

Youth Sports Activities

2019 YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM EXPANSION

An Intergovernmental Agreement
Pilot Project



Intergovernmental Agreement

Purpose:

To work collaboratively with local elected governmental entities in the planning and provision of athletic and recreational programs, services and facilities to meet the needs of the citizens.

Parties:

- ❖ City of Savannah
- ❖ Chatham County
- ❖ Savannah/Chatham County Board of Education

What does the data show?

- Sports activities promote healthy lifestyles and safe environments for stronger neighborhoods and more wholesome communities
- Organized youth sports instill confidence in young athletes to be part of a team and to make new friends in a safe environment
- Young people who participate in athletics study more, get better grades, think more about their future, aspire to attend college, and have lower suspension and expulsion rates.



- National Council of Youth Sports (NCYS) | youthsports@ncys.org
- American Granddad

2018 Program: City of Savannah - Parks & Recreation Department

- Boys and girls teams
- 6 to 17 years of age
- 90 teams & 90 coaches
- 555 youth participants
- City game gymnasiums: Windsor Forest Regional Center, John Delaware Regional Center, Eastside Regional Center (at Shuman Elementary School) and the Tompkins Regional Center.
- Practice gymnasiums: W.W. Law Regional Center and the Grant Center.
- Practices: limited to 2 per week in December and ended once games began in January.
- 2018 basketball season total cost: \$42,000. This includes the cost of site supervisors, officials, scorekeepers, clock operators and police security.

2018 Program: Chatham County Government

- Boys basketball teams
- 5 to 14 years of age
- 24 teams & 50 volunteer coaches
- 240 youth participants
- Gymnasiums (games and practices): Armstrong State University Arena, West Broad YMCA, the Hellenic Center, and Kingdom Life Church Gymnasium.
- 2018 youth basketball program estimated cost: \$28,000. This includes the cost of gym rentals, officials, clock operator and equipment.

2018 Program: Savannah/Chatham County Public School System

- Middle and high school basketball teams for boys and girls
- 11 to 18 years of age
- Gym availability impacted by Georgia High School Association athletic program
- COS able to:
 - Host games at Johnson High School, DeRenne Middle School and Myers Middle School;
 - Host tournaments on one weekend in March at Beach and Jenkins high schools, Oglethorpe Charter School, and Woodville/Tompkins; and
 - Hold practices at Oglethorpe Charter School, Woodville/Tompkins, Myers Middle, DeRenne Middle and Haven Elementary in December.

2019 COS Winter Expansion Goal :

- **906 youth participants (20% increase in youth served)**
- Equates to an additional: **111 youth, 18 teams, 18 coaches, 88 games, 5 practice gyms and 4 practice/game gyms**

2018 SEASON	COS	CCG	Combined Totals	COS 20% Increase	2019 Goal
Total youth served	555	240	795	111	906
Ages served	6-17	5-14	-	-	-
# Teams	90	24	114	18	132
# Coaches	90	50	140	18	158
# Practice-only gyms	5	4	9	5	14
# Practice & game gyms	11	4	15	4	19
Avg. # practices per team	2	2	2	-	2
Avg. # games per team	8	8	8	-	8
Total est. season costs	\$42,000	\$28,000	\$70,000	\$18,000- \$21,000*	\$60,000- \$63,000**

*Figure includes additional increase in funds for facility rentals if needed.

**Costs estimate for City of Savannah program expansion.

New 2019 COS Summer Youth Basketball Program

Costs include:
Site Supervisors, Game Officials, Clock Operators, Score Keepers, Custodians, Security and Team Awards

2019 SEASON	COS
Total youth served	480
Ages served	6-17
# Teams	60
# Coaches	60
# Practice & game gyms	7
Avg. # games per team	8
Total games	280
Total est. season costs	\$44,500

Existing Joint Use Athletic Facilities

COS facilities used by BOE

- **Football:** Morris Field, Jug Knight Field, and COS marks fields for Myers Middle School games
- **Softball:** Paulson Complex
- **Baseball:** Minick and Paulson Complexes
- **Tennis:** Bacon and Daffin Park Tennis Courts
- **Soccer/Lacrosse:** Daffin Park, Morris Field and Jug Knight Field

BOE facilities used by COS

- **Football:** White Bluff elementary, DeRenne middle, Windsor Forest elementary, Hubert middle
- **Basketball:** Jenkins, Johnson, Beach, Woodville/Tompkins high schools; Myers, DeRenne and Hubert and Oglethorpe Charter middle schools; Eastside Elementary School
- **Baseball:** Jenkins and Windsor Forest and Woodville/Tompkins high schools; Hubert, DeRenne middle schools; Windsor Forest and White Bluff elementary schools

Existing Joint Use Athletic Facilities

BOE facilities used by County

- **Basketball:** Stem Academy

County facilities used by BOE

- **Soccer:** Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex
- **Cross Country:** Lake Mayer, Tom Triplett, L. Scott Stell
- **Football:** Memorial Stadium

What we need from the Inter-Governmental Partnership & the Community

Inter-Governmental Partnership

- Practice and Game Facilities
- Additional Funds (2019 Service Enhancement Request)
 - Game officials
 - Security
 - Gym Rentals
 - Other related costs

The Community

- Practice Facilities
- Volunteers
 - Coaches
 - Facility and parking area clean-up
- And Players, of course!

**In closing, we sincerely thank you
for your consideration.**