



fall program guide 2026

Stonington Community Center
28 Cutler Street
Stonington, Connecticut
06378

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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.

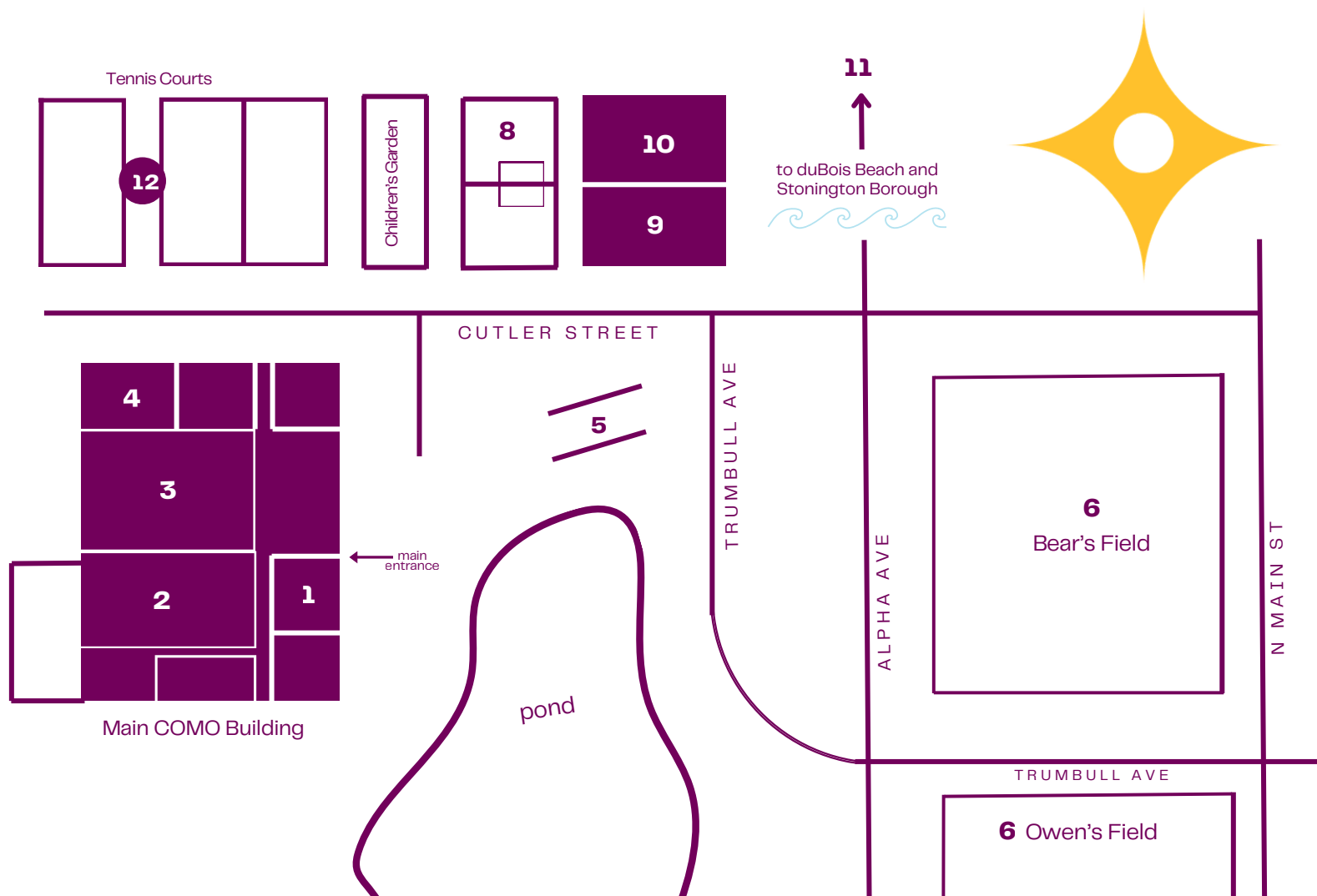
8. Paddle Tennis Courts: Get in on the fun at our paddle tennis courts! This quickly growing winter sport is an exciting way to think strategically and work on coordination.

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.





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 benefits

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
- \$25 discount on duBois Beach season pass*
*(Available as adult individual or family passes. *Not included with Basic Youth.)*

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

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@thecomoo.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

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- 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**



languages

✦ mandarin

Ages 6–12 | Mondays 4–5 pm

Sept 14–Dec 7 (no class Oct 12)

\$275 (members) \$305 (non-members)

Beginner or Intermediate

Children will build the foundation of essential language skills in a fun and engaging class that focuses on pronunciation, sentence building, initial character writing, numbers, family, foods, and hobbies. Classes will be taught to the individual skill level of participants, whether new or familiar faces.

sewing workshops

✦ sew what you want!

Wednesdays 5:30–7:30 pm (Ages 16+)

Sept 2 | Oct 7 | Nov 4

\$40 (member) \$45 (nonmembers)

Sewing made easy and all skill levels are welcome! In this workshop, you will have the chance to learn to sew even if you have never sewed before – or maybe rekindle an interest from long ago. Bring an idea or just come as you are. ALL the tools you need (fabric, thread, access to a sewing machine) are included and your finished product is yours to keep.

adult cooking

✦ raffetto's palate

Select Thursdays 5:30–8 pm (Ages 21+) | BYOB

Sept 17 | Oct 15 | Nov 19 | Dec 17

\$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, thecomomuseum.org/cooking. Max 15 participants.

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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como news

Create Your Legacy: August is Make-A-Will Month

According to a 2024 study, only 32% of adults have a will. August is Make-A-Will Month, a great annual reminder of the importance of having a plan in place for the future. You may be surprised to learn that you can support the COMO mission for years to come by making a gift in your will. Depending on your philanthropic priorities, charitable beneficiaries may receive a portion of your estate, or be the beneficiary/partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account.

The Tempest – A production by The Fables at the COMO

September 18, 19, 20

COMO Auditorium

Join us for a production of The Tempest, William Shakespeare's classic play of magic, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Presented by The Fables at the COMO, this production will offer an engaging evening of live theatre on the COMO Stage! Tickets and more information coming shortly.

Paddle Season Starts Oct. 1

Though the courts are available year-round, paddle tennis season officially starts October 1. Members can join leagues and clinics led by COMO Racquet Pro Jerry Albrikes and book their court time online throughout the season. Interested in more info? Reach out to our athletic director, TJ Faeth at t.faeth@thecomomuseum.org

Tinsel & Treasure After Hours at COMO Thrift

Tuesday, November 10 5–7 p.m.

Join us for a festive evening of shopping at the COMO Thrift Shop's Tinsel & Treasures After Hours event on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 5–7 p.m. Come for the holiday feel, stay for the deals! Find winter staples like coats, boots, and sweaters along with stylish holiday decor while enjoying light refreshments in the freshly stocked shop. 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!

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!

Please see our website for all School's Out dates offered for the 2026–27 school year.

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 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.



dungeons & dragons

✦ d&d adventure club

Elementary School: Thursdays 4–6 pm

Middle School: Wednesdays 3–5 pm

Sept 16–Nov 5

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

Players will work their way through an adventure curated by the Game Master. Content will be in the PG realm of Fantasy Violence, nothing beyond what students would see in Harry Potter/ Lord of the Rings. Knowledge of D&D not required –bring your imagination and love of adventure!

youth cooking

✦ seasonal cooking at the COMO with yellow farmhouse

Tuesdays 3:45–6 pm (Ages 8–12)

Oct 6, 13, 20 | Nov 3, 10, 17

\$45/class or \$120 for 3 class session (members)

\$55/class or \$150 for 3 class session (non-members)

Calling all aspiring young chefs to join the COMO and Yellow Farmhouse Education Center for an exciting multi-week series of hands-on cooking classes with an emphasis on foods from local farms. 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. Each week, young chefs will build confidence in the kitchen, experiment with fresh ingredients, and create delicious meals to enjoy and share.

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.thecomom.org/financial-aid

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



youth soccer

✦ little kickers & rookies

Co-Ed Leagues - Tuesdays & Thursdays | Owen's Field

Little Kickers Ages 3-4: 4-4:45 pm

Rookies Grades K-2: 5-6 pm

Sept 3-29 | Oct 6-29

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

An introduction to the game 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 rec soccer leagues

Girls U9, Mondays 5-6 p.m. w/ Sat. am Game

Boys U9, Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. w/ Sat. am Game

Sept 14-Nov 14

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

MLS GO is offered to all, regardless of skill level. Participants will learn fundamental soccer skills and develop a lasting love of the game. This group will practice on weekdays and play games on Saturday mornings. Game times TBD. Reach out to Athletic Director TJ, tfaeth@thecomo.org for questions.

youth dodgeball

Enjoy 5 weeks of dodgeball in the COMO Gymnasium! Open to boys and girls in grades 3-6, each week will offer a different version of dodgeball that will challenge players to use strategy and teamwork to accomplish their goals.

Grades 3-6 | Mondays 5-6 pm

Sept 14-Oct 19 (No class Oct. 12)

\$90 (members) \$110 (non-members)

youth pickleball

Drop in for pickleball at the COMO! Participants will be split up into age groups in the COMO gymnasium courts.

Ages 8-12 | Mondays 3:30-4:30 pm

Nov 9-Dec 14

Free for Members

\$50 full session or \$10 drop-in fee (non-members)

youth basketball

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!

✦ little hoopers & rookies

Tuesdays & Thursdays | COMO Gymnasium

Little Hoopers Ages 3-4: 4-4:45 pm

Rookies Grades K-1: 5-6 pm

Nov 3-19

\$110 (members) \$130 (non-members)

✦ all stars basketball

Girls, Grades 1-2 | Wednesdays 5-6 pm

Boys, Grades 1-2 | Mondays, 5-6 pm

Oct 21 - Nov 18 (No Girls Class Nov. 11)

\$80 (members) \$100 (non-members)

✦ youth travel basketball

Boys Grades 4-8 | Girls Grades 4-8

November - March

\$400 (members) \$430 (non-members)

COMO Travel Basketball is an opportunity to play at a higher level against teams around the region. Teams are split by age and gender. The season runs from November through March.

Boys team tryouts: Saturday, Oct. 3

Girls team tryouts: Sunday, Oct. 4

✦ 3-on-3 Basketball

Grades 3-8 | Wednesdays 5-6 pm

Sept 9-Oct 14

\$110 (members) \$130 (non-members)

Open to boys and girls in grades 3-8. Players will be split up on the court by age/skill level and compete using USA Basketball guidelines for 3-on-3 competition. Games will be structured and will be designed to maximize time on the court each week.

youth tennis

✦ red ball + orange ball tennis

Tuesdays & Thursdays | COMO Tennis Courts

Red Ball (Beginner) Ages 5-7 | 4-4:45 pm

Orange Ball (Intermediate) Ages 8-10 | 4:45-5:30 pm

Sept 3-29 | Oct 6-29

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

Participants will be provided a racket and will use equipment designed for the specific age group to increase the chances of success. If you are not sure if you should be in Red Ball or Orange Ball, please contact Athletic Director, TJ Faeth.

karate

Teaching children life skills and lessons to develop healthy self-esteem, confidence, and enthusiasm. NO annual contract, but COMO membership required. Program runs all year.

Dragons [Ages 4-6] Tues 4:30-5pm | \$40

Youth Beginner [Ages 7-10] Thurs 4:30 - 5:15pm | \$40

Youth Advanced [Ages 8-16] Thurs 5:15 - 6pm | \$50.

archery

A partnership with Black Bear Sports. Students learn range and equipment safety, while developing skills to help them become accurate archers. Families and friends are encouraged to participate together!

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

Sept 12 - Oct 17

\$120 (members) \$150 (non-members)



youth pottery

youth pottery

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

Sept 23-Oct 14 | Oct 28 - Nov 25 (No class Nov. 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. Taught by pottery instructor Emma Pons.



pottery workshops

♦ make a mug workshop

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

Sept 5 | Oct 3 | Nov 7

\$63 (members) \$70 (nonmembers)

Receive instruction on how to make your very own mug! Participants will pick up their mug 2-4 weeks after the workshop.

♦ sip 'n' spin pottery socials

Select Fridays 6-8 pm (Ages 21+) \$63 each

Sept 4, 18, Oct 2, 16, 30, Nov 13

\$63 (member) \$70 (nonmembers)

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

♦ seasonal pottery workshops

Custom Fridge Magnets (Ages 13+)

Sat, Sept 19 11-2:30pm | \$25 (member) \$30 (non-member)

Pumpkin Candle Holders (Ages 16+)

Fri, Oct 9 6-8pm | \$37 (member) \$40 (non-member)

Butter Dishes (Ages 16+)

Fri, Nov 6 6-8pm | \$37 (member) \$40 (non-member)

adult pottery

Explore throwing on the wheel, handbuilding and glazing as you learn and practice creating with clay. These classes are open to all levels of experience, and projects can be catered to individual needs and hopes. Weekly bench time is included for all adult pottery classes while your class is in session. Clay purchase is required for first-time participants. See website for more info.

♦ pottery with emma

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

Nov 9-Dec 14

\$236 (members) \$260 (non-members) 6 WEEK SESSION

♦ pottery with justin

Tues 3-5:30, 6-8:30 pm, or Thurs 12-2:30 pm (Ages 16+)

Sept 15 - Nov 3

\$315 (members) \$345 (non-members) 8 WEEK SESSION

Nov 10-Dec 8 (No class Nov. 26)

\$200 (members) \$215 (non-members) 5 WEEK SESSION

♦ intro to handbuilding

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

Oct 10-Nov 21 (No class Nov 7)

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

Learn the three foundational techniques of handbuilding: coils, slabs, and pinch pots. Participants will not use potter's wheel.