

EXPLORE



Summer Reading

Adventure Begins at Your Library Summer Reading Program

Begins June 1st and ends July 31st.

Log your reading with the Beanstack app or the [Beanstack link](#) on the Pelham Public Library website.

See all activities this month:

[Pelham Public Library-June Calendar](#)

LIBRARY SUMMER

Fun for all Ages at Pelham Public Library

The Pelham Public Library is the place to be this summer, with a full slate of activities for all ages and interests. Librarians in the children's, teen, adult, and technology departments work year-round to plan events to keep people engaged with their community while learning and having fun.

The biggest summer program is the reading challenge for kids, teens, and adults. Last year, hundreds of people participated. Library Supervisor Rebecca Thrasher-Burchfield explained how you can get involved. "This year's theme is 'Adventure Begins at Your Library,' which includes a reading challenge and events throughout the summer. The reading challenge involves logging your reading using the Beanstack app or the [Beanstack link](#) on the Pelham Public Library website. When you log your reading, your name is entered for prize drawings at the end of the summer." Thrasher-Burchfield said the reading challenge is something to keep kids in practice with their reading skills to avoid the summer 'brain drain.' "Students work hard all year on their ability to read and comprehend what they read. We want them to keep this up so they do not start the next school year a step behind. No matter a person's age, reading is the foundation for their potential to learn and understand the world around them."

Library Supervisor David Smith said the adult division of the reading challenge is similar. "When an adult checks out three or more books or audiobooks, including
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adult fiction and nonfiction books, magazines, and books on CD are entered into the program's prize drawing, which will be held the first week of August." Smith said there is no limit to the number of entries, and like the youth reading challenge, you can track your reading on the Beanstack app or through the link on the website. The exclusions to the adult challenge include juvenile and young adult materials, games, music, and movies.

Rebecca Thrasher-Burchfield is also excited about the lineup of special events for kids and teens. "We have events geared toward the whole family, like our Tuesday performers, and we have other events geared toward more targeted age groups, such as STEAM Team (ages 8-12) or Dungeons & Dragons (teens entering grades 6-12). These events also keep kids engaged and learning even though they are on a break from school."



Because the Pelham Public Library staff is programming events for diverse people, much thought goes into planning. "When selecting what events to offer, we try to find a variety of performers and activities so that there is something for everyone, no matter their age or interests. We like to show all the different ways patrons can use the library. Many of our summer events are amped-up versions of events we have throughout the year, like STEAM Team, Storytime, and Dungeons & Dragons."

Thrasher-Burchfield encouraged families to take advantage of the free summer fun. "It allows families to leave the house and do something for free. We have many resources at the library, and if kids and teens participate, they will improve their reading skills and see all the ways they can use the library throughout the year. They have an opportunity to engage with their peers, learn new things, and find out what their interests might be."

The month of June features a different program or activity almost every day. "We have Adventure Safety lessons with the nursing students from Jefferson State Community College on Mondays, featured performers on Tuesdays, Storytime on Wednesdays, STEAM Team and PJ Storytime on Thursdays, and Brick Builders (where children play with Legos) on Fridays. There is even a music storytime one Saturday in June and one Saturday in July," stated Thrasher-Burchfield. "For teens, we have an art class, a balloon animal workshop, and Dungeons & Dragons." Please visit the [Pelham Public Library website](#) for a full calendar of events.

Thrasher-Burchfield summed it up with some food for thought for parents considering these summer programs for their children. "If kids have a positive experience at the library during the summer, they might be lifelong readers and learners!"



At A Glance

Family Kickball Night

Friday, June 7

Pelham Rec Center

\$3/family member

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Game

7:00 p.m. - Pizza & popsicles

[Pre-registration required](#)

Movies Under the Stars

Friday, June 7

Pelham City Park - behind the

sand volleyball courts

FREE

8:00 p.m.

"The Super Mario Bros. Movie"

(PG)

Family Kickball Night & Movies Under the Stars

Pelham Parks & Recreation invites local families to a Kickoff to Summer on Friday, June 7th. The event includes the annual Family Kickball Night and Movies Under the Stars.

Family Kickball Night will be held at the Pelham Rec Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. "We have offered this program for several years. We break up into teams and have a fun kickball game followed by pizza and popsicles for all participants, said Alicia Walters, Assistant Director of Pelham Parks & Recreation. She noted that [pre-registration is required](#), and the fee is \$3 per person. "We want to provide opportunities for families to play and have fun together. Many people like to be competitive, and this is a fun, safe environment in which to do so," said Walters.

Later that evening, the Movies Under the Stars summer series opens with a free screening of "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" (rated PG) at 8:00 p.m. The movie will be shown on a giant inflatable screen behind the sand volleyball courts at Pelham City Park. Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair to enjoy the movie. Another movie and family fun night is planned for July 12, with a screening of "Migration" (rated PG).

"We strive to offer something for everyone and all ages at Pelham City Park. We want the park not to be a quick stop but a destination for several hours," said Walters. Make your plans now to attend!



100 Alabama Miles Challenge

Pelham Parks & Recreation is partnering with the 100 Alabama Miles Challenge, a statewide program to inspire all Alabamians to kick-start an active, healthy lifestyle while exploring our beautiful state and connecting with fellow participants.

Sign up now on the [100 Alabama Miles](#) website, then join us for the first-mile kickoff on June 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Pelham City Park. We'll gather on the trail and walk the first mile together. We encourage you to join us, get active, and explore Alabama through this challenge.

The first 100 people to complete the entire 100 miles get a #100ALMiles t-shirt and decal.



Zumba Into Summer

The temperatures are heating up, and so is the action on the dance floor! Pelham Parks & Recreation is proud to announce the return of Zumba as one of the regular fitness classes offered this summer.

Operations Supervisor Tabitha Dudley said a survey was conducted in March to determine what members wanted in the fitness schedule. "Zumba was the most requested class," Dudley said.

The Zumba instructor is Marta Parker, a native of Panama City, Panama. After living in Pennsylvania and earning her Bachelor's degree in Spanish education, Parker taught Spanish at the elementary and high school levels. In 2008, Parker decided to do something fun and "out of the box," so she set out to become a licensed Zumba instructor. She has led Zumba classes in gyms, dance studios, and small church groups. "Zumba has become a passion, and I want to continue to share that passion with others," said Parker.

Tabitha Dudley said people of all skill levels are welcome. "Anyone from the beginner level to the avid Zumba goer will have a blast."

The 50-minute classes are held on Sundays at 1:15 p.m. at the Pelham Rec Center. Registration is open at the [Parks & Recreation website](#). Classes are free for members and \$5 for non-members.



Zumba instructor Marta Parker.



Important Parks & Rec Dates

Summer has just begun, but it's time to register for fall youth sports. There are also several summer programs and adult sports to consider as well. Check out our list of offerings and registration deadlines:

June 2

- Registration opens for the Pickleball Clinic on Saturday, July 20, at the Pelham Recreation Center. Register through July 12.

June 3

- Registration opens for Fall Youth Volleyball, Boys' Youth Fall Baseball, Girls' Youth Fall Softball, and T-Ball. Register through August 5.
- Smart Start Golf begins (ages 5-7).

June 12

- Registration closes for [NHL Street Hockey](#).

June 17

- Registration opens for Indoor Morning Pickleball and Indoor Evening Pickleball at Pelham Rec Center.
- Registration closes for the [June Youth Volleyball Clinic](#) on June 18. Another clinic will be held on July 23. The registration deadline for the [July clinic](#) is July 22.

June 18

- June Youth Volleyball Clinic; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Pelham Rec Center.

June 24

- Early registration closes for [Co-Ed Flag Football](#). Late registration is June 25-July 1 with a \$10 late fee.

June 25

- NHL Street Hockey program begins (ages 6-12)

June 27

- Registration closes for the Youth P360 Football Workouts.



Thank You, Coaches!

Pelham Parks & Recreation wants to recognize everyone who volunteers their time and energy to coach youth sports. These names represent the hard-working men and women who coach 107 teams across eight different sports.

Are you interested in coaching youth sports? Read more on the [Pelham Parks & Recreation website](#).

Head Coaches

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| Adam Stewart | Chad Trautwein | Floyd Collins | John McKay | Randall Martin |
| Amy Cook | Chris Brazelton | Frank Ruggiero | John Meadows | Randy Millican |
| April Smith | Chris Pete | Hayden Tanner | Jonathan Hoffman | Richard Poff |
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| Barry Horton | Cleveland Proffit | Jake Blakley | Jordan Ritchie | Rocky Johnson |
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| Bobby Porterfield | Daniel Compton | James Evans | Kalib McCoy | Steve McMinn |
| Bobby Williams | Daniel Dyson | Jamie Compton | Kyle Lubsen | Tanner Casey |
| Brandon Robinson | Daniel Sealy | Jason Augsburger | Lance Buffkin | Taylor Burgess |
| Brandon Skinner | Danny Long | Jason Ramsey | Marie Pittman | Timeca Nevels |
| Brent Fenley | Darrell Tino | Jazmine Gagner | Maurice Mercer | Tony Jones |
| Brian Burns | David Hyché | Jenny Gray | Michael Harris | Trey Brown |
| Brian Hammond | Elijah Colburn | Jimmie Prater | Neshia Boles | Troy Shoemaker |
| Caitlin Duke | Emily Pace | Jimmy Lemonds | Paige Martinez | Wes Hall |
| Carrie Hill | Evan Davie | Joey Pryor | Patrick Stankard | Zane Kirkpatrick |

Assistant Coaches

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| Aaron Finney | Bret Walters | David Rosado | Jeremy Elliott | Kate Hayden | Natalya Winters | Tawanna Williams |
| Abe Martin | Brett Anderson | Derek Partridge | Jeremy Snyder | Katie Clements | Nathan Friday | Taylor Cox |
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| Brad Jordan | Danny Hunget | Jeff Benge | Justin Smitherman | Mike Klees | Steven Mitchell | |
| Brandon Gregory | Darius Jones | Jeff Hill | Kaela Fowler | Molly Bridges | Steven Waldon | |

HAPPENING IN PELHAM



MONDAY | JUNE 3 2:00 P.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY For the Love of Mars

Smithsonian Curator Matt Shindell presents "For the Love of Mars: A Human History of the Red Planet." Learn about the fascinating planet that has mystified humans since ancient times. Free.

Register on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

TUESDAY | JUNE 11 7:00 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATRE 21 Savage: American Dream Tour

U.K.-born and Atlanta-bred rapper 21 Savage brings his 30-city American Dream Tour to Oak Mountain Amphitheatre. Get your tickets today.

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

FRIDAY-SUNDAY | JUNE 7-9 VARIES | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK BUMP N' Grind XXX Dirty 30

Celebrate 30 years of the BUMP (Birmingham Urban Mountain Pedalers) N' Grind with a weekend of bike racing and good times.

Registration closes Wednesday, June 5th.
[Read about Bump N' Grind here](#).

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 12 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Crafting Together

Get creative together! All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary. A craft sample will be posted on the Pelham Senior Center Facebook page.

Adults 55+ | Cost varies. | Space is limited.
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

MONDAY | JUNE 10 6:30 P.M. | CAHABA VALLEY ELKS LODGE Flag Day Ceremony

The Cahaba Valley Elks Lodge will present a 30-minute Flag Day ceremony. The event will be held at the Lodge, at 1738 Morgan Park Drive in Pelham.

Free & open to the public
Visit the [Cahaba Valley Elks Lodge 1738](#) website.

THURSDAY | JUNE 13 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. Local experts present the program each month.

Free
More details on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

HAPPENING IN PELHAM



SATURDAY | JUNE 15 7:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Run for Kids Challenge

Tackle the 3.4-mile loop for Camp Smile-A-Mile. The 10K and 12-hour challenge begins at the Cedar Pavilion. Southeastern Trail Runs hosts this event.

Additional information is available at the link below. Register on the [Southeaster Trail Runs event page](#).

SATURDAY | JUNE 15 9:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK BUMP Ladies Beginner Ride & Learn

Ladies, show up ready to gain confidence, grow skills, and connect with other women. We'll tackle the beginner-friendly challenges of the green and blue trails.

Free event. Park entrance fees apply. More information on the [BUMP event page](#).

TUESDAY | JUNE 18 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Mixed Media Art/Painting

Create mixed media art with Sandy Johnson. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary. Space is limited.

Adults 55+ | \$10/class
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

THURSDAY | JUNE 20 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Creative Card Making

Have fun with a group and make a set of five different greeting cards. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary. Space is limited.

Adults 55+ | \$10/class
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

THURSDAY | JUNE 20 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Baking Class

Teresa Cooper with Siggis Table teaches us how to make delicious baked goods. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary.

Adults 55+ | \$10/class | Space is limited.
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

THURSDAY | JUNE 20 8:00 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Strawberry Full Moon Paddle

Join Flip Side Watersports and Oak Mountain State Park for an evening paddle. See the full moon rise over the mountain. No vessel rentals after 9:00 p.m.

Park entrance fees and vessel rental fees apply. Learn more on the [OMSP event page](#).

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SATURDAY - MONDAY | JUNE 22 - 24 ALL DAY | PELHAM RACQUET CLUB Summer Slam 10s & Southern 12s L4

Take this opportunity to watch some great tennis from up-and-coming players. More than 125 juniors from southern states are expected to participate.

Spectators free.
Learn more on the [Pelham Racquet Club website](#).

THURSDAY | JUNE 27 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Pottery Class

Create your own masterpiece under the direction of Potter and the Clay. All supplies are included, and no experience is necessary. Space is limited.

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

SATURDAY - SUNDAY | JUNE 22 - 23 8:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Mountain Wake Games

Enjoy this annual event, which brings athletes, their families, and spectators together for two fun days of wakeboard contests, food, vendors, music, and door prizes.

Park entrance fees apply.
Learn more at the [Flip Side Watersports website](#).

FRIDAY | JUNE 28 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER 4th of July Celebration

Put on your red, white, and blue and join us for our Fourth of July celebration, featuring Johnny W. Abbot Music, refreshments, and more. Space is limited.

Adults 55+ | \$10/class | Space is limited.
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

TUESDAY | JUNE 25 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Watercolor Painting

Join us as we create watercolor paintings with Mary Weller. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary. Space is limited.

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



FIRE ON THE WATER

Oak Mountain State Park
July 3, 2024 15:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Fireworks | Food Vendors
Swimming | Activities | Music

Presented by:
The City of Pelham &
Oak Mountain State Park

Pelham Parks & Recreation

Youth Volleyball Clinic

June 18, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Ages 8-12 | \$20 per child

3-hour clinic includes:

- Basic skill development
- Indoor volleyball
- Sand volleyball

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Call 205.620.6426
or email [Will Mayhall](mailto:Will.Mayhall)



Pelham Parks & Recreation



NFL Flag Football

This Fall
Open to girls & boys
Grades K-3

[Learn more & register here.](#)



STREET

NHL Street Summer League
June 25 - August 8
Learn more at [Pelham Parks & Recreation](#)

SUMMER EDITION DROPS SOON!
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