

# EXPLORE



## Want to help?

Volunteers are always needed for youth sports and park events!

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#### Jared Thornton

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- Baseball
- Softball
- T-ball
- Wrestling
- Girls Basketball

#### Charlie Sanders

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- Football
- Cheerleading
- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Boys Basketball

#### Alicia Walters

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- Parks & Recreation special events

## VITAL VOLUNTEERS

### Youth Sports Leagues Need You!

As children of all ages take the field for spring sports, many volunteer coaches and parents are working hard to make sure Pelham's young athletes get the most out of their playing experience.

Volunteer coaches are the backbone of Pelham Park and Recreation's youth sports leagues, and more people are always needed to step up to the plate. Jared Thornton and Charlie Sanders coordinate volunteers for the various programs offered by Pelham Parks and Recreation. "Without all of our volunteers, these kids wouldn't be able to play. Someone has to be the coach and teach/mentor these kids about the game. We are grateful to have a wonderful community with volunteers who are willing to spend their precious time to be there for the kids," said Thornton.

Pelham youth sports offerings currently include basketball, baseball, t-ball, softball, volleyball, soccer, cheerleading, football, flag football, Smart Start Sports, wrestling, and coming this summer, e-sports.

No experience is necessary to volunteer as a coach or team parent. It just takes time, ability, and willingness to do the job.

Some of our local youth sports coaches and team parents recently shared their stories and advice to those who might want to volunteer. To read the full article, [click here](#).



## Kites and Bites

Take advantage of the March breeze at Kites and Bites, a free, family-friendly event at Pelham City Park.

"Pelham Parks and Recreation wants to bring new opportunities for families to enjoy being together outside and meeting new friends," said Alicia Walters, Assistant Director.

You are encouraged to bring a kite, chairs, and blankets and enjoy music from singer-songwriter Erica Ryleigh, as well as food trucks and a craft activity for children. Well-mannered, leashed dogs are welcome.

March 6th | 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Pelham City Park

## 2nd Annual Paws in the Park

Have fun with your furry friend, mingle with fellow dog lovers and help make a difference for local animals. Paws in the Park will feature food trucks, live music from Katherine Fowler, vendor booths, and an all-new Kids Zone. Shelby Humane Society will offer walk-up vaccinations and will have adoptable dogs on site.

Additional entertainment will be provided by Mariann Jackson's agility and trick dog demonstration, plus a special appearance by Vivienne Claire, Pug Extraordinaire.

Pelham Parks and Recreation will once again work with Pelham Pet Pantry, a local organization to make sure no pet goes hungry in Pelham and Shelby County. You can drop off dog and cat food donations at the Pelham Recreation Center March 1 - 16, or donate on the day of the event.

Enjoy the afternoon, with or without a dog. We do ask pet owners to bring leashed, well-mannered dogs to this event.

March 20th | 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Pelham City Park



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