

our 16 acre campus



- 1. COMO Front Office:** Welcome to the COMO at 28 Cutler Street! Open from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. for registration, information, beach passes, and more.

2. Gymnasium: Hosts our youth athletic programs and gym class for our before and after school programs, preschoolers, and summer campers. It is available for rentals.

3. Auditorium: The COMO auditorium features a full-size stage and is used for performances, programs, and events. It is available for rentals.

4. Kitchen: Our commercial-grade kitchen hosts both youth and adult cooking classes, and is available for rentals.

5. Outdoor Classroom: Used by our preschoolers, campers, and COMO Kids who explore the habitat of the marshland.

6. Bear's & Owen's Fields: Learn a new sport, be active and make new friends on one of two fields!

7. Children's Learning Garden: A partnership with The Stonington Garden Club, showcasing flowers, veggies and fruits.
- 8. Paddle Tennis Courts:** Get in on the fun at our paddle tennis courts! This quickly growing winter sport is an exciting way to think strategically and work on coordination.

9. COMO Thrift Shop: Our 6,600 square foot shop features an eclectic mix of bargains including quality clothing, gently used furniture, jewelry, kitchenware, books, and many one-of-a-kind items.

10. Pottery Studio: Fully updated in 2025, our pottery studio provides instruction for all ages and skill levels in techniques from hand building and wheel throwing to creative, new applications!

11. duBois Beach: The COMO manages duBois Beach during the summer months. Purchase a season pass online or at the office.

12. Tennis Courts: Four DecoTurf courts with programs for youth and adults including clinics with the COMO Racquet Pro.



winter program guide 2025-26

Stonington Community Center
28 Cutler Street
Stonington, Connecticut
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our mission:

“To inspire a welcoming, collaborative, and engaged community through intellectual growth, active play, and creative expression.”



learn. play. create.

welcome to the como!

We're proud to offer a range of programs designed to inspire, engage, and empower. Find your passion and build community in any of our athletic, art, or educational programs and workshops. Have questions? We're here to help! Give us a call at 860-535-2476 or send us an email through the contact us link on the website.

We believe in equal access to opportunity. Financial aid is available for both programs and memberships. Ask us how to apply!



membership

pricing: youth | teen | adult | family

basic \$55 | \$65 | \$85 | \$110

- Priority registration & member pricing on COMO programs
- Access to indoor pickleball courts for open play*
- Waiver of enrollment fees where applicable
- Access to COMO members-only events
- Discounted facility rentals and birthday party packages
- \$25 discount on duBois Beach season pass*
(Available as adult individual or family passes.
*Not included with Basic Youth memberships.)

tennis \$90 | \$125 | \$220 | \$315

- Includes all the benefits of COMO basic membership
- Swipe access to COMO tennis courts
- Access to nationally-ranked COMO racquet professional
- Ability to book court time online w/ user specific login credentials
- Ability to participate in member-only leagues and programs

paddle \$150 | \$195 | \$325 | \$455

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Paddle League for All Skill Levels Tuesdays 3-6 p.m. (members only)

A great way to meet new members and learn more about the sport of platform tennis. Led by Ray Zimmerman, COMO paddle volunteer. Members who are interested will receive emails from Ray with updates.

Reach out to our Racquet Pro at tennis@thecomodo.org for information on additional paddle leagues.

racquet \$240 | \$315 | \$500 | \$720

- Includes all the benefits of COMO basic, tennis, and paddle tennis memberships

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Adult: \$900 | Family: \$1,200

- Includes all the benefits of COMO basic, tennis, and paddle tennis memberships
- duBois beach pass(es)
- Recognition in the annual report and, of course, our gratitude

tennis vacation \$75 / week

- Includes up to 4 people (adults and youth)
- Gives access to the courts for up to 2 weeks in a twelve month period
- Must be used in 1-week increments (does not need to be used consecutively)
- Card for access to the courts and access to PlaybyPoint
- Cannot be signed up for online, **please call the office or stop in during open office hours**



sewing

✦ sewing workshops

Paper Bag Patterns (Ages 16+)

Select Thursdays 5:30–7:30 pm

Jan 8 | Feb 5

\$40/session (member) \$45/session (non-member)

Guided sewing instruction to create your own unique piece, making a pattern from something you already adore! Bring your favorite item, where you will have the opportunity to create your own pattern and begin to sew your vision. Experience the simplicity and heart of turning vision into reality. A thrifty approach to creative design! This magical world of sewing fun will take place inside COMO Thrift. Items within the shop will also be available to purchase.

Sewing Christmas (Ages 16+)

Thursday, Dec 4 5:30–7:30 pm

\$40/session (member) \$45/session (non-member)

Sew yourself a merry heart this season when you learn to create Victorian ornaments! Hands on instruction using sewing machines and supplies provided to create your own unique holiday design. Non-breakable / kid and pet-friendly! Turn your ornament into a special memory by bringing your own special memory/scrap/fabric pieces. Experience the simplicity and joy of turning vision into reality. A thrifty approach to creative design with opportunity to upcycle selected items from our Thrift Shop.

como news + events

New Website Launch!

Check out our new look at www.thecomoo.org

New Website Alert! +† We've given thecomoo.org a fresh new look – complete with our updated branding, easier navigation, and a sleek, modern feel! Big thanks to Stratedia for helping us bring it to life!

Cheers to 80 Years! Anniversary Event feat. Will Evans and Dan Watson

Friday, Nov. 7, 7–10 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 – Open Bar – Woodfellas Pizza

The COMO turns 80 this year, and to celebrate, we're bringing back the magic of our legendary Friday night dances! Enjoy live performances by Rhode Island singer-songwriter and local legend, [Will Evans](#), with opener, [Dan Watson](#). Plus, ticketholders will enjoy an open bar and [Woodfellas](#) delicious wood-fired pizza! Join us in commemorating 8 decades of joy, connection, and community on Friday, November 7, 2025, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the COMO auditorium.

Let's Build It

Saturday, November 8

COMO Gymnasium | Partnership with Historic Stonington

An architectural building block event for kids and families ages 7+. Join us for the day and help build historic buildings on a giant map! More details will be provided at thecomoo.org.

Tinsel & Treasure After Hours

Wednesday, November 12 5–7 p.m.

Join us for a festive evening of shopping at the COMO Thrift Shop's Tinsel & Treasures After Hours event coming up on Wed., Nov. 12, 5–7 p.m.! Come for the holiday magic, stay for the deals! Find unique gifts, stylish holiday decor, and fashion treasures while enjoying sweet treats with fellow fashionistas. Don't forget to browse the COMO Curated Closet for must-have designer finds. All purchases help fund the community center's programs so you can feel good about shopping small and supporting your local nonprofit this holiday season!



como thrift

✦ repurpose–reuse–rejoice!

45 Cutler St. Stonington, CT 06378

Open Tues–Sat 10 am–4 pm | Sunday 1–5 pm

Donations accepted Tues–Sat 10 am–3 pm

The COMO Thrift Shop's inventory features quality, gently-used clothing, furniture, jewelry, books, bric-a-brac, one-of-a-kind treasures, and more! Every item comes from the donations of our generous patrons. Your support is what helps the COMO and its programs year-round.

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preschool



✦ doris muller preschool program

Full Day: 9 am–4 pm *Choose from 2,3,4, or 5 days

Morning Preschool: 9 am–12 pm

Before/After Care available!

COMO Preschool, a NAEYC-accredited program, implements a curriculum that integrates the principles of the Bank Street Approach, helping children develop age-appropriate skills through play, guided exploration, and rich experiential learning.

Add your future preschooler to our Enrollment Wait List for the 2026–27, AND 2027–28 Preschool Years! Please note, there is a fee of \$50 to register for the enrollment wait list.

como kids

A State-Licensed Childcare Program for Elementary and Middle School Students

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. Before Care starts at 7 a.m. and After Care ends at 6 p.m.

school's out!

Dec 26 | Dec 29 | Dec 30 | Dec 31 – Half Day | Jan 2 | Jan 26 | March 6 | April 13–17

Member Pricing:

Half Day \$44 Full Day \$61 Before/After Care \$12

*Non-members add \$10 (full) \$5 (half)

School's Out! offers a fun, curriculum-based, program for families with K–8 youth that need care 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, soccer fields, outdoor classroom, Children's Learning Garden, and more.

como leadership program

Runs Sept. through Jun. (Open to Grades 6–12)

Meetings held every 1st/last Wed of the month

\$250 (includes basic youth membership)

Providing knowledge, training, & experiences to teens so that they become strong leaders in their communities, are inspired to help others, and gain insight into the workforce. Includes volunteer hours and mentorship. Led by TJ Faeth.



learn. dungeons + dragons

Wednesdays 3–5 pm (Grades 6–8)

Jan 7 – Feb 28

\$150 (members) \$180 (non-members)

D&D is an immersive, interactive experience that fosters leadership, creativity, teamwork, and social-emotional development. Through roleplaying and storytelling, students build essential life skills in a fun and supportive environment. Kids will join for a two hour session on Wednesdays to work their way through an adventure curated by the Game Master. Knowledge of Dungeons and Dragons not required, bring your imagination and love of adventure! We will be making fresh characters for this game so please don't plan to use a pre-existing character.

adult cooking

✦ raffetto's palate

Fridays 5:30–8 pm (Ages 21+) | BYOB

Jan 9 | Jan 23 | Feb 13 | Feb 27 | March 13 | March 27

\$70 (members) \$77 (non-members)

Participants will cook in small teams and learn how ingredients work together to make flavorful dishes. After all the cooking is done, it will be time to taste! Each class will feature a carefully curated menu by Susan Raffetto. Class menus are available on our website, thecomoo.org/cooking. Max 15 participants.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

The COMO understands that sometimes families need help. As a nonprofit we strive to keep our costs as low as possible and rely on the generosity of our donors to support scholarship expenses. Please call the office at 860-535-2476 with any additional questions. Apply at www.thecomoo.org/financial-aid

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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youth basketball

❖ co-ed youth basketball leagues

Co-ed leagues – Tuesdays/Thursdays | COMO Gym
Ages 3–4: 4–4:45 pm | Grades K–1: 5–6 pm
Dec 2–18 | Jan 6–29 | Feb 3–26
Session I \$105 (members) \$135 (non-members)
Session II + III \$140 (members) \$170 (non-members)

❖ boys youth basketball league

Mondays 5–6 pm (Grades 1–2)
Dec 1–22 | Jan 5–Feb 2 | Feb 9–March 9
\$70 (members) \$90 (non-members)

❖ girls youth basketball league

Wednesdays 5–6 pm (Grades 1–2)
Dec 3–17 | Jan 7–Feb 4 | Feb 11–March 11
Session I \$60 (members) \$80 (non-members)
Session II + III \$90 (members) \$110 (non-members)

An introduction to the game through a progressive age-specific leveled program. Players are taught fundamental basketball skills such as passing, dribbling, shooting, footwork, and defense. Each class will follow a model of 30–minutes of instruction followed by a modified game each class!

❖ homeschool basketball

Mondays 11 am–12 pm (Ages 7–14)
Dec 1–15 | Jan 5–Feb 2 | Feb 9–March 9
Session I \$70 (members) \$90 (non-members)
Session II + III \$90 (members) \$110 (non-members)

Basketball instruction, games, and shoot around. Players will be taught the rules of the game, proper age appropriate skill development, and fitness.



❖ train with coach tj

30 or 60 minute training sessions available
Prices start at \$40 and up | members save \$10

Private lessons and group lessons to train with Coach TJ Faeth, pro basketball trainer and COMO Athletic Director. Discounted rates for multiple sessions. Email t.faeth@thecomogym.org to schedule.

archery

❖ archery with black bear sports

Saturdays 12–1 pm (Ages 7+)
Nov 1–Dec 20
\$120 (members) \$150 (non-members)

This class focuses on creating and fostering responsibility and safe behaviors with respect to shooting sports. Students learn range and equipment safety, while developing skills to help them become accurate archers. Archery helps students refine patience and self-discipline through new skills development and independent work in a supportive environment. Classes are scheduled in a session format, in 6-week blocks, and are structured for students over 7 years old. Families and friends are encouraged to participate together!

karate

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
Youth Beginner [Ages 7–10] Thurs 4:30–5:15 pm | \$40
Youth Advanced [Ages 8–16] Thurs 5:15–6:30 pm | \$50

*COMO Membership required. Program runs all year.



adult pottery

❖ intro to pottery with emma

Mondays 5–7:30 pm (Ages 16+)
Jan 5–Feb 23 *No class Jan 19, Feb 16
\$215 (members) \$245 (non-members) 6 week session

In this class we will explore throwing on the wheel, handbuilding and glazing as you learn and practice creating with clay. This class is open to all levels of experience, with special focus on beginner techniques, and projects can be catered to individuals needs and hopes.

❖ pottery with justin

Tues 3–5:30 / 6–8:30 pm (Ages 16+) Jan 6–Feb 24
Thurs 12–2:30 pm (Ages 16+) Jan 8–Feb 26
\$315 (members) \$345 (non-members) 8 week session

This class is devoted to the understanding and practices of the joys of ceramics. 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, handbuilding and glazing, so that by the end of the class you will have a portfolio of finished work. The main goal of this class is to create, as well as appreciate, expressive and beautiful three-dimensional clay forms.

***Please note:** Weekly bench time is included for all adult pottery classes on Sat 1 – 3:30 pm. and Wed. 6–8 p.m. Clay purchase is required for anyone taking a class for the first time. Make up classes will be held the week after the scheduled session ends. See website for more info.

youth pottery

❖ youth pottery with emma

Wednesdays 4–5:30 pm (Ages 9–15)
Jan 7–28 | Feb 18–March 11
\$120 (members) \$150 (non-members)

In this class we will explore throwing on the wheel, hand building and glazing as you learn and practice creating with clay. This class is open to all levels of experience and projects can be catered to individuals needs and hopes. Should the COMO need to reschedule a class, a makeup class will be held the week after the last scheduled class during the same time period. Finished pottery pieces are available to pick up 1–2 weeks after the last class.

sip ‘n’ spin

❖ sip ‘n’ spin pottery socials

Select Fridays 6–8 pm (Ages 21+)
\$63 (member) \$70 (non-member)
Dec 5 | Dec 19 | Jan 9 | Jan 23 | Feb 6 | Feb 20

Bring your favorite wine or brew and sip through a professional wheel-throwing demo. Then, receive instruction on how to throw your own creation on the pottery wheel or by hand-building. Clay and firing for three pieces included.



create.

pottery workshops

❖ make a mug workshop

First Sat of the month 10–12:30 pm (Ages 16+)
Dec 6 | Jan 3 | Feb 7
\$63 (member) \$70 (non-member)

Come join us for a mug making workshop where you will be instructed on how to make your very own mug! You'll learn all about working with slabs of clay, making handles, and decorating your mug to be completely your own. Led by pottery instructor Emma Pons. Participants will pick up their mug 2–4 weeks after the workshop.

❖ seasonal pottery workshops

Holiday Ornament Workshop (Ages 3+)
(Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.)

Wednesday, Dec 3 4–7 pm
\$12/ornament (member) \$15/ornament (non-member)

Reusable "Sticky Note" Fridge To-Do Board (Ages 12+)
Saturday, Jan 10 10 am–12:30 pm
\$32 (member) \$35 (non-member)

Super Bowls – Chips + Dip Bowls (Ages 16+)
Sunday, Jan 25 12–2:30 pm
\$37 (member) \$40 (non-member)

Love Letter Envelopes (Ages 12+)
Saturday, Jan 31 4–6 pm
\$32 (member) \$35 (non-member)

Pal-entine's Day Charms (Ages 12+)
Friday, Feb 13 6–8 pm
\$32 (member) \$35 (non-member)

Valentine's Day Date Night (Ages 21+)
Saturday, Feb 14 4–6 pm
\$63 (member) \$70 (non-member)

