## PUTNAM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

## ACTIVITY GUIDE 2024



## MISSION STATEMENT

Putnam County Parks & Recreation strives for the continual improvement of its broad-based recreational programs including sports, parks, recreational facilities and waterway activities. It is the mission of the Putnam County Parks & Recreation Department to provide a system of well-balanced, safe, accessible and affordable parks and recreational opportunities, facilities, programs and services that will enhance the general quality of life in Putnam County.

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## OFFICE/STAFF LOCATIONS

## John Theobold Sports Complex (Main Office)

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:00 pm 120 Carter Road, Palatka, FL 32177 386-329-1268

## **Edgar Johnson Senior Center**

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00 pm 1215 Westover Drive, Palatka, FL 32177 386-329-0469

## **Putnam Aquatic Center**

Seasonal (May-October) 1209 Westover Drive, Palatka, FL 32177 386-312-2221

### The Cube (South Putnam Office)

Limited Office Hours 284 Union Avenue, Crescent City, FL 32112 386-546-0467 Facebook - South Putnam Youth Sports

## Sports at a Glance

## **Adult Softball**

Ages: 16+

Registration: November 13th- January 5th Games: January 29th, 2024

## **Flag Football**

Ages: 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-14

Registration: November 13th- January 5th

Games: January 19th, 2024

## Volleyball

(South Putnam & Palatka)

Ages: 8-10, 11-14

Registration: February 5th - March 22nd

Games: April 22nd, 2024

## **Aquatic Center (POOL)**

**All Ages** 

Season: May 2024 - October, 2024
Swim Lesson Registration starts May 6th, 2024

Lessons begin June 3rd, 2024

## Soccer

(South Putnam & Palatka)

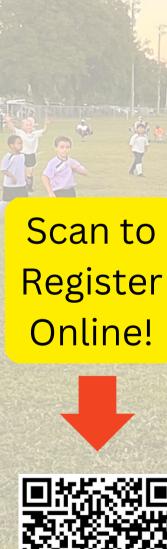
Ages: 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-14

Registration: July 15th- August 30th

Games: September 30th, 2024









## 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



## Winter Adult Softball

Our Winter Adult Softball league coincided with our T-Ball season this year. We had 8 teams that played games on Monday nights at John Theobold Sports Complex fields 1-4. JTSC Fields 1-4 are also used during these months by organizations throughout the county for fastpitch and slowpitch practice, games, and tournaments.

## Winter Flag Football

The Parks & Recreation Department hosted its annual Spring Program of Flag Football April- May. This year the Flag Football program had 12 teams with approximately 150 players. The program is for youth ages 4-6, 7-9, & 10-12. Practices for this program were held at John Theobold Sports Complex throughout the week, and games were on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

## **Summer Aquatics**

The Putnam Aquatics Center had a successful 2023 season! The center provided 206 children with swim lessons and the knowledge of water safety skills. The facility served 33 lap swim members. Almost 500 members of Putnam County attended daily community swim fun! The ARC community of Putnam County brought joy to the staff and friends with their presence every Friday morning. We are also home to the Putnam Sharks Swim Club & the Palatka High Swim Team.

## Spring Sand Volleyball

The Parks & Recreation Department hosted its annual Spring Program of Sand Volleyball April- May. The Sand Volleyball program had approximately 70 players ages 8-14. Practices for were held at John Theobold Sports Complex throughout the week, and games were on Tuesday evenings.

## Spring Indoor Volleyball South Putnam

The Parks & Recreation Department - South Putnam extension hosted it's annual Spring Program of Indoor Volleyball April- May . The Volleyball program had approximately 140 players consisting of three age groups: 7-9, 10-12, & 13-15. All practices and games were held throughout the week at South Putnam Sports Complex in Crescent City.

## Spring Flag Football

South Putnam

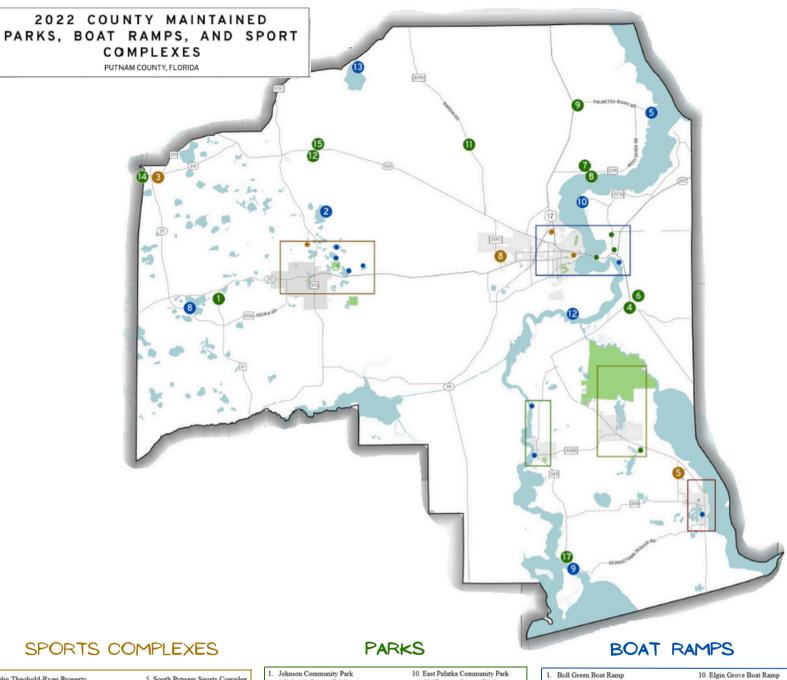
The Parks & Recreation Department - South Putnam extension hosted it's annual Spring Program of Flag Football April- May. The Flag Football program had 100 players throughout the the age groups of 4-6, 7-9, & 10-12. All practices and games were held throughout the week at South Putnam Sports Complex in Crescent City.

## Fall Soccer

The Parks & Recreation Department hosted its annual fall program of soccer this October & November. This year the soccer program located in the Palatka area had 293 kids register to play with 42 volunteer coaches, and 13 referees. The program is broken down into 3 major age groups; 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12 with designated field space and design for each age group. The goal of this program is to help the youth participants learn the basics and fundamentals of the sport of soccer at an affordable price. All games and practices are held at John Theobold Sports Complex throughout the week, with games on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursday nights at 6pm.

## Fall Soccer South Putnam

The South Putnam Soccer season coincides with our soccer season as an extension of the department into the Crescent City area. Our South Putnam team is led by Judy Jackson who manages the entirety of the program. This year, the program had almost 200 participants with 31 volunteer coaches and 12 referees. For sake of continuity, the age groups and dates are the same. All games and practices are held at South Putnam Youth Sports Complex throughout the week.



John Theobold-Ryan Property 131 Carter Rd Palatka, FL 32177

John Theobold Complex 120 Carter Rd Palatka, FL 32177

Melrose Youth Sports Complex 421 State Rd 26 Melrose, FL 32666

Rotary Park 800 Laurel St

- 5. South Putnam Sports Complex 280 Union Ave Crescent City, FL 32112
- 6. West Putnam Recreation Com 170 South County Rd 315 Interlachen, FL 32148
- 7. West Putnam Sports Complex 127 SE 3rd Ave Interlachen, FL, 32148
- 8. Francis Youth Sports Complex 8012 St Johns Ave
  - San Mateo, FL 32187 Veteran's Memorial Park 111 South Highway 17 East Palatka, FL 32131
    - Woods Road Park 131 Woods Rd San Mateo, FL 32187

164 Currie Rd

Tanglewylde Nature Park Unassigned Address Near 290 West River Rd Palatka, FL 32177

151 South County Rd 21

Hawthorne, FL 32640

Lake Como Park-North

147 Euclid Ave Pomona Park, FL 32181

Lake Como Park-South

104 Highlands Ave Pomona Park, FL 32181

San Mateo Community Park

- Tanglewylde Nature Park 299 West River Rd Palatka, FL 32177
- Bostwick Community Park 115 Tillman St Palatka, FL 32177

- 10. East Palatka Community Park 221 Putnam County Blvd East Palatka, FL 32131
- 11. Etoniah Community Park 620 Bardin Rd Palatka, FL 32177
  - 12. Florahome Community Park 1149 State Rd 100 Florahome, FL 32140
  - 13. Lake Stella Waterfront Park 625 Central Ave Crescent City, FL 32112
  - 14. Melrose Heritage Park 204 Pearl St Melrose, FL 32666
  - 15. Florahome Community Park 103 North Oak Ave Florahome, FL 32140
  - Jerry Bedenbaugh Community Park 125 West McCormick Rd East Palatka, FL 32131
  - 17. Georgetown Riverfront Park 1415 County Rd 309 Georgetown, FL 32139

- 150 Pridgeon St Interlachen, FL 32148
- 2. Lake Grandin Boat Ramp 137 Walker Dr Interlachen, FL 32148
- Lake Ida Boat Ramp 125 Ida Blvd Interlachen, FL 32148
- Lake Jewell Boat Ramp 139 Kitty Ave Interlachen, FL 32148
- Palmetto Bluff Boat Ramp 126 Boat Ramp Rd Palatka, FL 32177
- Picco Road Boat Ramp 135 Pico Rd East Palatka, FL 32131
- Shell Harbour Boat Ramp 162 Shell Harbour Rd Satsuma, FL 32189
- Cowpen Lake Boat Ramp 134 Race St Hawthorne, FL 32640
- 9. Drayton Island Ferry Boat Ramp 122 Drayton Island Ferry Rd Georgetown, FL 32139

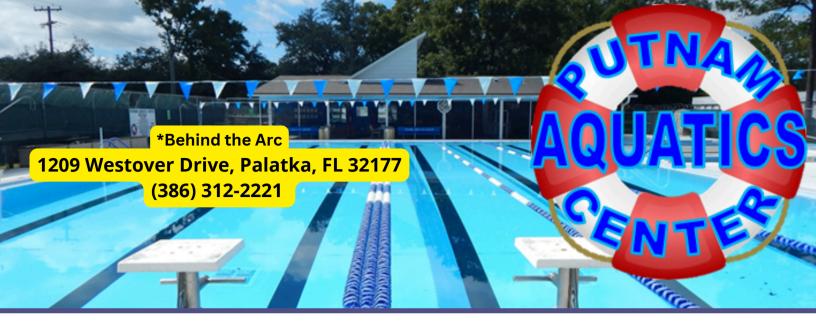
- 10. Elgin Grove Boat Ramp 138 Magnolia Ave East Palatka, FL 32131
- 11. Welaka Boat Ramp 9199 Elm St Welaka, FL 32193
- 12. Browns Landing Boat Ramp 4065 Browns Landing Rd Palatka, FL 32177
- 13. George's Lake Boat Ramp 100 Georges Lake Boat Ramp Rd Florahome, FL 32140
- 14. Lake Stella Boat Ramp 519 Central Ave Crescent City, FL 32112
- 15. Church Lake Boat Ramp 221 Kitty Ave Interlachen, FL 32148
- 16. Violet Lake Boat Ramp 220 Kitty Ave Interlachen, FL 32148













## PUTNAM AQUATICS CENTER (MAY-OCTOBER)

### **Swim Lessons**

Monday through Thursday | June 3rd - August 2nd Cost is \$40 per child.



### ADULT SWIM (16+)

Monday through Friday 12-2pm, starting May 6th. Cost is \$5 per day or \$40 per month.

### COMMUNITY SWIM

Monday through Friday 2pm- 4:50pm | June 3rd - August 2nd. Cost is \$2 per person. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

### **FLOAT IN MOVIE NIGHT**

Friday, June 28th and Friday, July 26th
7pm - Gates Open | 8:30pm - Movie Starts
\$5/person, all participants are encouraged to bring a towel, float & chair. Refreshments provided.

We also host several swim meets throughout the season.

Having a birthday party or celebration? Come join us at the Putnam Aquatics Center!

## \$50 per hour (minimum 2 hours) for up to 50 swimmers.

(Rentals are first come, first served, \$100 deposit required to book your date)

<u>Deposit is returnable upon satisfactory inspection of the building and pool grounds.</u>

We will provide Lifeguards, call for details.

Rentals are available June 1st thru August 31st & only on weekends.





## SWIM LESSONS (MONDAY-THURSDAY)

Session 1: June 3 - June 14 Session 2: June 17 - June 28 Session 3: July 8 - July 19 Session 4: July 22 - August 2





Due to the nature of being outdoors, all classes and events at the pool are weather dependent. Schedules are subject to change. For more information about programs, events and schedule, please contact <u>386-312-2221</u>.

## LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

**Parent & Child:** Parents are taught to safely work with their children in the water as they are taught skills to prepare them to learn to swim. Parent participation is required. Ages 6 months - 4 years.

**Level 1:** Intro to Water Skills. Participants learn to safely enter and exit water, make progress through the water using arms & legs, float and recover.

**Level 2:** Fundamental Aquatic Skills. Children perform Level 1 skills, swimming several body lengths without instructor support.

**Level 3:** Stroke Development. Children learn the front crawl and elementary backstroke, swimming each 15 yards and are introduced to the scissors & dolphin kicks and treading water.

**Level 4:** Stroke Improvement. Swimmers practice front crawl and backstroke and are introduced to side stroke, back crawl, breast stroke, butterfly and turning at the wall.



The Putnam Sharks Swim Club is open to all swimmers ages 5-18 and is a mix between a competitive and a recreational sports club. The primary competitive season is Summer (May-July), proceeded and followed by the training/conditioning seasons of Spring (February-April) and Fall (August - November).

The club focuses on improving competitive swimming abilities, teaching and improving form, and instilling good sportsmanship behaviors.



Contact Head Coach Jake MacGibbon at (386) 937-5077 or by email at jake@putnamsharks.com and...

Connect with us on Facebook or at putnamsharks.com



## **Edgar Johnson Senior Center**

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00 pm 1215 Westover Drive, Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 329-0469



Join our Facebook Group! Edgar Johnson Senior Center Edgar Johnson Senior Center is open to all adults age 50+ with all abilities. Most activities are free, unless otherwise indicated. The center is open 9-5 Monday - Friday. Please feel free to call or stop by to find out more about activities! Regularly scheduled programming includes: Cane Self Defense, Exercise, and Aerobics classes. Line Dancing, Zumba, Scrabble, Painting, Picking & Grinning, Bingo and Movies. A calendar of events is posted on our FB page each month.



## SPECIAL EVENTS - MOVIES





## MOVIES IN THE PARK



WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PUTNAMCOUNTYPARKSANDRECREATION

Putnam County Parks & Recreation partners with various community partners for different events. If you're interested in partnering, let us know! recreations@putnam-fl.gov



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## COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

ALL RENTALS REQUIRE A \$100 DEPOSIT.

This deposit serves as a damage deposit and to hold the date for your event.

Deposit is returnable upon satisfactory inspection of the building.

Call the main office at 386-329-1268 for more information on renting!

## **Edgar Johnson Senior Center**

1215 Westover Dr., Palatka, FL 32177



Capacity: 75 people (with tables and chairs)

Amenities available:

- Large multi-purpose room
- Prep kitchen
- Large Men's & Women's Restrooms
- Cardroom/Library
- TV

Rental Fee - \$33/hour (staff fee included)
Call 386-329-0469 for information on renting.

## **Bostwick Community Youth & Senior Center**

125 Tillman St., Palatka, FL 32177



Capacity: 100 people (with tables and chairs)

Amenities available:

- Large multi-purpose room
- Kitchen
- Large Men's & Women's Restrooms
- Covered outdoor area
- Smart TV

Rental Fee - \$25/hour

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## **Interlachen Community Center**

135 S CR 315, Interlachen, FL 32148

Capacity: 100 people (with tables and chairs)

Amenities available:

- Large multi-purpose room
- Prep Kitchen
- Large Men's & Women's Restrooms
- Smart TV

Rental Fee - \$25/hour



## **Lake Como Community Center**

103 Highlands Ave., Lake Como, FL 32157

Capacity: 50 people (with tables and chairs)

Amenities available:

- Large multi-purpose room
- Small Stage
- Prep Kitchen
- Men's & Women's Restrooms
- Smart TV

Rental Fee - \$25/hour



## COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMMIMG

Each of our community facilities are available to the residents of Putnam County and have regularly scheduled community programs and meetings. Visit our website for up to date monthly calendars for each center.

## www.main.putnam-fl.gov Departments Parks & Recreation Community Centers



## Interlachen Community Center

Red Hats, Senior Friends, Traditional Harmony Pickers, Video Yoga, Video Aerobics, Container Vegetable Gardening, Rotary Club, Coin Club, Moms for Liberty, Cancer Group, Nutrition Classes, Craft Day, Garden Club



## **Bostwick Community Center**

Bingo, Zumba, 4H club, AA, Jamming, BCAI, MSBU, Blueberry Festival



## Lake Como Community Center

UF/IFAS Ext. Plant Clinic/Horticulture Program, Lake Como Water Association, Piecemakers Quilt Group, AA, Booster Club, Crescent City Moms Group

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Putnam County partners with several agencies in the interest of providing the best programs to our community. Please see contact information below for how to reach out.



## **Youth Sports:**

### **Melrose Youth Sports Association**

CW Ruhmpohl www.melroseyouthsports.com

### Palatka Babe Ruth

palatkababeruth.sportssignup.com/site

### **West Putnam Athletic Association**

http://wpaa.website.sportssignup.com/

## **Palatka Police Athletic League (Youth Mentoring)**

Captain Tobby Williams - 386-329-0115 or 386-227-0360 pal.leagueapps.org or www.palatkapal.org

## **Other Programs:**

## St John's River Pickleball Group

Jimmi Symonds, USAPA, Ambassador jsymonds@bellsouth.net, 386-972-2659 Facebook: facebook.com/groups/pickleballofputnamcounty/ www.usapa.org

### **Putnam County Blueways & Trails**

http://putnambluewaysandtrails.org/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/pbtcso

### **Bartram Trail Society**

http://bartram.putnam-fl.com/ https://www.facebook.com/Bartramtrailsociety/

### **Putnam County UF/IFAS**

putnam@ifas.ufl.edu (386) 329-0318 111 Yelvington Rd., Suite 1 East Palatka, FL 32131

### Florahome and Heritage Association

Meri-lin Piantanida, President florahomepark@yahoo.com PO Box 114 Florahome, FL 32140





## **PUTNAM COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**

## **LOCATIONS**

## Headquarters — Palatka Library

601 College Road Palatka, FL 32177 386-329-0441

## **Bostwick Branch Library**

125 Tillman Street, Building 2 Palatka, FL 32177 386-326-2750

## **Crescent City Branch Library**

610 North Summit Crescent City, FL 32112 386-698-2600

## **Interlachen Branch Library**

133 N. County Road 315 Interlachen, FL 32148 386-684-1600

## **Melrose Branch Library**

312 Wynnwood Avenue Melrose, FL 32666 352-475-1237

## **HOURS**

**Headquarters - Palatka Library** Monday - Friday | 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday | 9 a.m - 1 p.m.

## **Bostwick Branch Library**

Tuesday | 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday | 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday | 11:30 am - 6 p.m. Friday | 11:00am - 6 p.m. Saturday | 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## **Crescent City & Interlochen Branch Library** Tuesday- Friday | 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

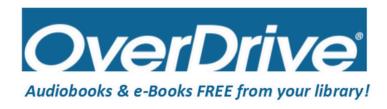
Saturday | 9 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

## **Melrose Branch Library**

Tuesday- Friday | 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday | 9 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

Website: www.funinputnam.com

In addition to the many programs and services available in-person at our library, patrons also have access to FREE online resources through our website such as:





## WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED...

### 4-H Community Club:

Community clubs are youth led and volunteer guided. They meet in a variety of places and are involved in a many different projects and community service.

### 4-H Afterschool Club:

After school clubs are based at a school and meet afterschool. The clubs are involved in a variety of different projects.

### 4-H in the Classroom:

4-H in the Classroom projects are held during school hours and are programs that complement what the youth are learning in a hands on way.

Examples of these programs are 4-H
Embryology and Gardening projects.

## <u>Summer Day and</u> Residential Camping:

Camps are held from 1 to 5 days and revolve around a variety of subjects like agriculture, gardening, outdoor education, and much more.

These are examples of ways you can be involved in 4-H. Call to learn more.



See the extraordinary changes 4-H youth are making. http://www.4-h.org/grows



## Come Grow with Putnam County 4-H

The University of Florida/IFAS Extension Putnam County 4-H is a youth development program that serves over 1200 youth through community clubs, school clubs, school enrichment and camping programs. We offer hands-on learning experiences to help youth develop life skills through a large variety of projects like photography, gardening, animals, archery and many more.

UF/IFAS Extension Putnam County 4-H: 111 Yelvington Rd; East Palatka, FL 32131 386-329-0318 (phone) cfincher@ufl.edu







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Putnam Blueways & Trails Citizens Support Organization (CSO) is a non-profit group of outdoor enthusiasts who are dedicated to the promotion and protection of hiking, biking, equestrian, and paddling trails.

To become a member or to learn more about our special events and weekly social gatherings please visit us at

www.putnambluewaysandtrails.com

or



putnambluewaysandtrails@gmail.com P.O. Box 181 Palatka, FL 32178 386-546-1668



## Palatka Police Athletic League

- Basketball
   Track
   Field
- Cops & Kids Bowling PAL Mentoring
  - PAL Youth Development Program
    - Summer Camp 110 N. 11th Street Palatka, FL 32177

Phone: 386-329-0115

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## **COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS**



An all-hazards overview of disaster information to help you prepare, plan and respond to disaster in your area.









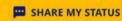


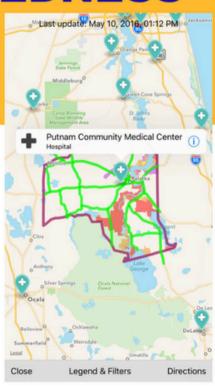












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Fax: 386-329-1265



120 Carter Rd.

Palatka, FL 32177





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Recreations@putnam-fl.gov