

STONINGTON
COMO

SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE 2024



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{SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE}

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SPRING 2024 PROGRAMS AT THE COMO

COMO KIDS: A state-licensed before and after school program

EXPERIENCED STAFF, NURTURING ENVIRONMENT, LIMITLESS FUN

COMO Kids is more than just before and after care. Our highly-trained and compassionate staff are committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and fun atmosphere with a curriculum that emphasizes educational and social growth. COMO Kids enjoy access to the entire 16-acre COMO campus with activities that spark curiosity, encourage exploration, fuel imaginations, and promote healthy friendships and community building. When it comes to the well-being and development of your children, there's no better choice than COMO Kids!

Before School Begins at 7 a.m. | After School Ends at 6 p.m.

Flexible scheduling with two, three, four, or five-day care & drop-in options. COMO Kids is an ideal enrichment opportunity to add to your homeschool curriculum!



DORIS MULLER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

A NATIONALLY-ACCREDITED PROGRAM OFFERING A VARIETY OF SCHEDULING OPTIONS TO MEET OUR FAMILIES' NEEDS:



The COMO offers full-day preschool for two, three, four, or five days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with before and after care options, starting as early as 7 a.m. and ending as late as 6 p.m. In addition, we offer the choice to enroll in our morning preschool program that runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Families can pick and choose to create a preschool program that works best for their schedules!

Currently enrolling for 2024-25 school year.
Secure your spot on the wait list today - see website for details.



SCHOOL'S OUT! VACATION CARE



WHEN SCHOOL'S OUT!, THE COMO IS IN SESSION!

COMO's School's Out! is a fun, curriculum-based, program for families with youth in grades K-8 who want a safe, fun, and enriching experience for their child during scheduled school vacations and days off. Register for full or half day sessions, or a mix!

Participants engage in exciting activities throughout the COMO campus, utilizing areas such as the pottery studio, tennis courts, makerspace, soccer fields, outdoor classroom, Children's Garden, and MORE! Before care beginning at 7 a.m. and after care ending at 6 p.m. are available. School's Out! is open to all in the community.

UPCOMING DATES:

February 20 | March 6 | April 2 | April 8-12



CO-ED YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

COMO Co-Ed Youth Soccer helps kids become better soccer players by introducing the game to them through a progressive age-specific leveled program. Players will learn the fundamental skills of soccer including dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense. Each class will follow a model of 30-minutes of instruction followed by a modified game each class! Players will receive a team t-shirt!

Tues + Thurs [Ages 3-4] 4-4:45 pm [Gr K-2] 5-6 pm
 April 2-25 | May 7-30 | June 4-27
 \$130 (member) \$160 (non-member)

TENNIS

RED BALL AND ORANGE BALL [Ages 5-10]

Participants will be provided a racket and will use equipment designed for the specific age group to increase the chances of success. These programs will focus on the three main strokes in tennis, the forehand, backhand and volley. All players must bring water to each session. Sessions are held at the COMO tennis courts.

\$130 (member) \$160 (non-member)

Red Ball [Ages 5-7] Tues + Thurs 4:15-5 pm
Orange Ball [Ages 8-10] Tues + Thurs 5:15-6 pm
 April 2-25 | May 7-30 | June 4-27

YOUTH TENNIS POINT PLAY [Ages 10-12]

This class is designed for advanced beginner/intermediate players looking to improve their game play experience & skill development. Participants must have the ability to keep the ball in play demonstrating solid forehand, backhand, volley, and service strokes. \$130 (member) \$160 (non-member)

[Ages 10-12] Mon + Wed 5-6 pm
 April 1-24 | May 6-29 | June 3-26

KARATE

KARATE [Ages 4-16]

COMO Karate teaches children the life skills and lessons to develop healthy self-esteem, making it possible for them to enter society with confidence and enthusiasm. In addition to a quality program, families can be sure that students will be attending one of the most affordable karate schools in the area with NO annual contract.

Dragons [Ages 4-6] Tues 4:30-5 pm | \$40
Ninjas [Ages 5-7] Tues 5-5:30 pm | \$40
Youth Beginner [Ages 7-10] Thurs 4:30 - 5 pm | \$40
Youth Advanced [Ages 8-16] Thurs 5 - 5:45 pm | \$50

**COMO Membership required. Program runs all year.*

YOUTH THEATRE

THEATRE AT THE COMO WITH ERIN SHEA

Eight weeks of classes full of theatre games, creative movement, and working towards a small performance. This program will give youth a creative outlet, build confidence, and provide a first experience of being on stage to explore what might end up as their biggest passion!

Mondays Pre-k, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Grades K-3, 4:15-5 p.m.
 March 11 - May 6

*Girls in STEM scholarships are available for all makerspace classes thanks to grant funding from the Community Foundation of Eastern CT Women and Girls Fund. For more info, please reach out to Victoria Witte at v.witte@thecomoo.org

TINKERING TUESDAYS [Grades K-2]

This STEAM program engages children in the world of being a maker. Each week will include hands-on projects that spur innovation and promote creative problem-solving. Such topics will include the use of the COMO's Makerspace equipment.

Tuesdays 4-4:45 pm
 April 16-May 21
 \$105 (member) \$135 (non-member)*

MAKER CLUB: 3D PRINT IN THE COMO MAKERSPACE

Join the COMO Maker Club for access to the COMO Makerspace and equipment including 3D printers and laser cutters! The COMO Makerspace is a space where students can gather to tinker, create, explore, and discover in a collaborative and safe space. Dependent upon the project designs, material fees may apply for larger projects. [Grades 3-6]

Thursdays 4-5:15 pm
 Feb 21-Mar 27 (No class Mar 20) April 18-May 30
 \$180 (member) \$210 (non-member)*

HOMESCHOOL MAKER CLUB [All Ages]

Classes are led by COMO STEAM Director and centered around the makerspace's collection of 3D printers and laser cutter. Email v.witte@thecomoo.org to schedule.

YOUTH POTTERY

YOUTH POTTERY ON THE WHEEL [Ages 9-15]

In this class students will explore throwing on the wheel, hand-building, and glazing as they learn and practice creating with clay. By the end of the session, your child will have a wonderful portfolio of finished works. No experience required.

Wednesdays 4-6 pm
 Feb 21-April 17 (No class Apr 10) May 1-June 26
 \$210(member) \$240 (non-member)

PRIVATE POTTERY LESSONS [All Ages]

Private lessons are one-on-one pottery lessons available for beginner to advanced potters. Students can work on a variety of specific projects with instructor. Group lessons are the same base fee with an additional \$75 per person to account for clay. See website for pricing information.

COMO LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

NOW OPEN TO STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 5-12

An opportunity for the next generation of leaders to foster bonds and build meaningful relationships within the community. Leaders will participate in group discussions, team-building challenges, and hands-on learning activities in addition to completing volunteer hours. **Training Week: June 18-20, 1-4 p.m.**

Junior Leadership Program - Students Entering Grades 5-7
COMO Leadership Program - Students Entering Grades 8-12
 \$290 (New Leader) \$194 (Returning Leader)

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE COMO



The COMO offers birthday party packages for kids of different ages and interests! All parties include theme-specific invitations. Choose between four COMO Birthday Party Packages:

Arts & Crafts Party: Price: \$400 non-member, \$350 member

Pottery Party: Price: \$500 non-member, \$450 member

3D Print Party: Price: \$500 non-member, \$450 member

Basketball Party: Price: \$400 non-member, \$350 member

RAFFETTO'S PALATE COOKING CLASSES

Participants will cook in small teams and learn how ingredients work together to make flavorful dishes. Bring your favorite wine or brew to enjoy. Must be 21+. Bring your own containers to take home any leftovers! For gluten-free options or other allergy accommodations, email p.rouquayrol@thecomoo.org at least four days prior to class. Please check website for menus.

5:30-8 PM | \$70 per person | Ages 21+ | 2nd/4th Fri
February 23, March 8, March 22, April 12, April 26, May 10

NEW INDOOR PICKLEBALL

The COMO gym is lined for two indoor pickleball courts with portable nets. Pickleball access is included in all adult COMO memberships (Ages 18+). Registration for the free online program is required.

Pickleball Open Play Schedule

Mondays & Wednesdays - 12-3 p.m. & 8-10 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays - 6-8:30 a.m.

Fridays - 12-3 p.m.

Sundays - 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Subject to change depending on attendance and gym availability. Please find the most up-to-date schedule at thecomoo.org/pickleball*

COMOMEMBERPERK

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Share a little time, make a big difference. Volunteer opportunities include coaching youth athletics, helping at the Thrift Shop, volunteering at the Village Fair, and more! Learn more and sign up at thecomoo.org

DUBOIS BEACH PASSES

2024 season beach passes will be available beginning Thursday, March 14, 2024.

2024 SEASON PRICING:

Family: \$150 | Individual Adult (19+): \$125

**COMO members receive a \$25 discount on duBois season passes.*

DuBois Beach requires a season or day pass beginning in May through Labor Day. Passes are required while lifeguards are on duty from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the summer season. Outside of the summer season, duBois Beach is free to visit.

ADULT POTTERY

ADULT POTTERY CLASSES [Ages 16+]

Open to all. No experience required. Instructor will teach according to each student's skill level. You will learn the fundamentals of throwing on the wheel, hand-building and glazing. Classes include a weekly bench time on Saturdays from 1-3:30 p.m.

Pottery with Justin

Tues 3-5:30 pm, 6-8:30 pm: April 2-May 21 | June 18-Aug 6
Thurs 12-2:30 pm: March 14-May 2 | May 16-July 11
\$315.00 (member) \$345.00 (non-member)

Pottery with Grace

Wed 1-3:30 pm: Feb 21-April 10 | April 24-June 12
Thurs 6-8:30 pm: Feb 22-April 11 | April 25-June 13
Sat 9-11:30 am: Feb 24-April 13-April 27-June 15
\$260.00 (member) \$290.00 (non-member)

SIP 'N' SPIN - SOLD OUT!

6-8 PM | \$65 per person | Ages 21+

Offered the first and third Fridays of the month. BYOB to sip through a professional wheel throwing demo. Then, throw your own creations on the pottery wheel or by hand-building.

INDEPENDENT POTTER PROGRAM

To qualify as an independent potter, you must have taken a class in the COMO pottery studio within the year and be approved by a COMO instructor. An experienced COMO instructor must approve new applicants. Email pottery@thecomoo.org to find out more information.

STRETCH & STRENGTHEN

Stretch and Strengthen helps older adults to maintain their independent lifestyle by increasing strength and flexibility to improve balance. Using hand weights, bands, small devices such as rollers and also doing floor exercises, students improve their strength and balance.

10-11 AM | Tues + Thurs | Text Julie Gooding, class instructor at 401-742-4553 or email her julie7747@gmail.com

TENNIS SEASON IS COMING!

Membership Options Include
Teen | Young Adult | Adult | Family

Head to the COMO website to check out our full tennis membership benefits, including the ability to reserve court time on one of our four deco-turf courts and book private lessons, point play, or clinics with our nationally-ranked COMO racquet pro! Members can also take part in leagues and tournaments throughout the season. You must be a COMO Tennis or Racquet member to use the COMO tennis courts.

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