobbie Huff, Driver
Shirley Jackson, PT Driver

Location & Hours of Operation

180 Sweetwater Park Drive S.E.
Thomson, Georgia
Phone: (706) 595-2152
Fax: (706) 595-2157
Email: bobhoward@Thomson-McDuffie.net
Webpage: www.thomson-mcduffie.net
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

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