

# EXPLORE



## At a Glance

### Mountain Wake Games

June 24-25, 2023

9:00 a.m. - dark

Oak Mountain State Park-  
Beaver Lake (lower lake by  
Hwy, 119 entrance)

- Competition
- Food
- Music
- Vendors
- Door prizes

## MOUNTAIN WAKE GAMES

### 2023 Event to be "Biggest and Best Yet"

Kristen and Jeremy Talbot are hard at work preparing for the [2023 Mountain Wake Games](#) at Oak Mountain State Park. As the owners of Flip Side Watersports, the pair enthusiastically predict the two-day event, scheduled for June 24-25, will be the biggest and best since its inception five years ago.

"Mountain Wake Games (MWG) is an annual event that brings together athletes, their families, and spectators. Athletes have the opportunity to showcase their skills in two different wakeboarding disciplines: cable and boat. MWG is sanctioned by the World Wake Association with payouts in all divisions. Our title sponsor, Skier's Marine, has stepped in with over \$10K in payouts and by providing the Mastercraft boats for the contest," explained Jeremy. "This is an event to showcase rider capabilities with high-flying acrobatics, as well as the capabilities of modern-day tow boats."

The Talbots invite everyone to attend, whether you're a watersports enthusiast or just curious about the sport. Families can also enjoy fierce competition, music, food, vendors, and door prizes. "We will have our beach and aquapark open for business while the contest is going on, so there will be plenty of entertainment for the whole family. Anyone looking to purchase a new boat for this summer can sign up for a demo ride by [emailing me](#)," stated Jeremy.

With an official sanction by the [World Wake Association](#), Mountain Wake Games

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Spectators can expect some fierce competition at Mountain Wake Games.

will host at least fifty riders this year, with a payout for first through third place in each class. For over 30 years, the WWA has been the world's premier provider of amateur and professional wakeboard events, sanctioning, and rules. "The organization was 'developed by riders, for riders,'" said Jeremy. "Since its inception in 1989, the WWA has empowered the sport of wakeboarding by providing various amateur and professional sanctioned programs."

Aside from the preparation for the Mountain Wake Games, the Talbots are busy hosting guests at Flip Side Watersports at OMSP. "We're officially open seven days a week, and all services are open for business, including the cable park, aqua park, boat rentals, swimming, and fishing. Learn more about Flip Side Watersports [here](#).



Pelham Civic Complex and Ice Arena is the first facility in the state of Alabama to offer speed skating classes.

## A Cool Summer in Pelham

Even though temperatures are soaring, the action isn't slowing down at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Beat the heat at the coolest place in town with activities for all ages and skill levels.

According to Susie Gray, Director of Skating, Learn to Skate classes are underway for hockey, figure skating, and the all-new speed skating class. "Don't worry if the class has already started. We can always accommodate new students," said Gray. She said skate lessons are a lot of fun. "Friendships are made, laughing is the norm, and you come together as a community," Gray stressed not only the skills that are gained on the ice but life lessons as well. "The confidence and joy you see your kids gain today will help them achieve in their world of tomorrow. Our trained instructors give them the physical and mental skills to conquer the day and take on life."

Gray also wants to spread the word that skate lessons are not just for kids. "It's for the kid inside all of us. Whether you're entering a rink for the first time or rekindling this lost love years later, you'll discover the ice is always there, waiting for you to come out and explore."

Learn more about the many opportunities at Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. [Read more here](#).



Skate lessons for all ages and skill levels.



South City Theatre offers a summer acting camp for children aged 6-18. Photo courtesy of Steven Ross Photography and South City Theatre.



Actors perform in a previous production of "Smoke on the Mountain". Photo courtesy of Steven Ross Photography and South City Theatre.

South City Theatre said this show hasn't been performed in this area for almost 25 years. The show will be directed by Williamson, and audition dates are June 11 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and June 12 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at South City Theatre, located in the Alpine Square Shopping Center at 2969 Pelham Parkway. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Show dates are August 11-13 and August 18 & 19.

The next show on the South City Theatre slate is "Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming", set for July 14-15 and July 20-22 at 7:30 p.m. The show is one of two sequels to the original "Smoke on the Mountain" written by Connie Ray and Alan Bailey. The trilogy follows the story of the Sanders Family, a gospel music group that performs during Saturday night singings at rural churches in North Carolina. In "Homecoming", set in 1945, World War II is over, and the family faces a big upheaval. "Reverend Oglethorpe and his wife, June, are sent away to a new church," Williamson revealed. In the show, the family comes together for one last performance before their loved ones move away. Even if you haven't seen the original "Smoke on the Mountain", "Homecoming" is both touching and hilarious. The show features 25 toe-tapping bluegrass gospel favorites that are sure to entertain and perhaps bring a bit of nostalgia for anyone who has ever attended an old-time rural church service. The venues for the show are yet to be announced.

Keep up with all of the happenings at South City Theatre via their [website](#) or on [Facebook](#).

## Summer at South City Theatre

If you enjoy live theatre, or if you've ever wanted to try out your acting chops, Pelham's own South City Theatre has a summer lineup that's sure to please.

Founded in Shelby County, the community theatre group moved to its current space in Pelham 15 years ago. Each season, the theatre produces six mainstage shows, two children's workshops, and a show at the end of the annual summer camp.

South City's Acting Up Summer Camp is a good way to let your child explore the art of live theatre. "Children who participate in theatre have more self-confidence. They learn new skills and maybe polish their existing talent. They learn singing, dancing, costume making, makeup, puppetry, and have a blast doing it," said Artistic Director Donna Williamson. The two-week camp is for children aged 6-18 and will be held June 19-23. and June 26-30. "There will be a Showcase on June 30 highlighting what the children learned during camp," said Williamson. Space is limited, so visit the "Kids Program" section of the [South City Theatre website](#) to learn more, and to register.

For adults interested in acting, auditions are planned this month for "Covering Dish", a Southern comedy written by local playwright David Garrett.

## HAPPENING IN PELHAM



### FRIDAY | JUNE 2 6:00 P.M. | PELHAM CITY PARK PAVILION Family Kickball Night

Gather the family for a night of kickball. Pair up and play against other families in a friendly competition. No experience is necessary. Pizza & popsicles at 7:00 p.m.

\$2 per family member. All Ages.  
Advance registration is required. [Click here.](#)

### FRIDAY | JUNE 2 8:00 P.M. | PELHAM CITY PARK Movies Under the Stars

Bring your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a movie on the big screen! Look for us behind the sand volleyball pavilion. This month's movie is "League of Super Pets".

Free. All ages.  
[Click here for additional information.](#)

### SATURDAY | JUNE 3 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM CIVIC COMPLEX & ICE ARENA Birmingham Bulls Yard Sale

Check out what's for sale at the annual Birmingham Bulls Yard Sale. 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Silver Room of the Pelham Civic Complex Banquet Hall

Call 205.620.6448 for more information.

### JUNE 3-11 PELHAM CIVIC COMPLEX & ICE ARENA Birmingham APA World Qualifiers

The Main Arena at the PCC will be converted to a pool hall as it once again will serve as the location of the Birmingham American Pool Players Association World Qualifiers billiards tournament.

Call 205.620.6448 for more information.

### MONDAY - THURSDAY | DATES VARY 9:00 A.M. | PELHAM TENNIS CENTER Youth Summer Tennis Camps

The Pelham Tennis Center will host four youth tennis camps beginning in June. Family rates and discounts are available.

\$140/session  
Learn more, see all dates, and register [here.](#)

### MONDAYS | JUNE 5 - JULY 31 5:30 P.M. | PELHAM RECREATION CENTER 16+ Adult Pickup Volleyball

Anyone aged 16 and up who wants to play without forming a team is invited to participate in a fun and social environment. All skill levels are welcome. Please pre-register.

Free for members; \$10/month for non-members.  
Call the Rec Center at 205.620.6426 for more information.

# HAPPENING IN PELHAM



## TUESDAY | JUNE 6 2:00 P.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY That Puppet Guy: Aesop's Fantastic Fables

Lee Bryan, AKA, "That Puppet Guy" presents a hilarious mashup of your favorite fables told with a variety of puppet styles.

Admission is free. Ages: Children through 6th grade  
Learn more [here](#).

## TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS | JUNE 6-29 11:30 P.M. | PELHAM RECREATION CENTER 40+ Pickup Basketball League

Anyone aged 40 and up who wants to play without forming a team is invited to participate in a fun and social environment. All skill levels are welcome. Please pre-register.

Free for members; \$10/month for non-members.  
Call the Rec Center at 205.620.6426 for more information.

## THURSDAY | JUNE 8 9:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Free Eye Exams

The UAB School of Optometry will provide free vision screenings and blood pressure checks to seniors aged 55 and up.

Free. Ages 55+  
For more information, please call 205.620.6064.

## TUESDAY | JUNE 13 9:00 A.M. | PELHAM CITY PARK PAVILION Beach Themed Fairy Gardens

A fairy garden can be a magical place for children. Let your child use their imagination to create and build their own enchanted space. Supplies provided.

\$5 per child / Ages 4-8 (must be accompanied by an adult)  
Space is limited. Please register [here](#).

## FRIDAY | JUNE 16 7:30 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATRE Foo Fighters

American rock band the Foo Fighters make a stop in Pelham for their 2023 summer tour. Concertgoers will have a chance to hear music from the new album, "But Here We Are".

Ticket prices vary.  
Find out more [here](#).

## SUNDAY | JUNE 18 7:30 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATRE James Taylor & His All-Star Band

Singer-songwriter James Taylor, along with his All-Star Band takes the stage for an evening of his classic, timeless music set against the beautiful backdrop of Oak Mountain.

Ticket prices vary.  
View seating charts and pricing [here](#).

# HAPPENING IN PELHAM



## SUNDAYS & MONDAYS | JUNE 18-31 6:00 P.M. | PELHAM CIVIC COMPLEX & ICE ARENA

### Adult Indoor Lacrosse League

Play lacrosse indoors and don't worry about the weather! The eight-game season begins June 18. A youth league is also available.

\$150

For more information and registration, [click here](#).

## TUESDAY | JUNE 20 9:00 A.M. | PELHAM RECREATION CENTER Youth Volleyball Clinic

Birmingham Beach Volleyball presents a three-hour clinic to introduce basic skill development of indoor and sand volleyball.

\$20 per child / Ages 8-12

For additional information and to register, click [here](#).

## WEDNESDAY | JUNE 21 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. | PELHAM LIBRARY American Red Cross Blood Drive

Help save a life. Schedule your blood donation appointment during the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Pelham Public Library.

Age 17+

[Click here](#) to schedule your appointment.

## SATURDAY - MONDAY | JUNE 24 -26 8:00 A.M. | PELHAM RACQUET CLUB USTA Southern 16s L4

Spectators are invited to watch some of the South's best 16 and under tennis players compete at the USTA Southern 16s L4 tournament.

Free

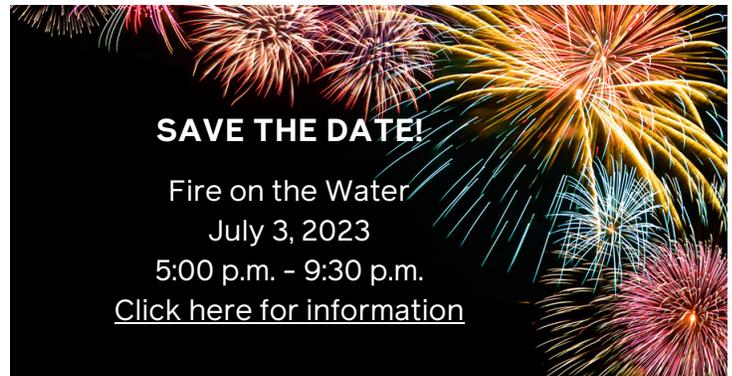
Call 205.621.3380 for additional information.

## TUESDAY | JUNE 27 7:30 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATRE Matchbox Twenty

Pop rockers Matchbox Twenty bring their Slow Dream Tour to Pelham. Fans will hear music from their new studio album, "Where the Light Goes".

Ticket Prices Vary.

View seating charts and pricing [here](#).



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Fire on the Water  
July 3, 2023  
5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
[Click here for information](#)



### **Juneteenth Closings & Special Hours** **Monday, June 19, 2023**

- Pelham City Hall & City Offices: CLOSED
- Pelham Public Library: CLOSED
- Pelham Rec Center: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Pelham Senior Center: Regular hours
- Ballantrae Golf Club: Regular hours / holiday rates
- Pelham Racquet Club: Regular hours
- Pelham Civic Complex: Regular hours
- AmWaste: Routes run as scheduled



## **JUNIOR GOLF CAMP**

**Session 1: June 20 - 23**  
**Session 2: July 18 - 21**

**8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Ages 6-14**

**\$150 per child, per session**

**Call the Golf Shop to Register**  
**205.620.4653 (Option 1)**



## **SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY**

- Summer reading program
- Special events
- Fun activities for all ages

[Click here](#) for the complete  
Calendar of Events.

