

STONINGTON
COMO

FALL PROGRAM GUIDE *2024*



THE STONINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

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FALL 2024 PROGRAMS AT THE COMO

COMO KIDS: A state-licensed childcare 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.

Currently enrolling for the 2024-25 school year. 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 and 2025-26 school years. Secure your spot on the wait list today - see website for details.



SCHOOL'S OUT! VACATION CHILDCARE



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

COMO's School's Out! is a fun, curriculum-based, program for families with K-8 youth that need care during Stonington Public School scheduled school vacations and days off. Half-day and full-day care available.

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 Learning 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.

2024-25 DATES:

December 23, 26, 27, 30 | January 27 | March 7 | April 14-18



YOUTH SOCCER

COMO YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES

Co-Ed League: Tues/Thurs [Ages 3-4] 4-4:45 pm [Gr K-2] 5-6 pm
Sept 3-26 | Oct 1-24 \$130 (member) \$160 (non-member)

Boys League: [Gr 3-4] Mondays 5-6 pm Sept 9-30 | Oct 7-28
\$70 (member) \$90 (non-member)

Girls League: [Gr 3-4] Wednesdays 5-6 pm Sept 4-25 | Oct 9-30
\$70 (member) \$90 (non-member)

YOUTH BASKETBALL

HER TIME TO PLAY [Ages 7-14] [Free Program]

This is a free afterschool program offered at Deans Mill School, West Vine School, and Pawcatuck Middle School. Her Time To Play is an initiative created by the WNBA and Jr. NBA to inspire the next generation of girls to play basketball in a positive and healthy way.

West Vine Street School: Tues 3:15-4:45 pm | Sept 10-Oct 29

Deans Mill School: Thurs 3:15-4:45 pm | Sept 12-Oct 31

Stonington Middle School: Wed 2:15-3:45 pm | Sept 11-Oct 30

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES [Ages 3-Grade 2]

Co-Ed Leagues [Ages 3-4] 4-4:45 pm [Gr K-1] 5-6 pm
Tues + Thurs | Nov 7-26 | \$130 (member) \$160 (non-member)

Boys [Gr 1-2] Mon 5-6 pm | Girls [Gr 1-2] Wed 5-6 pm
Nov 4-27 | \$70 (member) \$90 (non-member)

BASKETBALL SKILL EVALUATION DAY [Grades 3-8]

Players interested in playing travel and/or REC basketball with Stonington Recreation must participate in Skill Evaluation Day. Players will participate in drills and scrimmages to be evaluated for best placement.

Girls: Wed. Oct 16 | **Boys:** Thur. Oct 17 @ SHS

YOUTH TENNIS

RED BALL & ORANGE BALL

Age-appropriate programs that focus on the three main strokes in tennis, the forehand, backhand, and volley. Orange ball will also practice serving.

Red Ball [Ages 5-7]	Orange Ball [Ages 8-10]
Tues & Thurs 4:15-5 pm	Tues & Thurs 5:15-6 pm
Sept 10-26 Oct 1-24	Sept 10-26 Oct 1-24
\$130 (member) \$160 (non-member)	

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLINIC WITH RACQUET PROS [Ages 12-16]

Run by COMO Racquet Pro Jerry Albrikes and former collegiate coach Chris O'Brien.

Mon & Wed 4-5:30 pm | Sept 4-30 | Oct 2-28
\$195 (member) \$225 (non-member)

YOUTH KARATE

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 MAKERSPACE CLASSES

TINKERING TUESDAYS [Gr K-2]

Tinkering Tuesdays gets children in grades K-2 excited about the world of STEAM! Students will engage in hands-on projects that spur innovation and promote creative problem-solving.

Tuesdays 4-5:15 pm | Sept 10-Oct 15 | Oct 29-Dec 10
\$105 (member) \$135 (non-member)

MASTERPIECE MAKERS [Grades 1-5]

Your child will enjoy this fun and innovative art class that surveys the infinite boundaries of visual expression. Designed to be an interactive art history class for kids, Masterpiece Makers will introduce skills and techniques that go beyond basic art instruction. Materials included.

Wednesdays 3:45-5 pm | Sept 4-Oct 2 | Oct 16-Nov 13
\$112.50 (member) \$127.50 (non-member)

MAKER CLUB [Grades 3-5]

Join the COMO Maker Club for access to the COMO Makerspace materials! The COMO Makerspace is a space where students can gather to tinker, create, explore, and discover in a collaborative and safe space.

Mondays 4-5:15 p.m.
Sept 9-Oct 14 | Oct 28-Dec 2
\$180 (member) \$210 (non-member)

HOMESCHOOL MAKER CLUB [All Ages]

Create your own homeschool class in the COMO Makerspace. Email steam@thecomoo.org for more info.

COMO LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

BE A PART OF SOMETHING: IMPACTFUL, REWARDING, FUN!



Youth advocacy and leadership program for students entering 5th-12th grade. Members have access to a diverse selection of

volunteering, mentorship, and leadership opportunities to fulfill volunteer hours and get engaged in the community.

New Leaders: \$290 | Returning Leaders: \$194

YOUTH CREATIVE WRITING

WRITE WHERE YOU WANDER WITH THOUGHT FOX WRITERS DEN [Ages 7-12]

Designed for children who have a love for adventure and creativity. Each month will be an engaging exploration of one of our region's most captivating spots including the Children's Learning Garden, Mystic Seaport, DPNC, and the MMoA. Participants will take part in guided writing inspired by the day's discoveries. Price includes all four classes and museum admission.

Four Sundays, 2-4 pm
Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 17 and Dec 15
\$150 (member) \$180 (non-member)

{ SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE }

**THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.*

ADULT POTTERY

Classes include a weekly bench time on Saturdays from 1- 3:30 p.m.

POTTERY WITH JUSTIN GERACE [Ages 16+]

This class is devoted to the understanding & practices of the joys of ceramics. No experience required. Learn the fundamentals of throwing on the wheel, hand-building and glazing.

Tuesdays 3-5:30 pm | Tuesdays 6-8:30 pm

Aug 13-Oct 1 | Oct 15-Dec 10

Thursdays 12-2:30 pm: Oct 2-Nov 14

\$315.00 (member) \$345.00 (non-member)

WHEEL THROWN POTTERY WITH LYNDSEY MEIKLEM DEAN [Ages 18+]

Beginners and experienced potters can explore the craft of pottery in a supportive, casual environment. Dive into wheel throwing, forming basic shapes, attaching handles, playing with texture, refining your work, glazing, & finishing.

Thursdays, 6-8:30 pm

Oct 17-Dec 12

\$315.00 (member) \$345.00 (non-member)

INDEPENDENT POTTER PROGRAM

Independent Potters are selected capable potters who work on their own in the studio, with additional access to the studio. Email pottery@thecomoo.org for more info.

COMOMEMBERPERK

INDOOR PICKLEBALL

PICKLEBALL ACCESS IS INCLUDED IN ALL ADULT COMO MEMBERSHIPS!

Pickleball Open Play Schedule*

Monday - Friday - 12-2 p.m.

**Subject to change depending on attendance and gym availability.*

Please find the most up-to-date schedule at thecomoo.org/pickleball

(Ages 18+). Registration for the free online program is required.

ADULT MAKERSPACE CLASSES

INTRO TO 3D PRINTING WITH BREEZELINE

Brought to you in partnership with Breezeline Internet & TV.

Learn to 3D print jewelry, decor, replacement parts and more in this beginner 3D printing class. Students will learn to design 3D models using Tinkercad, a free web-based and beginner friendly CAD program). Students will learn how to operate a 3D printer, slicing, the basics of 3D modeling and best practices for 3D printing using the makerspace's collection of three Ultimaker 2+ Connect 3D printers. *Instructor: Ben Parker* [Ages 18+]

Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30 pm

Aug 27-Oct 15

\$112.50 (member) \$127.50 (non-member)

WATERCOLOR EXPLORATIONS WITH THE MYSTIC MUSEUM OF ART [Ages 18+]

Join MMoA artist educator, Carol Mann, and learn how to paint in watercolor. In this class, students will learn the basics of laying flat and graded washes, achieving the right pigment-to-water ratio, and using various tools and techniques to create texture and interest. Beginner and Intermediate Level. No prior experience required.

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm

Sept 4-Oct 2 | Oct 16-Nov 13

\$220.00 (member) \$250.00 (non-member)

RACQUET MEMBERSHIPS

Paddle season is coming! Head to the COMO website to check out our full membership benefits, including the ability to reserve court time and book private lessons with our nationally-ranked COMO racquet pro!

ADULT COOKING CLASSES

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+.

5:30-8 PM | \$70/session | Ages 21+

September 13 & 27, October 11 & 25

November 8 & 22, December 13 & 27, January 10 & 17

February 14 & 28, March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25, May 9

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OPEN TUES-SAT 10-4, SUN 12-4

DONATIONS ACCEPTED TUES, THURS, FRI, SAT 10-3

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COMO EVENTS

Historic Stonington & The Stonington COMO present:



**SAT, NOV 2
1 - 5 P.M.**

with **Stephen W. Schwartz, AIA**

**AN ARCHITECTURAL BUILDING BLOCK EVENT
FOR KIDS + FAMILIES [AGES 7+ TEAMS UP TO 4]**

Help build 50 historic buildings on a giant map of Stonington!



COME GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

TUESDAY, NOV 19 5-7 PM



Featuring: Mirabel, Rapunzel, & Flynn
Live Sing-Along and Meet + Greet

**Nov 23
10:00 a.m.**
COMO Auditorium

purchase tickets here!

