

RECREATION PROGRAMS FOR ADOLESCENTS

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)

BBBS of Gainesville/Mid Florida
1155 NW 13th St
352-375-2525 info@bbbsmidflorida.org
www.bbbsmidflorida.org

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ALACHUA COUNTY

N.W. Unit and Administrative Offices

2700 N.W. 51st Street
Gainesville, FL 32606
Line #1 (352) 373-6639
Line #2 (352) 244-5144
Sports Office –(352) 372-5305

Rotary Unit

1100 S.E. 17th Drive
Gainesville, FL 32641
(352) 372-1485
(352) 372-1565
Teen Center (352) 244-5044

Woodland Park Unit

331 S.E. 20th Place
Gainesville, FL 32641
(352) 377-8003
(352) 377-3212

Reichert House Unit

1704 SE 2nd Ave
Gainesville, FL 32606
(352) 334-2320

Girls Place, Inc

After School Program
2101 NW 39th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32605-2303
General Info: girlsclub@gator.net
Athletic Info: Taryn Buckley, Athletic Director, athletic_director@girlsclubnet.org
After school, Summer Day Camp, and Specialty Classes: Christi Arrington, Program Director, program_director@girlsclubnet.org
Main Office: 352-373-GIRL (4475)
Program Office: 352-378-8664
<http://www.girlsplaceinc.com/>

Boy Scouts of America

www.scouting.org
4001 W Newberry Rd
Gainesville, FL 32607-2392
(352) 375-7094

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council

www.girlscouts-gateway.org
810 NW 8th St
Gainesville, FL 32601-5054
(352) 376-3004

United Way of North Central Florida

www.unitedwayncfl.org
6031 NW 1st Pl
Gainesville, FL 32607-2025
(352) 331-2800

County of Alachua: Cooperative Extension Service-Agriculture Family

4-H Youth Development
alachua.ifas.ufl.edu
2800 NE 39th Ave
Gainesville, FL 32609-2658
(352) 955-2402

Gainesville Association for the Creative Arts (GACA)- Offers small group workshops year round to children 3 to 18. Creates a non-pressures atmosphere where creativity can flourish. Register at the public library, online, or in writing to the PO Box below. Scholarships are available.

P.O. Box 12246
Gainesville, FL 32604
(352) 284-2495
Email: info@artsgaca.org
Phone: 352-284-2495 or 352-871-5900
Website: www.artsgaca.org

All Children's Theater-Nonprofit organization dedicated to developing life skills in children through the performing arts. Fees vary with each performance and auditions are held at specific times throughout the year depending on the performance. Also offers summer performing arts camps. Scholarships are available.

Rehearsal Studio: Oaks Mall, 2nd floor next to the Mill Restaurant, 6787 Newberry Rd, Suite 5H

The Alachua Astronomy Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 141591
Gainesville, FL 32614-1591 USA
<http://www.floridastars.org/>

City of Gainesville Parks and Recreation Department- An advocate of the importance of thriving, local park systems, the opportunity for all citizens to lead healthy, active lifestyles, and the preservation of great community places. Programs are offered for youth and adults in organized athletics for 3,500 individual youth participants and 300 individual adult participants.

Main Address: Thomas Center "A", 302 NE 6th Ave

Phone: 352-334-5067 Fax: 352-334-2314

Email: phillipssr@cityofgainesville.org

Mailbox: PO Box 490, Station 30, Gainesville FL

Website: <http://www.cityofgainesville.org/RESIDENT/ParksRecreationCulturalAffairs/tabid/415/Default.aspx>

AQUATICS- 3 outdoor swimming pools for leisure swimming, lessons, and competitive swim teams for youth.

H. Spurgeon Cherry (Westside) Pool - part of the Westside Recreation Center.

Address: 1001 NW 31st Drive, 32605

Telephone: 352-334-2187

Dwight H. Hunter (Northeast) Pool - part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Multipurpose Center.

Address: 1100 NE 14th Street, 32601

Telephone: 352-334-2191

Andrew R. Mickle, Sr. Pool - part of the T.B. McPherson Recreation Center.

Address: 1717 SE 15th Street, 32641

Telephone: 352-334-2190

COMMUNITY CENTERS- Offer FREE after school programs for youth ages 6 and up. Activities include tutoring, indoor and outdoor sports, chess clubs, and arts and crafts.

Eastside Recreation Center: 2841 E University Ave. Phone: 352-334-2714

Westside Recreation Center: 1001 NW 34th St, 32605. Phone: 352-334-2186

Northeast Community Center: 1700 NE 8th Ave, 32641. Phone: 352-334-2185

TB McPherson Recreation Center: 1717 SE 15th St, 32641. Phone: 352-334-2188

Rosa B Williams/Union Academy Recreation Center: 524 NW 1st St, 32601. Phone: 352-334-2193

Porters Community Center: 512 SW 6th Ave, 32601. Phone: 352-334-3366

Martin Luther King Jr. Multipurpose Center: 1028 NE 14th St. Phone: 352-334-5053

YOUTH ATHLETICS: Provides various sports programs for youths in the greater Gainesville community, including baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, football, cheerleading, and track and field

Athletic Staff: 352-334-5053

Fax: 352- 334-2315

Register ONLINE at:

<https://activenet6.active.com/gainesvilleparksandrec>

OR in person at MLK Jr. Multipurpose Center

1028 N.E. 14th Street

OR mail registration form to: PRCA Recreation Division, P.O. Box 490, Station 24, Gainesville, FL 32602

Ironwood Golf Course: 18 hole, par 72, championship course owned by the City of Gainesville and operated by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Address: 2100 NE 39th Ave, 32609

Phone: 352-334-3120

Email: jwinskiwa@cityofgainesville.org, cardozojm@cityofgainesville.org

Chikarakogeki Karate and Judo Kai: Interested in learning basic techniques of judo? Then this class may be just for you. It's instructed by a Nationally Ranked 7th degree Black Belt. The class is held at the Thelma Boltin Center every Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$35.00 per month and the first lesson is free. For registration information please contact Ron Chapman at (352)222-0161.

Outdoor Activities

Blue Springs is a must see - family owned and operated since 1958 with 250 acres of the "Real Florida". Stroll along a 1/4 mile boardwalk, as it follows the springs, then runs into the scenic Santa Fe River. Or, gaze into the crystal blue depths from the dock overlooking the springs boil. A dip into 72 degree water is sure to leave you feeling refreshed and recharged. 2100 West French Avenue, Orange City, (386) 775-3663.

Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve/Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park is six miles east of Cedar Key on State Road 24. It is only a small remnant of the once vast Gulf Hammock that was known statewide. The 32,128 acre preserve borders Florida's gulf coast between Cedar Key and Yankeetown. Most of the area consists of salt marsh dotted with picturesque wooded islands interlaced with numerous tidal creeks. Call (352) 543-5567.

Devils Millhopper State Geological Site, two miles northwest of Gainesville, off State Road 232, is a huge sinkhole formed when an underground cavern roof collapsed, creating a bowl-shaped cavity 120 feet deep. Small streams tumble down the steep slopes of the sink, disappearing through crevices at the bottom. 4732 Millhopper Road, Gainesville, (352) 955-2008.

Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail State Park stretches 16 miles from the City of Gainesville's Boulware Springs Park at SE 15th Street and extends to Hawthorne near U.S. 301 through the Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park and the Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area. The recreational trail is designed for walking, cycling, and horseback riding. 4801 S.E. 17th Street, Gainesville, (352) 466-3397.

Ginnie Springs is a mecca for serious scuba divers. Nine springs, including the incredible Devil's Eye, well up in sparkling abundance. 7300 NE Ginnie Springs Road, High Springs, (386) 454-7188.

Ichetucknee Springs State Park stretches along the crystal-clear, spring-fed Ichetucknee River, about 15 miles north of High Springs. Dive the springs or drift along on an innertube through unspoiled natural wilderness. Fort White, 32038 (904) 497-2511.

Ichetucknee Springs State Park, four miles northwest of Fort White off State Road 47. The sevenmile long Ichetucknee Springs River reaches depths of 40 feet. Ichetucknee is a first magnitude spring discharging more than 240 million gallons of crystal clear water into the river daily at a constant 72 degrees. The river is a favorite for tubing enthusiasts with more than 200,000 visitors annually. Fort White, (386) 497-2511.

Manatee Springs State Park, located the end of State Road 320, off U.S. 98, six miles west of Chiefland, on the banks of the Suwannee River, is one of Florida's premier parks. Manatee Spring is a first-magnitude spring pumping as much as 117 million gallons of crystal-clear water into the Suwannee River daily. Manatee Springs is a 2,444-acre park offering excellent swimming, diving, canoeing, kayaking and hiking. 11650 N.W. 115th St., Chiefland, (352) 493-6072.

Poe Springs Park is five miles west of High Springs on the Santa Fe River. Tubing and canoeing on the Santa Fe River, as well as camping in wooded sites, complement the excellent diving. Recently renovated, it has been a popular attraction for decades. 28800 NW 182nd Ave., High Springs, 386-454-1992

San Felasco Hammock State Preserve, four miles northwest of Gainesville on State Road 232, is named for an old Spanish Mission, San Francisco de Potano, which ministered to the Indians living here centuries ago. Over time, the early settlers continually mispronounced San Francisco, until the area became known as San Felasco "Hammock" (an Indian word meaning shady). The lower two-thirds of San Felasco have been set aside for hiking only. The most northern 2,000 acres have been designated for multi-use purposes including horseback riding, off-road bicycling and hiking. Trails in this section were built by The Friends of San Felasco, Inc., and other volunteers. 4732 Millhopper Road, Gainesville, (352) 955-2008.

The Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park, located in Cross Creek off State Road 325, has been officially listed on the National Register of Historic Sites since 1970. It is a microcosm of Florida farmland, marshland and hammock. It represents a history, culture and architecture that typifies rural Florida. Eight acres of the historic site have been managed by DEP's Division of Recreation and Parks since 1970. The remaining 60 acres of the original homestead are managed by Alachua County Parks and the University of Florida Foundation. Hawthorne, (352) 466-3672.

The Paynes Prairie State Preserve is 10 miles south of Gainesville on U.S. 441 at Micanopy. The 21,000-acre preserve is among the most significant natural and historic areas in Florida. 100 Savannah Blvd., Micanopy, (352) 466-3397.