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Good to Know

Taste of Pelham

Thursday, April 11, 2024

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Pelham Civic Complex &
Ice Arena

Tickets: \$40 in advance
\$50 at the door

[Purchase tickets here](#)

TASTY EVENT

Bring Your Appetite for Taste of Pelham

It's one of the year's most anticipated events and should be on your social calendar. Taste of Pelham is set for Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Experienced Taste of Pelham attendees will tell you to bring your appetite because you won't leave hungry.

Taste of Pelham is an annual fundraiser for the Pelham Public Library and is presented by the Library Guild. Library Director Mary Campbell said a few new restaurants and many favorites are set to return this year. "The format will be the same, so expect around 20 restaurants and vendors serving food, beer, and wine. We'll have live music, and everything is included in the cost of your ticket." Attendees can sample unique dishes from local restaurants, chefs, and catering companies.

Last year's event drew around 280 people, and Campbell expects this year's crowd will be much the same. "If you enjoy good food, drinks, and fellowship with your neighbors, this event is for you! Taste of Pelham is THE number one food event of the year. Not to mention, it's all for a great cause!"

As always, restaurants will compete for the coveted "Best Bite" Awards. A panel of judges usually selects the award winners, but attendees will get to vote for their favorites this year.



Paws in the Park

People love their pets, and Pelham Parks & Recreation is bringing pet owners and their four-legged friends together for a fun day at Pelham City Park.

The annual Paws in the Park is scheduled for Sunday, April 14, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. After four successful years, Alicia Walters, Assistant Director of Pelham Parks & Recreation, said hopes are high for this year's event. "We are anticipating a great turnout. We see more and more dogs and their owners attend this event each year. We know we have many pet lovers in Pelham, and we look forward to seeing them in the park for a fun day."



People who attend Paws in the Park can expect great entertainment, kids activities, and treat trucks on site. "We are bringing back Bama Air Dogs for two performances. You won't want to miss them," said Walters. She said the Kids Zone will include bounce houses, face painters, kids crafts, temporary tattoos, and photo opportunities. "We'll also have a pet costume contest and over 30 vendors. Shelby Humane Society will be back to offer pet vaccinations from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We'll also have adoptable dogs available looking for their forever home." Sunshine Lemonade and Parasol Treats will have sweets for sale at the event.

Alicia Walters believes Paws in the Park is successful because many consider pets part of their family. "We love offering opportunities for our community to have their pets join them while they spend an active, fun day at the park. We welcome well-behaved, leashed dogs at this event."



Participating in Paws in the Park also presents a chance to support the Pelham-based Alabama Pet Pantry. This non-profit organization provides food for needy pets in Jefferson and Shelby Counties. "Alabama Pet Pantry will be accepting donations of three-pound dry cat food or 16-30-pound dry dog food at the event," said Walters, emphasizing the importance of community support.

Admission to Paws in the Park is free, and the event is open to the public.



Tip A Cop

Dine at one of Pelham's most popular restaurants and support a good cause. The Pelham Police Department is a proud sponsor of Special Olympics Alabama and is passionate about raising awareness and money to support athletes in our state.

Tip A Cop is a Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) fundraiser for Special Olympics Alabama. It's a fun evening for officers and restaurant patrons alike. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Margarita Grill, 234 Cahaba Valley Road in Pelham.

As customers enter the restaurant, they will be greeted by a Pelham Police Officer who will help the hostess

guide them to their table. The officers will explain the purpose of Tip A Cop for Special Olympics and how donations will empower local athletes to reach their potential. Additional officers will accompany the wait staff, engaging with customers to answer any questions about the fundraiser.

The Pelham Police Department will take stringent precautions to ensure officers do not handle food or beverages. We also want customers to know that Tip A Cop for Special Olympics operates on donations and is not a gratuity for the meal or check so as not to detract from the wait staff's earnings. Email Lt. Bernard for more information. If you can't attend the event and want to support LETR Alabama and Special Olympics, you may donate via Venmo: @LETR-Alabama.

Youth Football Speed & Agility Clinic

Pelham Parks & Recreation offers a new option for children playing flag and tackle football. Beginning Wednesday, April 10, a Youth Football Speed & Agility Clinic will be held to prepare all potential 2024 youth football players for the upcoming season. Trainers from P360 Performance Sports in Pelham will instruct young athletes through off-season drills.

Children must enter kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall of 2024 to take advantage of the clinic. The clinic will be divided into age groups as follows:

K-4th grade - 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

5th & 6th grades - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The clinic will be held at the Pelham City Park football field. The cost is \$10 per child, and registration is available through the [Pelham Parks & Recreation website](#). If you have any questions about the Youth Football Speed & Agility Clinic, please contact [Charlie Sanders](#).



Walk for Christ & 5K + Home Run Derby

It's an event that combines fitness, faith, and fun, and this year's Walk for Christ is expanding to include a 5K and Home Run Derby. Building on last year's success, the Pelham Strong organization hopes the additional activities will attract even more families to Pelham City Park on Saturday, April 6th.

Pelham Strong, a local non-profit organization, is dedicated to making a difference in our community. The Walk for Christ event is about honoring Christ and making a positive impact. The funds will support the Liberty Learning Foundation, which brings vital civics and character programs to K-12 classrooms. Pelham Strong leaders embrace the importance of this work and hope our young people learn more about our Founding Fathers, Bill of Rights, Constitution, and so many other things America was founded on.

The day will kick off with the 5K at 8:00 a.m., followed by the 1-mile fun run or walk at 9:00 a.m. The 5K and the 1-mile fun run/walk will be chip-timed, adding a competitive edge to the event. First, second, and third place medals will be awarded to the fastest times in both male and female participant categories in the 5K.

After the 5K and walk, a hitting competition and home run derby will begin at 10:00 a.m. Pelham Strong partnered with Pelham Parks & Recreation for this event. The 6U youth baseball players will have a hitting competition, followed by 8U, 10U, and 12U home run derby competitions. Over 400 custom baseballs will be used in the hitting competitions, and organizers hope every participant will have a chance to take home a baseball used in the competitions.

Home run competitions for ages 14-15, 16-17, and 18+ begin at noon.



Walk for Christ is expanding this year to offer a 5K and a home run derby. The photo above was taken at the 2023 event.



Participants will have one minute to hit as many home runs as possible. The day will culminate in a thrilling home run derby, pitting the Pelham Police Department against the Pelham Fire Department in a friendly competition to see who can raise the most money. Show your support by donating to your favorite team here. Organizers hope having events where the public can see and interact with our first responders outside of an emergency will build valuable relationships.

As one event organizer put it, "Pelham Strong was founded on the principles of being a part of the Pelham community and putting God first in everything we do. This event is no different. We want to encourage everyone to come out and bring your family and friends for a fun-filled day with events the entire family will enjoy."

Visit the event sign-up page to register for any of the events mentioned and see a complete schedule. Pelham Strong provides a \$15 off coupon through noon on April 5th for the 1-mile walk and 5K (per person, per event). Click here to use the coupon when registering and use the code Libby.



New Session: Learn to Skate

The Pelham Skate School and Pelham Hockey are gearing up for a new Learn to Skate and Learn to Play session. Regular Learn to Skate classes begin on April 1st and are held on Mondays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. or Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Starting April 3rd, there is a Learn to Skate session for homeschool students on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and adults-only classes are held Mondays beginning April 1st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Christian Newberry, Director of Skating for the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena, said ice skating is a sport for life. He strives to ensure that each participant has a fun and positive experience. He is happy to answer any questions and can be reached [via email](#).



Children ages 4-17 interested in learning to skate to play hockey can enter the Little Toros program. The next session begins on Thursday, April 11th. Participants will learn basic skating skills such as two-foot glides and forward and backward swizzles, preparing them for the next class, Learn to Play.

Learn to Play introduces players to basic skating, puck handling, shooting skills, and more advanced skills, including small area games, to help reinforce these techniques before entering league play. The next session of Learn to Play begins on Wednesday, April 10th.

If you have questions about Little Toros and Learn to Play, please [email Josh Harris](#), Director of Hockey.



Southern Elite Tryouts

Spring and summer hockey tryouts are scheduled for April 13-14 at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Southern Elite Hockey is a program for players from the southern states who want to experience Elite Hockey. Teams will play in two A/AA tournaments, plus two high-performance weekends. Each will consist of two hours of ice for every team and two hours of off-ice training. Tryouts are open to the following age groups: 8u, 10u, 12u, 14u, and 16u.

Scan the QR Code for Info

- 2 Tournaments
- 2 High-Performance Weekends
- 8 Hours of On/Off Ice Training
- \$50 Tryout Fee
- \$500 Player Fee

Southern ELITE TRYOUTS

APRIL 13-14, 2024

	8U	10U	12U	14U	16U
APRIL 13	11:00 am	12:15 pm	1:30 pm	2:45 pm	4:00 pm
APRIL 14	7:00 am	8:15 am	9:30 am	10:45 am	12:00 pm

Spring/Summer Hockey is Upon Us
Tournament dates have been announced and high-performance training weekends are set.

LETS HAVE SOME FUN!!

Visit the [Southern Elite website](#) for registration information, or [email Josh Harris](#), Director of Hockey.



SUMMER GOLF CAMP
JUNE 10TH - JUNE 13TH
5PM TO 7PM \$200 PER JUNIOR
AGES 5 TO 12

FUN & GAMES
GOLF INSTRUCTION
PROVIDED BY PGA
PROFESSIONALS

PARENT JUNIOR GAMES, AWARDS & DINNER THRU JUNE 13TH.
CONTACT THE GOLF SHOP AT 205-620-4653 TO REGISTER
WWW.BALLANTRAEOLF.COM

Ballantrae

Summer Camp Options

Some City of Pelham facilities will offer summer camp options for children. Check out these exciting opportunities!

Ballantrae Golf Club

Your child can learn to play golf in a fun and casual setting. Ballantrae Golf Club's Summer Golf Camp is scheduled for June 10-13 for children ages 5-12. Call the Ballantrae Golf Shop at 205.620.4653 to register. PGA professionals will teach the camp

Tippi Toes Dance Camps

Pelham Parks & Recreation is partnering with Tippi Toes to offer two exciting dance camps for children.

Beach Camp will be held June 24-28 at the Pelham Rec Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It is open to boys and girls ages 4-7. Children will spend the day hearing stories, creating Hawaiian-inspired crafts, singing, dancing, and enjoying healthy snacks. On the last day of camp, family and friends are invited to the beach for a super fun performance to close the week.

Princess Camp is scheduled for July 22-26 and is open to girls ages 4-7. Come along on a magical journey of the imagination as children learn all about what it's like to be a princess! Children will play games, read and act out stories, make fun crafts such as magic wands and jeweled crowns, and learn fun dances. The week will culminate with a special show for parents and friends.

The fee is \$200 per camp, per child, including a \$50 non-refundable deposit at registration. Sign-up is available on the [Tippi Toes website](#).

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Photo courtesy: Tippi Toes



Summer Camp Options

Pelham Tennis Center

The Pelham Tennis Center at Pelham City Park offers summer camps for beginner and intermediate players ages five to 15. Three sessions are planned for Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the following dates: June 10-13, June 24-27, and July 8-11. The cost is \$160 per player per week. Discounts are available to families and those who sign up for multiple weeks.

In addition, the Pelham Tennis Center will offer new classes and clinics for adults and youth beginning May 28th. Please email the [Pelham Tennis Center](#) to learn more, or call 205.620.6428.



Pelham Racquet Club

Pelham Racquet Club has several summer offerings, including three summer camp sessions. The camps are geared toward beginner and intermediate players ages five to 13 and will be held on the following dates: June 3-6, June 17-20, and July 22-25. The camp hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., during which campers will work on drills and skills and play tennis matches. Lunch will be served. The cost is \$200 per week, and discounts are available to families and those who sign up for multiple weeks.

Pelham Racquet Club will also offer beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes for all ages during summer. Please visit the [Pelham Racquet Club website](#) or call 205.621.3380.



Summer Camp Options

Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena

The Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena just wrapped up a successful session of spring break camp, and now they're looking ahead to summer with four fantastic weeks of figure skating and hockey instruction for children ages six to 18. Through a partnership with Pelham Hockey and Pelham Skate School, your child can thrive in a fun and encouraging atmosphere.

Here is the schedule for summer camp:

June 10-14

June 24-28

July 8-12

July 22-26



Campers select a track based on their skating level and their preferred sport. The Learn to Skate option is for beginning ice skaters, aspiring hockey players, and figure skaters of all abilities. The hockey option is for hockey players on house and travel teams. Instruction is provided both on and off-ice.

The camp is held Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch and snacks are provided. Early drop-off and late pick-up options are available for an additional fee. The cost of the camp is \$315 per week. Campers are welcome to select one or more weeks.

Register your child through the [Pelham Hockey website](#).

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E-NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF PELHAM

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HAPPENING IN PELHAM



APRIL 3-7 & APRIL 10-14 VARIES | OAK MOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATRE Oak Mountain State Fair

The much-anticipated, family-friendly Oak Mountain State Fair returns, featuring rides, attractions, food, and more. Free parking.

\$10 admission. The admission price does not include rides. Learn more at the [Oak Mountain State Fair website](#).

THURSDAY | APRIL 4 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Health Expo

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore local health and wellness resources. Enjoy fun, fellowship, door prizes, and giveaways.

Age 55+ | Free
Register at the Pelham Senior Center. 205.620.6064

SATURDAY | APRIL 6 9:00 A.M. | OMSP REDBUD PAVILION Running for the Bulls 5K & Fun Run

This family and fur-friendly event benefits Bama Bully Rescue. Participants can walk/run with or without a dog. Rain or shine. Choice of 3.1 or one-mile trail run.

Oak Mountain State Park entrance fees apply. Visit the [Bama Bully website](#) for additional information.

SUNDAY | APRIL 7 8:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Race to the Lake

This low-cost event showcases the true meaning of [Birmingham Ultimate Trail Society \(BUTS\)](#) and its mission of getting people out on the trails in a fun environment.

The race is a 10-mile lollipop course. | \$10 registration
Visit the [race sign-up page](#) to register.

MONDAY | APRIL 8 6:00 P.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Adult Craft Workshop

The craft for April is paper-mâché birds. The workshop is limited to 10 seats. The program is free, and all supplies are provided.

Age 18+ | Registration required.
Register on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

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

Join us as we paint and create seasonal art. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary. Space is limited, so register today.

Age 55+ | Cost varies.
Register at the Pelham Senior Center. 205.620.6064

HAPPENING IN PELHAM



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

Get creative together as we have fun making seasonal crafts. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary. Space is limited.

Age 55+ | Cost varies
Register at the Pelham Senior Center. 205.620.6064

THURSDAY | APRIL 11 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Pelham Garden Club Monthly Meeting

The Pelham Garden Club is open to adults interested in all areas of gardening. A Pelham residence is not required. A different topic will be presented each month.

Age 18+ | Free
Learn more at the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

SATURDAY | APRIL 13 7:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Mammoth March of Alabama

Mammoth March of Alabama is not your average hike! Master the challenge and spend a beautiful day hiking 20 miles in eight hours.

The Mammoth March entry fee includes the park entrance fee.
Visit the [Mammoth March website](#) for more information.

MONDAY | APRIL 15 8:30 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Men's Breakfast Club

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

Age 55+ | Cost \$1 plus the cost of your breakfast
Register at the Pelham Senior Center. 205.620.6064

TUESDAY | APRIL 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, and registration is required.

Age 55+ | Cost: \$10/class
Register at the Pelham Senior Center. 205.620.6064

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

Medicare can be confusing, but this seminar provides answers. Karen Haiflich simplifies complex issues such as the Medicare parts, enrolling, and more.

Free & open to the public.
Visit the [Pelham Public Library website](#) to learn more.

HAPPENING IN PELHAM



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

Join your friends and have fun making a set of five different cards. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary. Space is limited.

Age 55+ | Cost: \$10/class
Register at the Pelham Senior Center. 205.620.6064

THURSDAY-SUNDAY | APRIL 19-21
ALL DAY | PELHAM RACQUET CLUB
National NTRP 40 & Over Doubles

Enjoy a weekend of great tennis at this USTA-sanctioned tournament. All matches will be played on clay courts. Spectators are encouraged to bring a chair for seating.

Free for spectators.
Learn more on the [Pelham Racquet Club website](#).

SATURDAY | APRIL 20
12:00 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
Team Hope Walk

Walk, run, or ride to raise funds and awareness for the Huntington's Disease Society of America. The organization strives to provide help today and hope for tomorrow.

All ages are welcome.
Learn more at the [Team Hope Walk Alabama website](#).

FRIDAY | APRIL 26
8:30 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER
Storyteller Dolores Hydock

Master storyteller Dolores Hydock will transport you to the setting of her story and charm you with her ability to bring the spoken word to life.

Age 55+ | Cost: Free
Register at the Pelham Senior Center. 205.620.6064



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