

EXPLORE



At a Glance

XiIR "I Did It My Way"
Tour Presented by Big
#1 Motorports Suzuki

January 20, 2024
7:30 p.m.
Pelham Civic Complex &
Ice Arena

Tickets available at
[Ticketmaster](#).

SPEED ON ICE

Xtreme International Ice Racing Returns

Beat the cold and enjoy an action-packed event. The Xtreme International Ice Racing XIIR tour is back at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Spectators will be treated to an exhilarating and adrenaline-pumping evening that takes the high-speed action of traditional motorcycle racing and combines it with the thrilling challenges of racing on ice.

In case you've never seen a motorcycle ice race, you should know a few things: In XIIR, fearless riders equipped with specially modified motorcycles take to an ice-covered track. The bikes are fitted with razor-sharp studded tires, which provide the necessary grip to navigate the slippery surface. The result is a breathtaking display of power, control, and agility. The racing features sharp turns and challenging obstacles at high speeds. But it's not just about speed; it's about maintaining control under extreme conditions. The slightest miscalculation can lead to a spectacular crash.

There's more to the show than racing. You'll also see thrilling stunts and daredevil maneuvers. Riders perform jaw-dropping jumps, slides, and spins on the ice, adding an extra layer of excitement to the event.

XIIR is billed as family-friendly entertainment for spectators of all ages. Fan engagement is emphasized, and there will be a chance to meet the riders, get autographs, and enjoy the unforgettable XIIR ambiance.



Take the Plunge!

Are you up for the challenge? If so, prepare to take a teeth-chattering icy dive into Double Oak Lake for a good cause! The Pelham Police Department will host the 2024 Polar Plunge at Oak Mountain State Park on Saturday, January 20. The annual event is a fundraiser for Special Olympics Alabama, a cause near and dear to the PPD.

“For over 50 years, Special Olympics has been building a movement to break down barriers, both on and off the field, through the power of sport,” said Ainsley Allison, one of the event’s organizers. “As Guardians of the Flame, we champion acceptance, inclusion, and equality for people with intellectual disabilities,” Allison explained the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics started in 1981. Today, officers around the globe have raised awareness and over \$1 billion for the cause. More than 15,000 athletes in Alabama receive year-round sports training, competition, and leadership opportunities through Special Olympics.

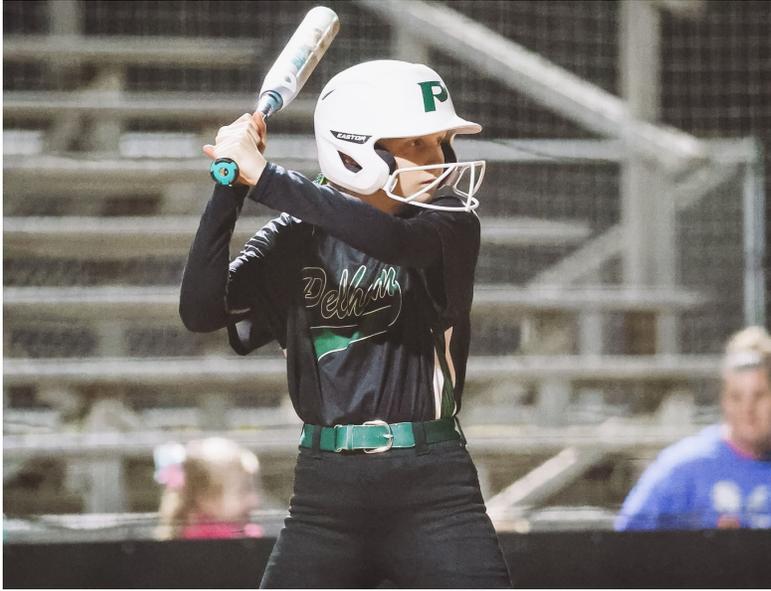
The Pelham Polar Plunge has become a premiere annual event and is one of Alabama Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics’ largest fundraisers.

Allison said the Pelham Police Department is challenging other local police departments to participate in the Polar Plunge, but individuals and families are also welcome to join the fun. [Advance registration is now open](#). The \$35 registration will guarantee your t-shirt size. People can register on the event day for \$45, but the t-shirt size is not guaranteed.

Activities for the Polar Plunge begin at noon on Saturday, January 20th, with check-in and on-site registration. A safety briefing will occur at 1:50 p.m., and the Plunge will start at 2:00 p.m. Food trucks will be available from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Click here to [watch a short video of the 2023 Pelham Polar Plunge](#).





Get In On the Action

January may be cold and dreary, but it's time to prepare for the warmer days of spring. Registration is open for Pelham Parks & Recreation spring youth sports, including co-ed t-ball, boy's baseball, girl's softball, and co-ed soccer. Register on or before January 15 to avoid the late fee of \$10. Late registration is January 16-22.

For Pelham's youngest athletes, Start Smart Soccer (co-ed) is a developmentally appropriate introductory program for children aged three to five. Registration begins January 2nd and goes through February 29th.

Parents may register their child at the Pelham Recreation Center or online at the [Pelham Parks & Recreation website](#).



Youth Soccer Clinic

Youth soccer continues to grow in our city, and Pelham Parks & Recreation wants to equip young athletes with the skills needed to succeed. They've partnered with Pelham High School Soccer Coach Patrick McDonald and his PHS players to offer a youth soccer clinic on Tuesday, January 9th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Pelham Park football game field.

Charlie Sanders, Recreation Coordinator for Pelham Parks & Recreation, said the clinic is an excellent chance for young players to learn in a less pressured situation. "Coach McDonald and his team do an outstanding job of covering all parts and layers of the game of soccer," Sanders explained. "The clinic is offered for those aged 5-12, generally the ages of our season program participants." He said players will learn on their skill levels and at different speeds, but similar learning opportunities, such as attacking, scoring, and defense, will be available for all participants. The clinics are generally offered twice a year in the fall and spring.

"Coach McDonald and his players give their time, devotion, and energy to teach our youth and motivate them to play soccer more. That is the most important part of why we offer these clinics. I cannot sing their praises enough," said Sanders.

[Register on the Parks & Recreation website](#) or at the Pelham Rec Center.



Start Strong in 2024

They say it takes 21 days to form a new habit. Why not work towards some healthy habits in 2024? It doesn't matter if you're beginning or need a "pick me up" to join the Pelham Parks & Recreation Fitness Motivator program.

Participants work at their own pace, set goals, and log their time. If you hit your goal by January 31, you will receive a t-shirt.

The program is open from January 2 - January 31, 2024, and is free for members of the Pelham Recreation Center. People aged eight and up are invited to participate. Registration is open now.



Get Out and Skate

For anyone who has ever dreamed of lacing up a pair of skates and putting a blade to the ice, the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena has a free day of ice skating fun planned on January 6, 2024. "Get Out and Skate Day" is held during National Skating Month each January and offers various activities for all ages.

The day begins at 10:00 a.m. with an exhibition from the Pelham Synchro Team and skaters from the Birmingham Figure Skating Club. After the exhibition, audience members can lace up their rental skates and enjoy a free lesson with the Pelham Skate School Professional Coaching Staff. The classes will start with a quick how-to before venturing onto the ice for the first lesson. Skaters will have about 30 minutes of free skating time after the class. Participants must pre-register to take part in the lesson.

If you want to continue on your ice skating journey, staff will be on hand to offer you a chance to sign up for the first session of the 2024 Learn to Skate season. Classes begin on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Pelham's Get Out and Skate Day is presented by Canopy Apartments and Wake Up in Birmingham.

HAPPENING IN PELHAM



MONDAY | JANUARY 8 8:30 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Men's Breakfast Club

Calling all men! Here's your chance to talk sports, movies, family, and more as you enjoy a hearty breakfast at a different area restaurant each month.

Age 55+ | \$1, plus the cost of breakfast
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064.

MONDAY | JANUARY 8 1:00 P.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Drumming

This fun activity could improve your coordination, lift your mood, and exercise your brain. No experience is required. An instructor leads the class in drum circle style.

Age 55+ | Free
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064.

TUESDAY | JANUARY 9 11:00 A.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Tech Talk: Libby & Hoopla

Your library card gives you free access to e-books, e-audiobooks, streaming movies, and music. Learn how to use Libby & Hoopla and enjoy all we offer!

Age: Adults | Free
Visit the [Library website](#) to learn more.

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 10 1:00 P.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Crafting Together

Get creative together and have fun making seasonal crafts. All supplies are provided, and you don't need any experience. Space is limited.

Age 55+ | Cost varies.
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064.

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 10 5:00 P.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Party Art Evening Class

Join us as we create seasonal art in the evening hours! All supplies are provided, and you don't need any experience. Space is limited. Registration required.

Age 55+ | Cost varies.
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064.

THURSDAY | JANUARY 11 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Pelham Garden Club

The Pelham Garden Club kicks off 2024 with guest speaker Betsy Smith, a Master Gardener from Chilton County. Smith's presentation will be about herbs.

Age: Adults | Cost: Free
Visit the [Library website](#) to learn more.

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THURSDAY | JANUARY 11 4:00 P.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Teen Painting Program

Artist Bo Hughins will lead a class on how to turn scrap wood into painted works of art. Space is limited, and registration is required.

6th grade - 12th grade | Free
Visit the [Library website](#) to learn more.

THURSDAY | JANUARY 18 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY The ABC & D's of Medicare

Medicare can be confusing. Get answers at this seminar provided by Karen Haiflich. The presentation simplifies complex issues and gives you facts.

Age: Adults | Free
Visit the [Library website](#) to learn more.

TUESDAY | JANUARY 16 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Mixed Media Art/Painting

Join us as we create mixed media art with Sandy Johnson. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Age: 55+ | \$10 per class
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064.

THURSDAY | JANUARY 25 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Pottery Class

Artists from The Potter and the Clay will guide you through the steps of creating your masterpiece. All supplies are included, and no experience is necessary.

Age: 55+ | Cost: Varies
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064.

THURSDAY | JANUARY 18 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Creative Card Making

Make a set of five different cards to send to your friends. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary. Space is limited. Registration required.

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January Home Schedule

January 6	vs. Pensacola	7:00 p.m.
January 12	vs. Quad City	7:00 p.m.
January 13	vs. Quad City	7:00 p.m.
January 15	vs. Knoxville	1:00 p.m.
January 27	vs. Evansville	7:00 p.m.

For tickets and special promotions, please visit the [Bulls website](#).