

STONINGTON  
**COMO**

# WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE *2023-24*



**THE STONINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

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# WINTER 2023 PROGRAMS AT THE COMO

## COMO KIDS: A state-licensed childcare program

### EXPERIENCED STAFF, NURTURING ENVIRONMENT, LIMITLESS FUN

COMO Kids is more than just before and after care. Our highly-trained and compassionate staff are committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and fun atmosphere with a curriculum that emphasizes educational and social growth. COMO Kids enjoy access to the entire 16-acre COMO campus with activities that spark curiosity, encourage exploration, fuel imaginations, and promote healthy friendships and community building. When it comes to the well-being and development of your children, there's no better choice than COMO Kids! Before School Begins at 7 a.m. | After School Ends at 6 p.m.

Currently enrolling for the 2023-24 school year.

Flexible scheduling with two, three, four, or five-day care & drop-in options.

COMO Kids is an ideal enrichment opportunity to add to your homeschool curriculum!



## DORIS MULLER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

### A NATIONALLY-ACCREDITED PROGRAM OFFERING A VARIETY OF SCHEDULING OPTIONS TO MEET OUR FAMILIES' NEEDS:



The COMO offers full-day preschool for two, three, four, or five days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with before and after care options, starting as early as 7 a.m. and ending as late as 6 p.m. In addition, we offer the choice to enroll in our morning preschool program that runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Families can pick and choose to create a preschool program that works best for their schedules!

Currently enrolling for 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

Secure your spot on the wait list today - see website for details.



## SCHOOL'S OUT! VACATION CHILDCARE



### WHEN SCHOOL'S OUT!, THE COMO IS IN SESSION!

COMO's School's Out! is a fun, curriculum-based, program for families with youth in grades K-8 who need care during scheduled school vacations and days off. Register for full or half day sessions, or a mix!

Participants engage in exciting activities throughout the COMO campus, utilizing areas such as the pottery studio, tennis courts, makerspace, soccer fields, outdoor classroom, Children's Garden, and MORE! Before care beginning at 7 a.m. and after care ending at 6 p.m. are available. School's Out! is open to all in the community.

### 2023 -24 DATES:

November 7 | December 26-29 | February 20 | March 6 | April 8-12 | May 2



## BASKETBALL

### YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES [Ages 3-Grade 2]

COMO Youth Basketball helps kids become better basketball players by introducing the game to them through a progressive age-specific leveled program. Players are taught fundamental basketball skills such as passing, dribbling, shooting, footwork, and defense. Players will receive a team t-shirt.

\$130 (member) \$160 (non-member)

**Co-Ed Leagues [Ages 3-4] 4-4:45 pm [Gr K-1] 5-6 pm**

Tues + Thurs | Dec 5-28 | Jan 9-Feb 1 | Feb 6-29

**Boys [Gr 1-2] 5:30-6:30 pm | Girls [Gr 1-2] 6:30-7:30 pm**

Mon + Wed | Dec 4-27 | Jan 8-31 | Feb 5-28

### COMO/REC BASKETBALL [Grades 3-8]

Intended for all skill levels with an emphasis on athletic enjoyment, instruction, fundamentals, sportsmanship and equal playing time. Team practices are held once during the week at any one of the area schools (dates depends on the team). League games, also held in Stonington and are scheduled on Saturdays starting Dec 2 through Feb 24 (including make up dates) Register through Stonington Human Services at <https://stonington.recdesk.com/>

*Skills Day: Saturday, Nov 11 9:30-1:00 pm at SHS Gymnasium*

- Co-Ed [Grades 3-4]
- Boys [Grades 5-6] [Grades 7-8]
- Girls [Grades 5-6] [Grades 7-8]

### TRAIN WITH COACH TJ FAETH [Ages 5-35]

Private Workout 30 min/60 min sessions starting at \$10

Group Workout 30 min/60 min sessions starting at \$40

## KARATE

### KARATE [Ages 4-16]

COMO Karate teaches children the life skills and lessons to develop healthy self-esteem, making it possible for them to enter society with confidence and enthusiasm. In addition to a quality program, families can be sure that students will be attending one of the most affordable karate schools in the area with NO annual contract.

**Dragons [Ages 4-6] Tues 4:30-5 pm | \$40**

**Ninjas [Ages 5-7] Tues 5-5:30 pm | \$40**

**Youth Beginner [Ages 7-10] Thurs 4:30 - 5 pm | \$40**

**Youth Advanced [Ages 8-16] Thurs 5 - 5:45 pm | \$50**

*\*COMO Membership required. Program runs all year.*

## YOUTH THEATRE

### THEATRE AT THE COMO WITH ERIN SHEA

Eight weeks of classes full of theatre games, creative movement, and working towards a small performance. This program will give youth a creative outlet, build confidence, and provide a first experience of being on stage to explore what might end up as their biggest passion!

\*Please check website for most up to date information.

### {SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE}

*\*THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.*

## MAKERSPACE

### TINKERING TUESDAYS [Gr K-2]

This STEAM program engages children in the world of being a maker. Each week will include hands-on projects that spur innovation and promote creative problem-solving. Such topics will include the use of the COMO's Makerspace equipment.

**Tuesdays 4-4:45 pm Dec 12-Jan 23 (No class Dec 26)**

Jan 30-Mar 26 (No class Feb. 20)

\$105 (member) \$135 (non-member)

### MAKER CLUB [Grades 3-6]

Join the COMO Maker Club for access to the COMO Makerspace and equipment including 3D printers and laser cutters! The COMO Makerspace is a space where students can gather to tinker, create, explore, and discover in a collaborative and safe space. Dependent upon the project designs, material fees may apply for larger projects.

**Thursdays 4-5:15 pm**

Nov 2-Dec 14 (No class Nov 23) | Dec 21-Feb 1 (No class Dec 28)

Feb 21-Mar 27 (No class Mar 20)

\$180 (member) \$210 (non-member)

### HOMESCHOOL MAKER CLUB [All Ages]

Create your own homeschool class in the COMO Makerspace. Classes are led by COMO STEAM Director and centered around the makerspace's collection of 3D printers and laser cutter. Available Tuesdays and Fridays between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Email [v.witte@thecomomakerspace.org](mailto:v.witte@thecomomakerspace.org) to schedule.

## YOUTH POTTERY

### YOUTH POTTERY ON THE WHEEL [Ages 9-15]

In this class students will explore throwing on the wheel, hand-building, and glazing as they learn and practice creating with clay. By the end of the session, your child will have a wonderful portfolio of finished works.

No experience required.

**Wednesdays 4-6 pm | Dec 13-Feb 7 (No class Dec 27)**

Feb 21-April 17 (No class Apr 10)

\$210(member) \$240 (non-member)

### PRIVATE POTTERY LESSONS [All Ages]

Private lessons are one-on-one pottery lessons available for beginner to advanced potters. Students can work on a variety of specific projects with instructor. Group lessons are the same base fee with an additional \$75 per person to account for clay. See website for pricing information.

## JUNIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

*Building leaders through volunteerism & community service.*

### JLP SERVICE HIGHLIGHT:

Junior Leaders take part in community-based initiatives during the year. Their next service project will be packing holiday meal boxes on November 18th and December 16th at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. Apply to be a junior leader today! Open to youth entering grades 8-12.

**New Junior Leaders: \$290 | Returning Junior Leaders: \$194**

*\*Fees for the Junior Leadership Program include a COMO Youth Membership*



## BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE COMO

The COMO offers birthday party packages for kids of different ages and interests! All parties include theme-specific invitations. Choose between four COMO Birthday Party Packages:

**Arts & Crafts Party:** Available Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at COMO Makerspace. Ages four and up. Choose from 5 different themes. Includes ten children, \$25/per add'l guest, fifteen guest max. Price: \$400 non-member, \$350 member

**Pottery Party:** Offered Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at COMO Pottery Studio. Ages four and up for hand-building, nine and up for wheel throwing. Seven guests max. Price: \$500 non-member, \$450 member

**3D Print Party:** Offered 2nd & 4th Fridays, 4 - 6 p.m. or 7 - 9 p.m. at COMO Makerspace. Ages six and up. Eight guests max. Price: \$500 non-member, \$450 member

**Basketball Party:** Held at COMO Gymnasium. Please Request Time & Date in Inquiry. Ages three and up. 20 guests max. Price: \$400 non-member, \$350 member

## RAFFETTO'S PALATE COOKING CLASSES

Participants will cook in small teams and learn how ingredients work together to make flavorful dishes. Bring your favorite wine or brew to enjoy. Must be 21+. Bring your own containers to take home any leftovers! For gluten-free options or other allergy accommodations, email [p.rouquayrol@thecomomo.org](mailto:p.rouquayrol@thecomomo.org) at least three days prior to class.

5:30-8 PM | \$70 per person | Ages 21+ | 2nd/4th Fri  
Please check website for menus & most up to date information.

## COMO THRIFT



45 CUTLER ST. STONINGTON, CT  
OPEN TUES-SAT 10-4, SUN 12-4  
DONATIONS ACCEPTED TUES-SAT

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## AFTER HOURS



**MONDAY, NOV 13 6-8 PM**

**COME GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!**

*Festive Holiday Decor and Home Goods  
Seasonal Light Refreshments  
Unique gifts, ornaments, art and much more!*

## VOLUNTEER WITH US

Share a little time, make a big difference. Volunteer opportunities include coaching youth athletics, helping at the Thrift Shop, serving on an event committee, and more! Learn more and sign up at [thecomomo.org](http://thecomomo.org)



## ADULT POTTERY

### ADULT POTTERY CLASSES [Ages 16+]

Open to all. No experience required. Instructor will teach according to each student's skill level. You will learn the fundamentals of throwing on the wheel, hand-building and glazing; so that by the end of the class you will have a portfolio of finished work. The main goal of this class is to create, as well as appreciate, expressive and beautiful three-dimensional clay forms. Classes include a weekly bench time on Saturdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

#### Pottery with Justin

Tues 3-5:30 pm, 6-8:30 pm: Nov 14-Jan 16 | Jan 30-Mar 19  
Thurs 12-2:30 pm: Jan 11-Feb 29  
\$315.00 (member) \$345.00 (non-member)

#### Pottery with Grace

Wed 1-3:30 pm: Dec 13-Feb 7 | Feb 21-April 10  
Thurs 6-8:30 pm: Dec 14-Feb 8 | Feb 22-April 11  
Sat 9-11:30 am: Dec 16-Feb 10 | Feb 24-April 13  
\$260.00 (member) \$290.00 (non-member)

### SIP 'N' SPIN

6-8 PM | \$65 per person | Ages 21+

Offered year-round the first and third Friday of each month. BYOB to sip through a professional wheel throwing demo. Then, throw your own creations on the pottery wheel or by hand-building.

### INDEPENDENT POTTER PROGRAM

To qualify as an independent potter, you must have taken a class in the COMO pottery studio within the year and be approved by a COMO instructor. An experienced COMO instructor must approve new applicants. Email [pottery@thecomomo.org](mailto:pottery@thecomomo.org) to find out more information.

## RACQUET MEMBERSHIPS

Paddle season is here! Head to the COMO website to check out our full paddle tennis membership benefits, including the ability to reserve court time and book private lessons with our nationally-ranked COMO racquet pro! Everyone can benefit from and enjoy this vibrant, action-packed, outdoor, cold weather game. We host and support instructional clinics, recreational and social play, leagues and tournament play. You must be a COMO Paddle or Racquet member to use the COMO Paddle courts.

**NEW**

## INDOOR PICKLEBALL

### COMING SOON! PICKLEBALL AT THE COMO

Three indoor pickleball courts available inside the COMO gymnasium. Stay tuned for details. Check website for most up to date information.