



# spring program guide 2026

**Stonington Community Center**  
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Stonington, Connecticut  
06378

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[thecomoo.org](http://thecomoo.org)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

# the como

## 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
- Waiver of enrollment fees where applicable
- Access to COMO members-only events
- Discounted facility rentals
- \$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

- Includes all the benefits of COMO basic membership
- Access to COMO paddle tennis facilities
- 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

## Tennis Season is coming! Courts open Monday, April 13

The COMO's four deco-turf courts will be open daily and reservations can be made through the PlaybyPoint portal. Classes and clinics for youth and adults available.

**Reach out to our Racquet Pro at [tennis@thecomо.org](mailto:tennis@thecomо.org) for information on lessons, clinics, and leagues.**

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

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

## contributor

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**



## 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.

## 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.

## school's out!

**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.

## counselor-in-training

**4-Week Program June–August (Open to Grades 8–11)**

**June 22–26 + June 29–July 2 (participation required)**

The Summer COMO Leader program (CLP) is a 4-week program that is designed to teach the next generation of potential camp counselors the ins and outs of working at the COMO.

## youth cooking

### ✦ seasonal cooking at the como with yellow farmhouse

**Mondays 4–6 pm (Ages 8–12)**

March 9, 23, 30

\$45 (members) \$55 (non-members)

3 class bundle \$120 (members) \$150 (non-members)

An exciting multi-week series of hands-on cooking classes. Throughout the program, chefs will explore essential cooking techniques, from knife skills and "mise en place" to learning different cooking methods such as sautéing, baking, and grilling.



## dungeons + dragons

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.

### ✦ d+d adventure club

**Fridays 3–5 pm (Ages 6–12)**

Mar 6 – May 1

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

**New!**

### ✦ dungeons + dragons

**Wednesdays 3–5 pm (Grades 6–8)**

Mar 4 – Apr 29

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

## languages

Manhattan Mandarin is offering 12-week language class sessions for both youth and adults at the COMO. Jump in anytime within the first four weeks of class (prorated); or catch up anytime afterward with private lessons and join the group.

### ✦ beginner mandarin

**Mondays 4–5 pm (Ages 6–12)**

March 9–June 8 \*no class April 13 / May 25

\$240 (members) \$270 (non-members)

**New!**

### ✦ adult intro to beginner mandarin

**Mondays 5:30–7 pm (Ages 18+)**

March 9–June 8 \*no class April 13 / May 25

\$600 (members) \$675 (non-members)

## adult cooking

### ✦ raffetto's palate

**Fridays 5:30–8 pm (Ages 21+) | BYOB**

March 20 | April 17 | May 15

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

**Now  
Offering  
Private  
Classes!**

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, [thecomorg/cooking](http://thecomorg/cooking). Max 15 participants.



# sewing

## ✦ sewing workshops

### Paper Bag Patterns (Ages 16+)

Select Thursdays 5:30–7:30 pm

March 5 | April 2

\$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 Getaway (Ages 16+)

Sat/Sunday April 11–12 9 am–5pm

1 Day: \$45 (member) \$50 (non-member)

2 Days: \$85 (member) \$95 (non-member)

A weekend getaway to sew the day away with old friends and new. Bring your sewing machines and projects and work alongside other sewists and crafters for a day (or two!) This is a self-led program. Participants will bring their own sewing machines and projects to work on. This program is not a class for learning how to sew, but attendees are usually willing and able to answer questions if you're having trouble with something specific. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on both days.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

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New!

## como news + events

### “Little Red Hen” Free Puppet Show by Lionheart Puppet Company

Wednesday, March 11, 11:00 a.m.

A Performance by Lionheart Puppet Company that brings this classic folk tale to life. Based on the classic story, The Little Red Hen is a lesson in learning to help others. Open to the public.

### Let's Build It

Saturday, March 28 COMO Gymnasium | Partnership with Historic Stonington

Join Historic Stonington, the COMO, and Architect Stephen W. Schwartz, AIA as we build iconic buildings on a giant map of Stonington! Family-friendly event for Ages 7+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Learn more at [bit.ly/buildboro26](https://bit.ly/buildboro26)

### Stars and Stripes Over Stonington Annual Gala

Saturday, May 16, 6–10 p.m. | Stone Acres Farm, Stonington, CT

Join us for an America 250–inspired evening to celebrate and support the COMO and our community with cocktails, dinner, live & silent auctions, and dancing. This will be a tented event on the grass at Stone Acres Farm in Stonington, CT. Tickets will be available at [thecomoo.org/stars](http://thecomoo.org/stars) starting March 18.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 9, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Give blood. Help save lives! Make a difference by donating blood, right at the Stonington Community Center. The American Red Cross is hosting a Blood Drive at the COMO Auditorium on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code 'StoningtonCOMO' or zip code 06378 to schedule an appointment.

### Save the Date – COMO Village Fair

Saturday, Aug 1, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

The Stonington Village Fair is a regional time-honored tradition drawing thousands annually. The first Village Fair was held on August 14th, 1952 to commemorate the 1814 Battle of Stonington. With the assistance of more than 100 volunteers, this popular community event brings together local and tourist alike, for a fun-filled day of games, music, food, and crafts. Entry is free for all!

## como thrift



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

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## youth soccer

### ◆ co-ed youth soccer leagues

**Tuesdays & Thursdays (Ages 3-4 & Grades K-2)**

Ages 3-4: 4-4:45 pm | Grades K-2: 5-6 pm

April 7-30 | May 5-28 | June 2-25

\$140 (members) \$170 (non-members)

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!

### ◆ MLS Go recreational soccer

**Boys/Girls Divisions (Ages 7-13)**

**U9 (Gr 3-4) | U11 (Gr 5-6) | U13 (Gr 7-8)**

Weekday practices, Saturday games

April 6-June 13

\$140 (members) \$180 (non-members)

MLS GO is Major League Soccer's recreational youth soccer program, with the mission of creating an inclusive and elevated experience for all participants. Fun and affordability are at the heart of MLS GO with a program that has been designed to increase participation and enable more kids to play soccer. MLS GO is offered to all children regardless of skill level. One weekday practice and one weekend game per week.

**New!**

## youth basketball

**Free!**

### ◆ her time to play

**Deans Mill Elementary** April 6-June 1 \*no class May 25

Mondays 3:15-4:45 (Ages 7-10)

**West Vine Street School** April 7-May 27

Tuesdays 3:15-4:45 (Ages 7-10)

**Stonington Middle School** April 10-May 29

Fridays 2:30-4 (Ages 11-14)

Her Time To Play is an initiative created by the WNBA and NBA to inspire the next generation of girls, ages 7-14, to play basketball in a positive and healthy way. Through sports, girls learn important life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and self-confidence. However, twice as many girls compared to boys drop out of sports by the age of 14, which can be attributed to societal barriers that are primarily faced by girls.

## tennis

### ◆ red ball tennis

**Tues/Thurs 4:15-5 pm (Ages 5-7)**

April 7-30 | May 5-28 | June 2-25 | July 7-30

\$140 (members) \$170 (non-members)

Red Ball Tennis is for players who have little to no experience playing tennis. Participants will be provided a racket and will use equipment designed for the specific age group to increase the chances of success. This program is designed for beginner players and will focus on the three main strokes in tennis, the forehand, backhand and volley.

### ◆ orange ball tennis

**Tues/Thurs 5:15-6 pm (Ages 8-10)**

April 7-30 | May 5-28 | June 2-25 | July 7-30

\$140 (members) \$170 (non-members)

Orange Ball Tennis is for players who have experience playing tennis (at least 1 year), but is also available for beginners. Participants will be provided a racket and will use equipment designed for the specific age group to increase the chances of success. This program will focus on the forehand, backhand, volley and serve.

**\*Please note:** If you are not sure if you should be in Red Ball or Orange Ball, please contact Athletic Director, TJ Faeth. All players must bring water to each session. Sessions are held at the COMO tennis courts.

## archery

### ◆ archery with black bear sports

**Saturdays 12:30-1:30 pm (Ages 7+)**

Feb 28-April 18 \*No class March 14, March 21

\$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.

**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

### ♦ pottery with emma

**Mondays 5-7:30 pm (Ages 16+)**

April 6-May 11 | June 1-July 6 \*6 week sessions

\$215 (members) \$245 (non-members)

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.

### ♦ intro to handbuilding with emma

**Saturdays 10 am-12:30 pm (Ages 16+)**

May 16 - June 13

\$145 (members) \$175 (non-members)

During this 4 week course we will be going over the three foundational techniques of handbuilding: coils, slabs, and pinch pots. Individuals will learn how to roll coils to form large vases, how to use templates to make repeated slab forms, and how pinch balls of clay into perfect pots.

### ♦ pottery with justin

**Tues 3-5:30 pm / 6-8:30 pm (Ages 16+)**

May 12-Jun 30 | Jul 14 - Sept 1

**Thurs 12-2:30 pm (Ages 16+)** May 14-Jul 2 | Jul 16-Sep 3

\$315 (members) \$345 (non-members)

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. \*8 week sessions

**\*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 arts

### ♦ youth pottery with emma

**Wednesdays 4-5:30 pm (Ages 9-15)**

April 1-29 \*No Class Apr 15 | May 13-June 3

\$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.

### ♦ como creators (with MMoA)

**Tuesdays 4-5 pm (Ages 7-12)**

March 10-April 7 | April 28-May 26

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

Young artists will learn new art techniques and create with a talented art instructor from the Mystic Museum of Art in this 5-week session. Each week, students will engage in exciting, hand-on projects that foster confidence in their creative ability and knowledge of new art materials and artists throughout history.

## pottery workshops

### ♦ make a mug workshop

**First Sat of the month 10-12:30 pm (Ages 16+)**

April 4 | May 2 | June 6 | Aug 1

\$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

**Butter Dishes (Ages 16+)**

Saturday, Mar 21 10 am-12:30 pm

\$37 (member) \$40 (non-member)

**Travel Cups - Hand-building (Ages 12+)**

Saturday, April 18 10 am-12:30 pm

\$37 (member) \$40 (non-member)

**Planter Label Spikes (Ages 12+)**

Sunday, April 26 12-2 pm

\$32 (member) \$35 (non-member)

**Mother's Day Planter (Ages 5+)**

Sunday, May 10 12-2 pm

\$45 (member) \$50 (non-member)

**Paint Palettes (Ages 12+)**

Sunday, June 14 12-2 pm

\$30 (member) \$35 (non-member)

### ♦ sip 'n' spin pottery socials

**Select Fridays 6-8 pm (Ages 21+)**

\$63 (member) \$70 (non-member)

April 3 | April 17 | May 1 | May 15 | May 29

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.

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# 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.

