

City of Commerce

Activity Guide

SUMMER/FALL 2016



**Register
NOW!**

SWIMMING POOL
JUNE 1—JULY 30
WED-SAT 1-5PM

Parks & Recreation
706.335.3236
Downtown Development
706.335.2954

Civic Center
706.335.6417
Public Library
706.335.5946

www.commercega.org



RUN THE NIGHTMARE

10.22.16

The Nightmare on Elm Street 5k is held annually as the sole fundraiser for the Commerce Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Scholarship Fund. This money directly pays the sports registration fees for kids that might not be able to play without financial assistance. \$2,845 in scholarship money was paid in 2015! You can help out by running, volunteering, sponsoring and spreading the word about this fun event! Contact the Rec Dept for more info. 706.335.3236.

SUMMER SPLASH
FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH 6-8PM
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
FRIDAY, JULY 29 6-8 PM

Free
 Community
 Event!

**COMMERCE RECREATION
 AQUATIC CENTER
 204 CARSON ST**
 All Aquatic Rules Apply. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Join the City of Commerce Team and

Commit

2016 Challenge to **Fit**

Active Georgia consists of participants in each city enrolling and participating in local activities and tracking their daily workouts online to earn points.

Join our Team at www.cmecompete.com in 3 steps.

1. Register
2. Click "Communities" and find Active Georgia
3. Click "Teams" and find City of Commerce

Individuals earn points for activities they participate in, and the teams also get credit for the number of activities logged by team members.

Keep logging your activity to add to or team total and we could be named the

Most Active City for 2016!
Any questions? Email: info@cmecompete.com



**HILL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
 CITY OF COMMERCE**

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CONTACT INFO

Recreation Department **706.335.3236**

Hours: Mon—Fri, 8:30am-5:00 pm
Address: 204 Carson Street
Email: recreation@commercega.org

Commerce Public Library **706.335.5946**

Hours: Mon-Wed 10-6, Thurs 10-8,
Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4
Address: 1344 South Broad Street
Email: commercelibrary@gmail.com
Manager: Angel Tuggle

Downtown Development Authority **706.335.2954**

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm
Address: 1645 South Elm Street
Email: mainstreet@commercega.org
Manager: Natalie Thomas

Commerce Civic Center **706.335.6417**

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30-5:00pm
Address: 110 State Street
Email: civiccenter@commercega.org
Coordinator: Justin Strickland

Commerce City Hall **706.335.3164**

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am - 5:00pm
Address: 27 Sycamore Street
After Hours: 706.335.3200

Commerce Police Department **706.335.3200**

Address: 1491 South Elm St
Chief: Brandon Sellers

Commerce Fire Department **706.335.2190**

Address: 1491 South Elm St
Chief: Kevin Dean

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PUBLIC MEETING SPACES, FACILITY RENTALS AND FIELD RENTALS

Commerce Parks & Recreation Community Room

204 Carson Street
Room Capacity:
100 people, seating for 70
\$50 refundable deposit
\$75 Rental fee (4 hours or less)
\$150 Rental Fee (All Day)

Commerce Parks & Recreation Aquatic Center

204 Carson Street
Incl: 2 hours for pool and lifeguards
\$150 for 50 swimmers or less
\$175 for 51-75 swimmers
\$200 for 76-100 swimmers
Available Saturdays in June/July
from 6-8pm
Public Swim Wed-Sat, 1-5pm

One-Time Rental of a Baseball Field

\$15 per hour for field without lights
\$25 per hour for field with lights

Willoughby Park

Picnic area, shelter and restrooms
338 Clayton Street
\$25 refundable key deposit*

Call to reserve
706.335.3236

*Deposits are refunded after staff has determined the facility is in good order and keys have been returned.

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Commerce Civic Center

Executive Board Room

Capacity: 12 people

Peach Room

Capacity: 48 people

Cold Sassy Room

Capacity: 64 people

Commerce Room

Capacity: 100 people

Harmony Grove Room

Capacity: 500 people

Photos and more descriptions of these facilities at commercega.org/eventvenues

Commerce Business Information Center

12 Pine Street
Room Capacity: 60 people
Kitchenette onsite

Commerce Cultural Center

232 Cherry Street
Room Capacity: 196 people,
theater style seating

Call to reserve
706.335.6417

or email civiccenter@commercega.org

Library Board Room

Room Capacity: 20 people
Room is only available during normal operating hours. No fee.

Call to reserve
706.335.5946



**Cultural
Arts
Center**



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1. American Veterans Ballfield 2. Aquatic Center 3. American Veterans Park 4. Willoughby Park 5. Community Room 6. Commerce Room 7. Harmony Grove Room 8. Cold Sassy Room 9. Business Center 10. Executive Board Room 11. Library Board Room

Aquatic Center 204 Carson Street

Swim Lessons

Fees:

\$50 (in city), \$70 (outside city limits)

Registrations Begins April 11

Dates:

June 13-17 9:30-10:30am

Ages 3-4 60 minutes/5 days

May 31 - June 9 (session 1)

June 20 - 29 (session 2)

9:45-10:30am

Ages 5-12 45minutes/8 days

Private Lessons available for all ages. \$75 for (5) 30 minute



Swim Team

Fees:

\$80 (in city)

\$100 (outside city limits)

Ages:

5-18 (Age prior to June 1, 2016)

Practices:

Monday-Thursday

Registration:

April 11- May 22

Season:

May 25 - July 16

Pool Season June 1 - July 30

Daily Pool Admission:

\$1.50 ages 4 - High School

\$3.00 adults

Season Passes

Individual \$20/\$25

\$10 each add'l family member.
Single Purchase.

Open Wed - Sat 1:00 - 5:00pm

Water Aerobics

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

11am-12pm. Begins Early June.

\$3 per class.



The Tiger Shark Swim Club is an outstanding summer youth sport. This activity requires much dedication and hard work, but the opportunity to excel is well worth it. The club is composed of 2 basic divisions.

The **Minnows** group is designed for **ages 5-6** and functions as the entry-level activity of the swim team. To participate, a child must turn 5 years old prior to June 1, 2016 and must have successfully completed swim lessons before registering for Minnows. Entry into North Georgia Swim League competition is optional.

The swim team includes youth **ages 7-18** who already know how to swim. Participants in this group must be 7 years old prior to June 1, 2016. Entry into North Georgia Swim League competition and the GRPA District Swim Meet is optional. Team members also have the opportunity to qualify for the GRPA State Swim Meet.

Mighty Mites Soccer Camp

Fees:

\$45 (in city), \$65 (outside city)

Registration:

May 2 - June 3

Divisions:

Boys & Girls, Ages 4-11

Camp Dates:

June 6 - 9, 9am-12pm
(June 10 rain date)

Equipment Needed:

#3 Soccer Ball (\$5 at camp)

Coach:

Rich Friedman

Tiger Baseball Camp

Fees:

\$65

Registration:

May 2 - June 24

Divisions:

Boys, Ages 9-14

Camp Dates:

June 27-30,
July 1 (Rain Date)
9:30-11:30am
American Veteran's Park

Coach:

Stevie Cotrell

"Champ Chaney" Basketball Camp

Fees:

\$40 (in city limits),
\$60 (outside city limits)

Registration:

May 2 - June 10

Divisions:

Boys & Girls,
Rising 3rd graders - 8th graders

Camp Dates:

June 13-17
10-Noon daily at Commerce
Middle School Gym

Coaches:

Sam Chaney, Tracy Murray

"Champ Chaney" Tennis Camp

Fees:

\$40 (in city limits),
\$60 (outside city limits)

Registration:

May 2- July 8

Divisions:

Boys & Girls,
Rising 3rd graders - 8th graders

Camp Dates:

July 11 - 15
9-11am daily at American
Veterans Memorial Park
Tennis Courts

Coach:

Sam Chaney

Girls Volleyball Camp

Fees:
\$45 (in city), \$65 (outside city)

Registration:
May 2 - July 22

Division:
Rising 4th grade-12th grade

Camp Dates:
July 25-29,
9:30-11:30am
CHS Auxiliary Gym

Coach:
Selina Slate
Toccoa Falls College
Head Volleyball Coach

Adaptive Baseball Camp

Fees:
\$40

Registration:
May 2 - June 3

Divisions:
Boys, Ages 9-14

Camp Dates:
June 6-9, June 10 (Rain Date)
6:00-7:00pm
American Veteran's Park

Coach:
Stevie Cotrell

**For athletes with physical & developmental challenges*

Dance Camps

Taught by Kim Sellers of Commerce School of Dance. A routine will be performed for family and friends on last day of camp. Daily snack will be provided and craft made around the theme. Camps are held at The Recreation Department.

Week of June 20-24

Angelina Ballerina
Ages 3-5yrs 10:00am-Noon

Dirt Road Diva Dance Camp
(jazz dance steps to the latest country hits)
Ages 5-7yrs 12:30-2:30 PM

Hip Hop
Ages 8 & up 3:00- 5:00pm

Week of June 27-July 1

Disney Princess Ballet Camp
Ages 3-5yrs 10:00-Noon

Girl Power! Super Hero Dance Camp
Ages 6-9yrs 12:30-2:30pm

Dirt Road Diva Dance Camp
Ages 8 & up 3:00-5:00pm

Tiger Town Twirlers

Baton twirling lessons will teach ambidexterity, bilateral thinking, discipline, hand-eye coordination, and it is so much fun! Students meet at the Commerce Primary School Gymnasium once a week and will learn twirling skills and routines to perform at community events.

Fees:
\$35 per month

Ages:
4-18

Additional cost for baton.

Schedule:
Mondays 6:30-7:30pm
At CPS Gymnasium.

**Summer
Twirling Camp
will be
June 13-1**

Flag Football/Tackle Football

We are committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for the children of Commerce. Our football program provides competitive play, fundamental development and team building skills.

Practices are 3 days a week at Ridling Park and American Veterans Park. Flag Football games are held at Commerce Middle School and Jefferson Recreation Department.

Tackle Football games are held at numerous locations within the North Georgia Youth Tackle Football Association.

Fees:

Flag: \$55 (in city), \$75 (outside city limits)

Tackle: \$75 (in city), \$95 (outside city limits)

Age Control:

Age as of August 1, 2016

Divisions:

Flag: Ages 5 & 6

Tackle: Ages 7-7th Grade

Registration:

April 25-June 24

Practices Begin:

Flag: Mid-August

Tackle: July 25

Games Begin:

Flag: Mid-September (Saturdays only)

Tackle: August 20 (Saturdays only)



Cheerleading: Flag Football/Tackle Football

Tackle and Flag cheerleading will focus on sideline cheering. Competition cheer is included for Tackle cheerleaders and they will compete in one cheerleading competition at the end of the season. No additional fees for competition cheer.

Fees:

\$75 (in city), \$95 (outside city)

Age Control:

Age as of August 1, 2016

Divisions:

Flag: Ages 5 & 6

Tackle: Ages 7-7th Grade

Registration:

April 25-June 24

Practices Begin:

Mid-August

Games Begin:

Flag: Mid-September (Saturdays only)

Tackle: August 20 (Saturdays only)

Scholarships are available.
Please call for information. 706.335.3236

Fall Softball & Baseball

Commerce Parks & Recreation offers Fall Softball for girls and Baseball for boys. Practices are 2 days a week at American Veterans Park. Once games begin, there will be 2 games a week and 1 practice.

Games are held at American Veterans Park, Jackson County, Banks County and Jefferson Recreation Departments.

Fees:

\$75 (in city), \$95 (outside city)

Age Control:

Prior to January 1, 2017 (Girls)

Prior to May 1, 2017 (Boys)

Divisions:

7-8, 9-10, 11-12

Registration:

April 25-June 24

Practices Begin:

Mid-August

Games Begin:

Late September

Fall Soccer

Commerce Parks & Recreation strives to promote and develop an interest in soccer among young athletes by offering a competitive and developmental soccer program for children.

Practices are 2 days a week at the Commerce Middle School.

Games will be played at Commerce Middle School, Jefferson, Banks County and Jackson County Recreation Department.

Fees:

\$75 (in city), \$95 (outside city)

Age Control:

Age Prior to January 1, 2017

Divisions:

U6, U8, U10, U12, 12 - 8th,
Grades 9-12 Intramural

Registration:

April 25-June 24

Practices Begin:

Mid August

Games Begin:

September

Cross Country

Commerce Parks & Recreation offers an opportunity to participate in cross country and compete in local meets and races. Practices will include workouts and distance runs of two or three miles. This is not track & field.

Practices are 2 days a week at the Commerce Middle School.

Fees:

\$75 (in city), \$95 (outside city)

Age Control:

9yr old—12th grade

Registration:

April 25-June 24

Practices Begin:

Mid August

COMMERCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A branch of the Piedmont Regional Library System and a participant in the state-wide PINES (Public Information Network for Electronic Service) system. Patrons have access to circulating titles throughout the state.

Our Library features the Neelagaru Family Children's Library, an area dedicated for computer use, periodicals, books and even a genealogy room. Our auditorium is available to rent and our board room is open for your meetings. In 2014, we completed our outdoor amphitheater and memorial garden which is an extension of our library where patrons can read and enjoy events outside.

KIDSERCISE

A rhythm and movement class for children 18 mo-4 yrs. Musical activities include bean bags and lummi sticks. The program concludes with a story, fingerplays, and flannelboards.

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

BABY & ME

Rhyme, rhythm and repetition for babies and their caregivers. Connecting rhythm, movement and song encourages brain "wiring" that influences babies' future scholastic achievement as well as their social skills. We recommend babies begin coming at 6 months, but all are welcome.

Fridays at 10:30 am

CHESS

Learn about the game of chess and meet up with others to play chess. We will have DVDs available and board games set up.

Every Thursday at 6:00 pm

LEGO CLUB

Combines creativity, literacy and scientific exploration for children pre-k to 5th grade. Legos provided.

Every 4th Tuesday at 4:00 pm

And 2nd Saturday at 1:00pm

CRAZY 8'S BEDTIME MATH CLUB

Ages K-2nd. An afterschool club where you can be create and build while learning about Math.

September & October

Tuesdays at 4:00pm

KIDS BOOK CLUB

Each month we will feature a popular children's book, eat snacks and do a fun craft or activity for children ages 7-11. A bunch of kids talking about the books they love to read.

2nd Friday at 4pm

BEDTIME STORIES WITH MS. KELLEY

Grab your favorite stuffed animal or blanket and head over to the library for bedtime stories.

3rd Thursday at 6pm

BOO!FEST ON BROAD

A spooktacular evening of stories in the garden, games and music. Wear your costume.

Ages 3 & Up.

October 20th at 6:00pm

YOUNG ADULTS

The library has programs for young adults and a new Teen Advisory Committee (ages 12 & Up).

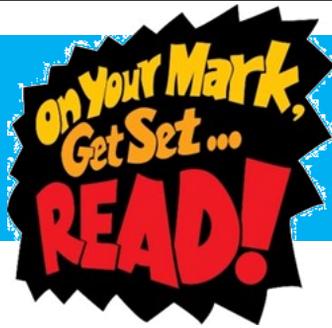
From Chess to Writer's Group, MAGIC, clothing drives for the community, movie nights, Summer Reading Programs and more.

Check out Facebook for new additions.

LIBRARY HOURS: Mon-Wed 10-6, Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4

Summer Reading Program

May 21 - July 22



This year kids will earn a lanyard and personalized pins to add to their lanyard all summer long. Pins are earned based on books read, and events you attend.

Collect them ALL!

Top readers will also receive a free book and one lucky winner will win a Free E-Reader, compliments of the Commerce Friends of the Library.

Young Adult Programs

Wednesdays from 2-4

This year teens will earn food coupons and book prizes based on books read. Do a book review & enter to win a Free E-Reader, compliments of the Commerce Friends of the Library

Teen Talent Show, Video Gaming on the Big Screen, Crafts, HAM Radio and more.

Adult Programs Too!

Check out books and win prizes. Ask for details.

May 27th at 11am

Drumming Up Stories

(sponsored by Georgia Council for the Arts)

June 2 at 11am

Keith Karnok & Vern the Talking Bird

(magician and puppets)

June 9 at 11am

Juggling in the Garden with Aaron Antonich

June 16 at 11am

Elephant & Piggy Party

(stories and a craft)

June 20 at 11am

Skippy Jon Jones Visits the Library

(stories and a craft)

June 23 at 2pm

Water Fun Day at Willoughby Park

(be prepared to get wet!)

June 30 at

Red, White & Blue

(join us for a patriotic program, wear your red, white & blue and receive an American flag)

July 7 at 11am

Story Walk at American Veteran's Memorial Park

(wear your walking shoes, story time like you have never seen before)

July 14 at 11am & 11:30am

Grande Finale

(Bear Hollow Zoo at the Library)



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FOR CURRENT EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

ADULTS

Book Vine (book discussion group) meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 1:00pm. New book chosen each month.

Writer's Group meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at 10:30am

Hooks & Needles bring your hooks, needles and projects to relax, crochet or knit with others. Meets every Monday at 10:30am.

Yoga is offered at the library on Mondays from 5:50-7pm. Relax, stretch, and begin your journey of wellness here. Nominal fee applies.

Computer Classes: Call for times and dates.

English as a Second Language (ESL) every Saturday at 11:00am

Wellness Wednesdays are held the first Wednesday of each month and current, useful topics related to the health of the mind and body will be presented based on the interests of our patrons.

Finance Workshops to learn about investing and planning coming soon!



Visit our website
www.commercelibrary.org
 Place holds for your books online and order e-books online for your electronic device.

Our online testing center is free and has resources for tests such as the GED and SAT.



Free WiFi
 in the Amphitheater and Memorial Garden.



Mango Languages offers over 60 languages to learn - all for **free** with your Library card.



HOW DO I GET A LIBRARY CARD?

Library cards (PINES cards) are FREE to all residents of Georgia. Also, persons who attend school, own property, or are employed in Georgia are eligible for a free PINES library card.

There is no minimum age for a child to receive a PINES card. A parent or legal guardian may register a child. Parent or guardian must show proper ID to register a child. A parent or guardian must sign the application for all children under 18.

Commerce Public Library
 Heritage Room



June 18 July 16 August 20 September 17

This summer will be great with some live music downtown! Watch for more information about the bands and venues. Mark your calendars!

Music & Fireworks



July 1 6pm-Fireworks

Area residents are invited to an Independence Day celebration. Bring your chairs enjoy an evening of music by the Bourbon Cowboys, great food and a Fireworks finale.

Pink Party in the Park

September

Co-Sponsored event with Northridge Medical Center held in Spencer Park. This event is free and open to the public featuring manicures, refreshments, door prizes and balloon release.

Let it Go! Comedy Night

November 12 7:30pm

A great night of comedy with our local comedienne, Dannette Flint and special guests. This is a 16-yr-old and over event. Tickets are sold through the Civic Center. Dinner and beverages available during the show. Tickets are \$15 each.



CARING
VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to be an active partner in our community efforts?

Our Main Street Program is a collaborative effort between the public and private sectors focusing on the revitalization and restoration of the downtown commercial core. The program is designed around the Main Street Approach: Organization, Promotion, Design & Economic Restructuring.

4 Committees 1 Community Our Town in Your Hands

Join a Main Street Committee

Call 706.335.2954 or [email mainstreet@commercega.org](mailto:mainstreet@commercega.org)

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