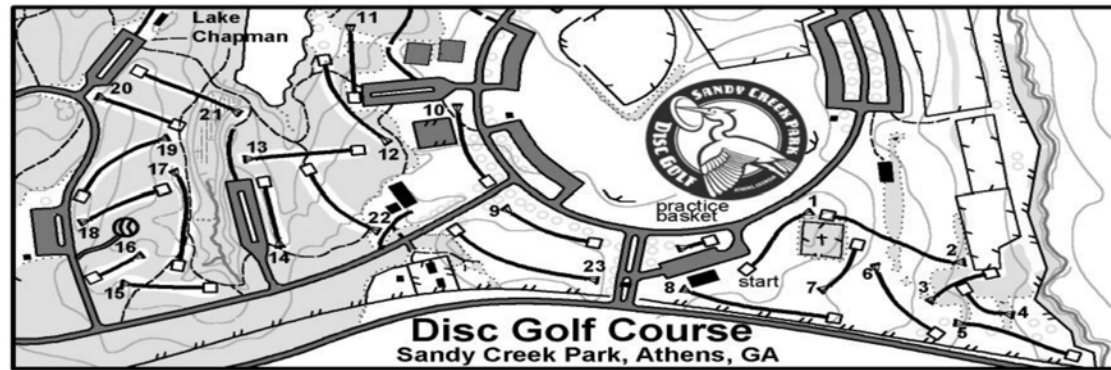


Want to find some new disc golfing buddies? Check out upcoming events and tournaments at athensdiscgolf.com



ANNUAL PARK PERMITS & DISC GOLF PERMITS

Did you know... that you can enjoy the park all year for a low, one-time fee? Your annual permit is valid for a year from the date of your purchase. Annual park permits cover two adults and all children under 18 in the household. Stop by the gatehouse to pick up an application!

Annual Permit: \$30/ACC Household \$50/Non-ACC household

Disc Golf Permit: \$25/ 1st person, \$10/each additional person

DOG PARK PASSES: Buy 10 hours, get 2 free! Purchase your \$10 punch card today!



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SANDY CREEK PARK

SUMMER Happenings 2008



SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday - Sunday: 7am -9pm

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Holiday Hours:

Open 7am - 9pm

July 4th

Memorial Day

Labor Day

*You say Good-Bye,
and I say Hello!*

Sandy Creek Park has had some familiar faces over the years, but as the seasons change, our staff does as well. After 22 years with ACC, facility supervisor Rick Kelly retired in March. John Gilbert has been with the Park for over five years and is now moving on to pursue his higher education. Wesley Myers, after 2 years with us, will be interning with Georgia State Parks.

Phyllis, Bud, Eric, Greg and Carly will be welcoming new staff including new facility supervisor, and new park assistants: Danny, Karl, Adam and Kellee.

Please say hello to the new faces, and let us know how we can make your visits to Sandy Creek Park great!



"Bee" Great!

By Janice Denney

When you think of backyard wildlife you don't normally think of bees. Bees are often overlooked but the fact is they play a very important role in our environment; often described as one of the most important pollinators. We learned early in school that bees transfer pollen from one flower to another through the process of pollination. The results are extremely beneficial to humans and other animals. The fact is many of the foods we enjoy wouldn't exist without the help of bees. Bees are responsible for every third bite of food we eat in the United States.

But bees are in trouble. Habitat loss, pesticide use, invasive species, disease, and pests are all factors that have led to a decline in several bee species. Declines began to be noticed in the 1990's. A citizen science project organized by San Francisco State University is attempting to fill the gap in knowledge about bee interaction within our home and community gardens. Your garden is an important habitat for bees and this project allows you to see just how important.

In four easy steps you can contribute to this project:

1. Sign up and plant your sunflower. Native species of sunflowers are provided by the project or you can buy your own. Wild Annual Sunflower, *Helianthus annuus*.
2. Describe your garden
3. Time how long it takes 5 bees to visit your sunflower plant
4. Enter your data online or send in your form.

To get started, visit www.greatsunflower.org Join *The Great Sunflower Project* and "bee" apart of the solution.

A facility of Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services Department, Division of Natural Resources

www.sandycreekpark.com



SUMMER Happenings at Sandy Creek Park

Please call (706) 613-3631 to REGISTER for our events! Where seating or craft is limited, pre-registration is required.
For all other events, pre-registration is recommended so we may call you if weather causes a cancellation.

all fees are per person unless otherwise noted. Pre-payment required on all programs \$10 and up.

BOATS

Full Moon Canoe Ride

Paddle a canoe on Lake Chapman guided by the full moon. Participants can use one of the park's canoes or bring their own.

Ages: 12 years and older

Date: Wednesday, June 18

Friday, July 18

Saturday, August 16

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Location: Sandy Creek Park

Registration: Pre-registration is required by calling (706) 613-3631

Fee: \$6/ACC Resident

\$3/ACC per person w/ own canoe

\$9/Non ACC Resident

\$5/Non-ACC Resident w/ own canoe

Family Canoe Day

Have fun while viewing Lake Chapman from a canoe. Basic instruction and guidance provided.

Ages: Families, 8 years and older

Date: Saturday, August 9

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Location: Sandy Creek Park

Registration: Pre-registration is required by calling (706) 613-3631.

Fee: \$8 per canoe

\$6 with own canoe

HIKES

Tree Talk and Walk

Join Sandy Creek Park for a short pontoon boat ride to the back end of the Lakeside Trail, then hike for 2 1/2 miles and learn about native trees and their uses. All participants need to bring a full water bottle and snack, wear good sturdy hiking shoes and be prepared for the weather (rain or shine!)

Ages: Families and individuals, ages 8 and older

Date: Saturday, June 14

Time: 10:00am - Noon

Location: Sandy Creek Park

Registration: Pre-registration is required by calling (706) 613-3631
Limit of 10 people

Fee: \$5/ACC Resident

\$8/Non -ACC Resident

Cook's Trail National Trails Day

Join us on the trail! Trail volunteers all around the country will help clear their favorite trails. For our local trail celebration, we will be working on Cook's Trail beginning at Sandy Creek Park. We will also discuss trail and maintenance issues as we go along. Please wear long pants and closed-toe shoes, and bring a water bottle. We will provide tools and gloves. Meet at 9 a.m. sharp at Sandy Creek Park Cook's Trailhead. Please call ahead to sign up!

Ages: For families and individuals; children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult

Date: Saturday, June 7

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Sandy Creek Park, Cook's Trailhead

Registration: Call (706) 613-3615 x227

Fee: Free for volunteers

Hiking Classes from Sandy Creek Park

Are you interested in learning some basic hiking techniques, map reading, and more? Then join our trained staff on one or all of these hiking adventures in the region. Transportation will be provided for all courses, but please bring a sack lunch for 102 and 103. All participants need to bring a full water bottle and snack, wear good sturdy hiking shoes and be prepared for the weather (rain or shine!)

Ages: Ages 10 years and older

Date: Hiking 101: Sunday, June 29 (Cook's Trail, Athens, GA)

Hiking 102: Sunday, July 27

(Raven Cliff Falls, White Co, GA)

Hiking 103: Sunday, August 24

(Panther Creek Falls, Stephens Co, GA)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: All classes meet at Sandy Creek Park

Registration: Pre-registration is required by calling (706) 613-3631.

Fee: 101: \$3/ACC Resident

\$5/Non-ACC Resident

102 & 103: \$20/ACC Resident

\$30/Non -ACC Resident

DISC GOLF

Chicks with Discs Golf Clinic

Want to learn how to play disc golf? improve your skills and abilities? or try something new altogether? Join professional disc golfer, Sarah Stanhope, as she teaches you tips and techniques to become a skilled player.

Ages: 16 years and older, Females

Date: 1st Thursdays, (June - Aug)

June 5

July 3

August 7

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Sandy Creek Park

Registration: Pre-registration is required by calling 706-613-3631

Fee: \$2 program fee, plus \$2 park entrance fee.

SKY

Starwatch: Shoot the Moon!

Join Sandy Creek Park, the Athens Astronomical Association, and Sandy Creek Nature Center for this one! The moon will be too bright to see the Perseid meteor showers, so enjoy this opportunity to take digital or cell phone pictures of the moon's craters and check out the indoor planetarium, StarLab.

Ages: 10 years and older

Date: Wednesday, August 13

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Location: Sandy Creek Park (Visitor's Center)

Registration: None required

Fee: \$2/ACC Resident

\$3/Non-ACC Resident

ARCHERY

Archery For Beginners

Basic archery instructions for beginners with a strong emphasis on safety.

Ages: 10 years and older

Date: Saturday, June 28

Time: 10:00a.m. - Noon

Location: Sandy Creek Park (Campsite Drive)

Registration: Pre-registration required by calling (706) 613-3631

Fee: \$8/ACC Resident

\$10/Non-ACC Resident



Take Me to the Park

Bring your children or grandchildren out to Sandy Creek Park for an afternoon story, craft and activity.

Ages: 2 - 5 years

Date: Tuesday, June 17

Tuesday, July 15

Tuesday, August 19

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Sandy Creek Park (Visitors Center)

Registration: Pre-registration is required by calling (706) 613-3631.

Fee: \$3/ACC Resident per child
\$5/Non-ACC Resident per child

AND MORE...

Summer Craft Daze

Bring the kids out to Sandy Creek Park for an afternoon summer craft activity in tune with the season. Each month will be a different theme!

Ages: 6 - 12 years

Date: Saturday, June 14

Saturday, July 12

Saturday, August 9

Time: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Sandy Creek Park

Registration: Pre-registration is required by calling (706) 613-3631.

Fee: \$3/ACC Resident per child

\$5/Non-ACC Resident per child

Sandy Creek Park Seniors Stroll Patrol

All seniors are invited to join Sandy Creek Park's Senior Stroll Patrol on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to walk the park, and earn volunteer hours by picking up litter along the roads. One mile, three mile and five mile options are available. Join your friends and make new ones while increasing your health and giving back to your community!

Ages: 65 years and older

Date: Tuesday, June 10

Tuesday, July 8

Tuesday, August 12

Time: 9:00 a.m

Location: Sandy Creek Park (Visitors Center)

Registration: None required

Fee: Free

