

September 2019

Athens YMCA

Recent News & Spotlights

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet our member spotlight: Heather Heath! Heather is a huge sports fan and never meets a stranger. She loves listening to music - her favorites are Bon Jovi and AC/DC! She volunteers at Chase Street Elementary and enjoys special outings with Extra Special People's "No Kids Allowed" group. Heather regularly comes in to workout in the women's fitness center, shoot basketball in the gym, and swim in the indoor pool. Her favorite part of the day is showing off her muscles to staff and members! We love Heather!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Staff spotlight: Ben Schultz! Much to his dismay, we've selected our amazing Aquatics Director to be our September staff spotlight. Ben is celebrating 20 years in the Aquatics Department this year! His various positions have included lifeguard, swim instructor, Assistant Aquatics Director and most recently Aquatics Director. When he isn't at the Y, you can find him training for an upcoming race or spending time with his family: wife Holly and children Calvin and Ivey. Ben - you may hate the spotlight but we love having you around! Thank you for 20+ years at the Athens YMCA!



SUMMER 2019 RECAP



Our Camp Kelley recap video is here! We are excited to share with you some of what we did.

\$55,000 in financial assistance

33,000 snacks

574 kids

450 hours

90 sessions of STEAM & literacy

64 sessions of swim instruction

18 Leaders in Training

9 weeks

83 summers

ONE CAMP KELLEY!



Summer swim lessons were a huge success! 260 people took one or multiple sessions of swim lessons. Our Aquatics team works hard to teach every person water safety skills that last a lifetime.



Summer sports camps were amazing! Our sports camps consisted of a Soccer Camp and a Football Camp, both put on by Clarke Central, Basketball Camp put on by Tony Sorrells and Volleyball Camp put on by Emily Wood. We had 92 kids participate in one or multiple camps!

Upcoming Events

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for our second annual Trunk or Treat!
Thursday, October 24th.

5:15 pm to 6:15 pm
children with special needs
and their families

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
open to the public

Cost
\$2 per child
(no cost for children with special needs)



We would love for you to participate! Registration going on now for trunks. Visit athensymca.org/trunk-or-treat for full guidelines and details. Email jacqueline@athensymca.org if you are interested in having a trunk!

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP



**Join in
September
and save!**

Join in September and save! Bring in a box of pre-packaged snacks for our after-school program and have your joiner fee reduced to \$10. Save up to \$140 and give back to the Y!

BREAD SALES



Bread sales are back! Master Castro will be selling home-made bread and baked goods the first and third Wednesday of every month. Check out our social media pages for any special items he is bringing! Benefiting our Youth TaeKwonDo program. Cash or check only.

HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

We are excited to host a Health & wellness Hands-On clinic put on by the Shepherd Center & Georgia Golf Association. This event will be Saturday, October 26th from 10 am to 3 pm for individuals with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities. The Adaptive Golf & Hand Cycling Clinic is \$25 and limited to 12 people. Visit <https://athensymca.org/health-wellness-hands-on-clinic> to learn more and register!



JINGLE BELL MILE SWIM

Our third Jingle Bell Mile Swim will take place mid-October! Details and registration information coming soon!



Upcoming Events

KINDERMARKET



Registration for kindermarket going on now!!!
Interested in volunteering? Volunteers shop first!
Email kindermarket@athensymca.org to register to sell and volunteer. Visit athensymca.org/kindermarket for sale dates and times!

FOOD 2 KIDS



We will be collecting food for the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia Food 2 Kids program during October! The Food Bank's current largest needs are: pasta, peanut butter, jelly, instant potatoes, condiments, canned meats, sugar, rice and cereal. We will be collecting this items and more all October long! To learn more about the Food Bank or Northeast Georgia, visit foodbanknega.org.

Facility Closings and Information

UPCOMING FACILITY INFO



As we move into the holiday season, we will have modified hours. Please check our website for holiday hours in the coming months.

The Athens YMCA will be closed on the following days:

Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Year's Eve
New Year's Day

Indoor Pool Closing

The indoor pool will be closed from December 26th to December 30th for maintenance. We plan to resume regular pool hours when the facility reopens on Thursday, January 2nd.