

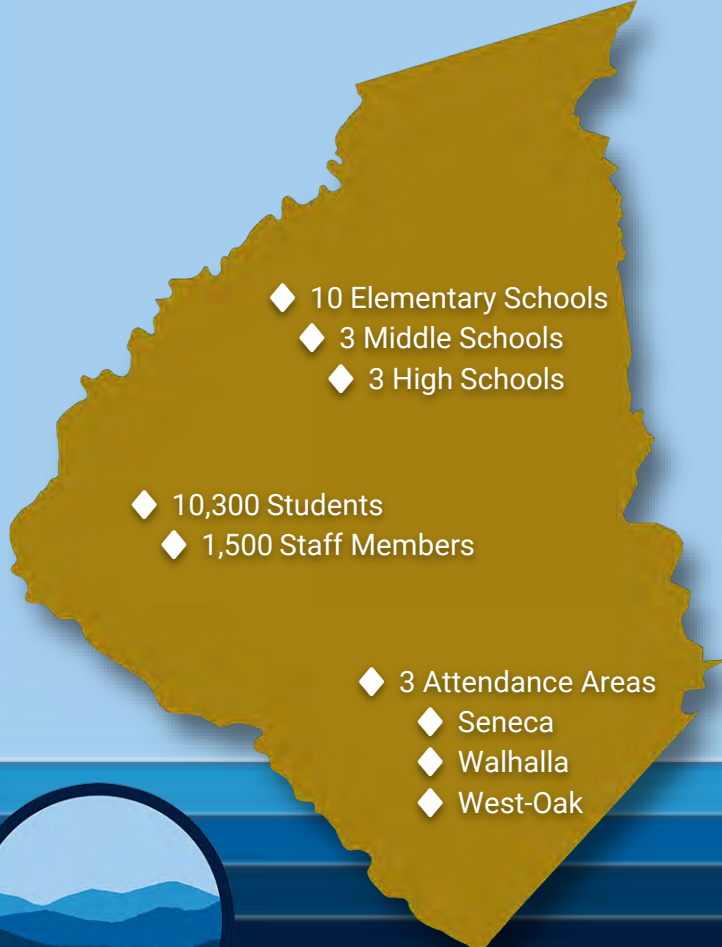


3RD GRADE SAFETY

SURVIVAL SWIMMING

the  YMCA





- ◆ 10 Elementary Schools
- ◆ 3 Middle Schools
- ◆ 3 High Schools

- ◆ 10,300 Students
- ◆ 1,500 Staff Members

- ◆ 3 Attendance Areas
 - ◆ Seneca
 - ◆ Walhalla
 - ◆ West-Oak



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY



592
MILES OF
SHORELINE



7 BODIES
OF WATER



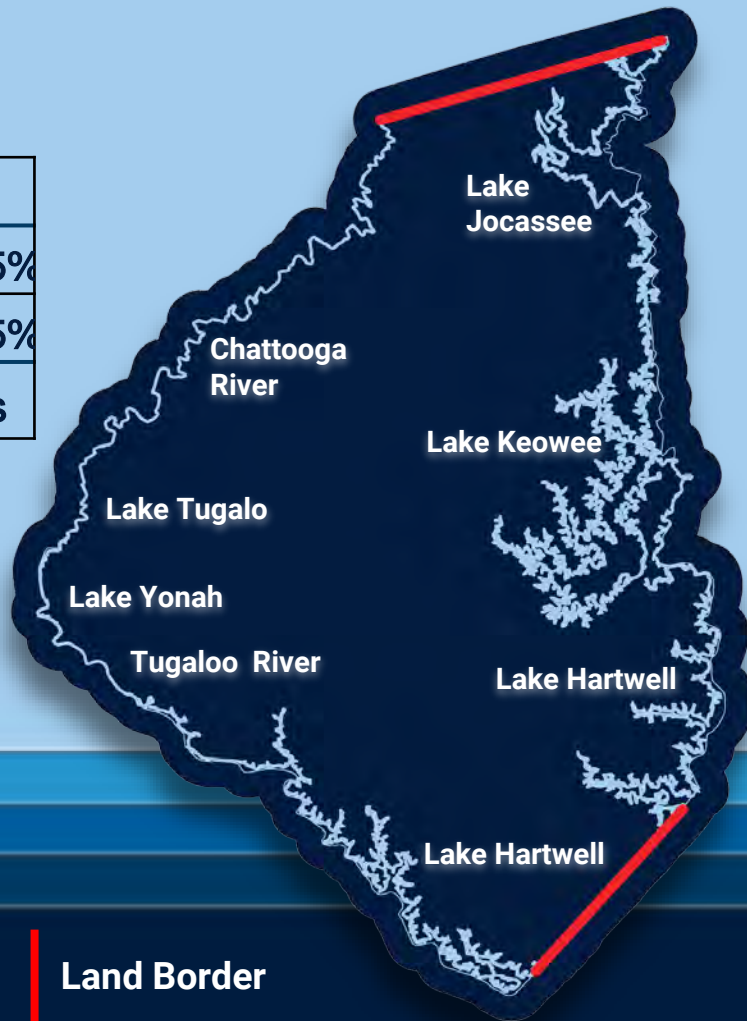
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84.5% WATER



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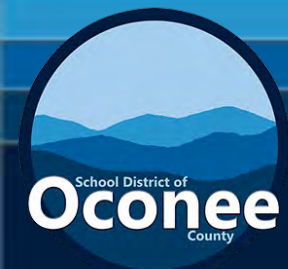
BORDERS

Perimeter	Miles	%
Water	125.7	84.5%
Land	23.1	15.5%
TOTAL		148.8 miles



SHORELINE

Body of Water	Miles
Lake Hartwell	222.8
Lake Jocassee	57.7
Lake Keowee	257.5
Lake Tugalo	5.4
Lake Yonah	4.0
Chattooga River	40.0
Tugaloo River	4.4
TOTAL 591.8 miles	



Land Border

OCONEE COUNTY

Fatal drowning is the ^{2nd} leading cause of unintentional injury death for children aged 14 and under

79% of children in households with income ~~less~~ than \$50,000 have ~~few-to-no~~ swimming skills

65% of African American
45% of Hispanic/Latino
40% of Caucasian children have ~~few-to-no~~ swimming skills

OCONEE COUNTY KIDS NEED TO KNOW HOW TO BE SAFE AROUND WATER



When parents have no/low swimming skills, their children are unlikely to have proficient swimming skills. This affects

78% of African American children
67% of Caucasian children
62% of Hispanic/Latino children



Statistics from StopDrowningNow.org

OCONEE COUNTY

KEOWEE KEY LEARN TO SWIM & WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

*Long standing (20+ years) partnership with Keowee Key, local community with an indoor fitness center, founded **Ellen Stumpf***

Keowee Elementary 3rd graders learned basic CPR, water safety, swim strokes, and the importance of the "Buddy System"

5 week program with a certified swim instructor and community volunteers

Editor

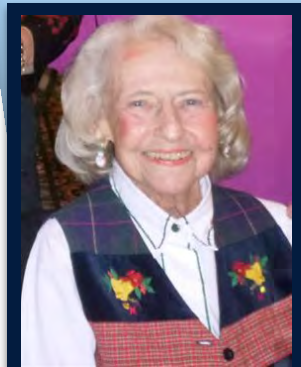
WE NEED A YMCA

I recently read an article the Journal wrote on the hopeful plans for the YMCA.

Nineteen years ago I started a "Learn to Swim and Water Safety Program" for third grade Keowee Elementary School children. We can successfully say that we were able to teach all the children the basic strokes as well as CPR and water safety, stressing the necessity of the "Buddy System". With the help of many volunteers and a certified swimming instructor, the five week program was received with great enthusiasm and success for these children, who otherwise might not have this opportunity.

I truly hope the YMCA will find the support needed to continue this most needy and worth-while project so that all children in Oconee County will enjoy the same opportunity as the third grade students at Keowee Elementary School.

Ellen Stumpf
Salem



BACKGROUND

◆ Initial discussions with YMCA Board about possible financial support for new facility that would include a pool

◆ SDOC Leadership sought counsel on legality of financially supporting a community organization

May - USDA loan for construction of new facility approved
October - Groundbreaking on Foothills YMCA Cottingham Campus

February 1st - Grand opening of Foothills YMCA Cottingham Campus

August - Planned to begin 3rd grade swimming program (cancelled due to COVID-19)

2012-2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

April 17th - SDOC Board approves \$3M commitment at \$150,000/year for 20 years

June - Oconee Medical Holdings Board of Directors transfers property to Foothills YMCA

February Construction Begins

July - SDOC Makes ~~of~~ 20 payments to Foothills YMCA in the amount of \$150,000

October 12th - First SDOC 3^d graders arrive at the pool to begin water safety training



TIMELINE



Minutes of the April 3, 2017 Work Session Meeting of the School District of Oconee County Board of Trustees – 6:00 pm – School District of Oconee County Board Room, 414 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

Division Reports (00:38:57)

Superintendent's Report

Greg Enders, Chairman of the Board with the YMCA, presented an update to the board on the current status of constructing a YMCA facility in Oconee County. Currently, the Foothills YMCA has secured land on the west side of the Oconee Memorial Hospital (GHS) campus. Next steps include: formalizing land ownership, securing a construction loan, continuing the design process, cultivating additional partnerships, and a capital campaign effort. Mr. Enders stated a YMCA facility in Oconee County will align with SDOC's desire to teach all kids to swim by having a state-of-the-art swimming pool for community use. Mr. Enders requested board action to confirm a financial commitment toward the YMCA project.

Add Law that allows us to give the money to YMCA

Minutes of the April 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting of the School District of Oconee County Board of Trustees – 6:00 pm – School District of Oconee County Board Room, 414 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

A motion was made by Mr. Rukat and seconded by Mr. Lee to approve three million dollars of funding from district capital accounts to support the construction of a YMCA facility. The funding is to be paid to the Foothills YMCA in annual \$150,000 payments over a 20 year period. The district reserves the right to make early payments if funding allows. This funding was approved specifically for expanding the elementary PE curriculum to include swimming instruction and for creating at least one high school swim team to compete with other state high schools. Funding will begin following the district bond sale in 2018 or 2019.

Motion Passed 4-0, Mrs. McCormick Abstained



SCHOOL BOARD PERSPECTIVE



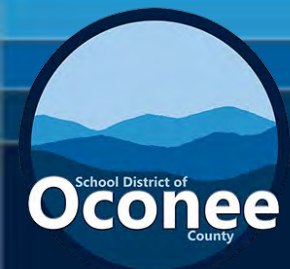
Christle Ross
Chief Executive Officer



Grayce Howard
Aquatics Director



Liz Keenen
Swim Instructor



FOOTHILLS YMCA



◆ *Groups of 450 kids per session*

◆ *2 sessions per day*

◆ *6 total lessons*

◆ *Students wear COLORED "bands" indicate their skill level*

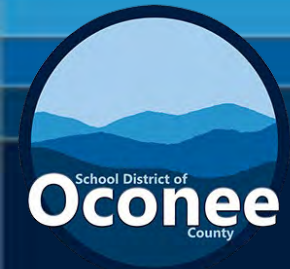
◆ *Volunteers wear matching COLORED bandana*

◆ *1 volunteer per 3 kids*

ADD PICTURE

*Arrive at the Y 10:55am
In the Pool 11:05am
Out of the Pool 11:40am
Leave the Y 12:00pm*

*Time in the pool 35 minutes
Total time: 75-90 minutes depending
on distance of school to the YMCA*



LOGISTICS





James M Brown (Oct 12,13,14,19,20,21)
 Keowee/Tamassee-Salem (Oct 26,27,28, Nov 2,3,4)
 Walhalla (Nov 9,10,11,16,17,18)

Fair-Oak (Nov 30, Dec 1, 2, 7, 8, 9)
 Orchard Park (Jan 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20)
 Westminster (Jan 25, 26, 27, Feb 1, 2, 3)

Blue Ridge (Feb 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17)
 Northside (Feb 22, 23, 24, Mar 1, 2, 3)
 Ravenel (Mar 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17)

Draft SDOC Elementary School Swim Calendar at Foothills Area YMCA

July 2021						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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August 2021						
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October 2021						
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November 2021						
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December 2021						
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January 2022						
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February 2022						
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March 2022						
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School Day

Teacher Inservice

Holiday



SAMPLE SCHEDULE



GOAL: SELF RESCUE & BASIC WATER SAFETY TO PREVENT DROWNING

Personal Water Safety/Self Rescue Skills

Jump, Push, Turn, Grab

Swim, Float, Swim

Survival Float

Treading

Water Exit: Elbow, Elbow,

Tummy, Knee

Introduction to Boating Safety

Canoe: Safe Boarding

Canoe: Recovery with partner from the water

Self-recovery from Under a Floating Object

Safe Rescue of Others

Reach or Throw, Don't

Go

Use of Personal Flotation Device

Proper Fit

Put on a PFD (on land & in water)

Cold Water Survival

H.E.L.P. (Heat Escape Lessening Posture) Float

Shoulder to Shoulder Survival Huddle

Floating Carpet Formation (modified)

Cold-Water Gasp Reflex Drill



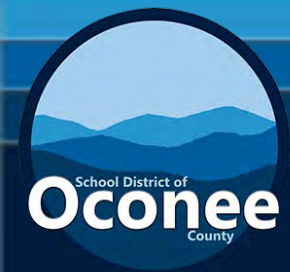
CURRICULUM



RECRUITMENT

TRAINING

COMMITMENT



VOLUNTEERS



ADD INFO ABOUT
VOLUNTEERS

?? Total volunteers
?? of those were a part
of the Keowee
program



VOLUNTEERS





Why Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays?

- ◆ *Allows for reminders to students the day before*
- ◆ *Most inservice/holidays are Mondays or Fridays*

Why 3rd Graders?

By 3rd grade, most students are able to stand in the shallow end of a pool.

What about students who don't have a swimsuit?

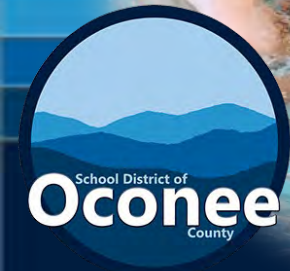
Several community organizations donated suits and towels to those in need. This is also a great opportunity for parent groups (PTO, PTA, etc.) to come alongside the program.

How do you manage changing/wet items?

Students are encouraged to come to school wearing their swimsuit under their clothes along with a bag with their undergarments and a towel. After lessons, students change in the YMCA locker room, putting wet suits and towels in the designated area.

What about students who can't get in the water?

Accommodations are available for students unable or unsure about getting in the water as well as for students with special needs.



COMMON QUESTIONS

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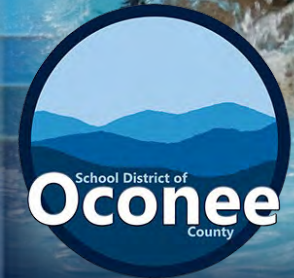


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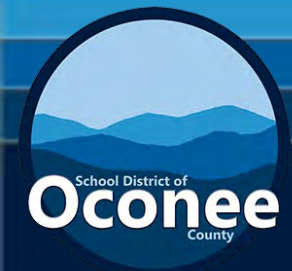


COMMON CONCERNS

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***NEED INFO ON LAND
STATIONS, SPECIAL NEEDS
STUDENTS, ETC.***



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ACCOMMODATIONS



BEFORE COTTHILLS YMCA COTTINGHAM CAMPUS OF



2 swimmers 2017

◆ Primary option for students was a paid, out of county "club" swim team

◆ Districtwide swim team was formed in 2017 to allow students to compete in SCHS competitions



7 swimmers 2018



12 swimmers 2019



HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEAM



AFTER ROTHILLS YMCA COTTINGHAM CAMPUS OPEN

PARTICIPATION HAS GROWN EXPONENTIALLY



28 swimmers - 2020

◆ 2020 Boys & Girls teams finished 12th at the SCHSL State Championships

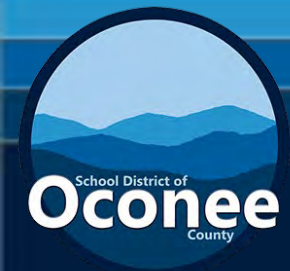
◆ 2021 Boys team finished 6th, Girls team finished 10th at the SCHSL State Championships



40 swimmers - 2021

FUTURE

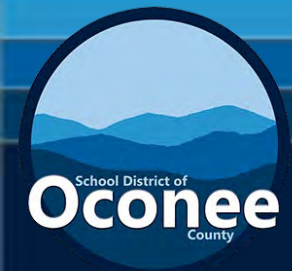
◆ Individual teams for each high school.



HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEAM



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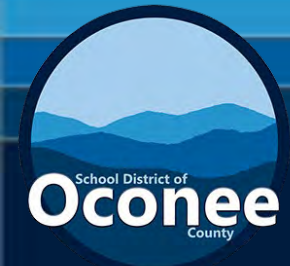


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- Curriculum Outline
- Parental Permission Form
- Informational Book for Parents



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