



# City of Gulfport Youth Programs



## From Toddlers to Teens

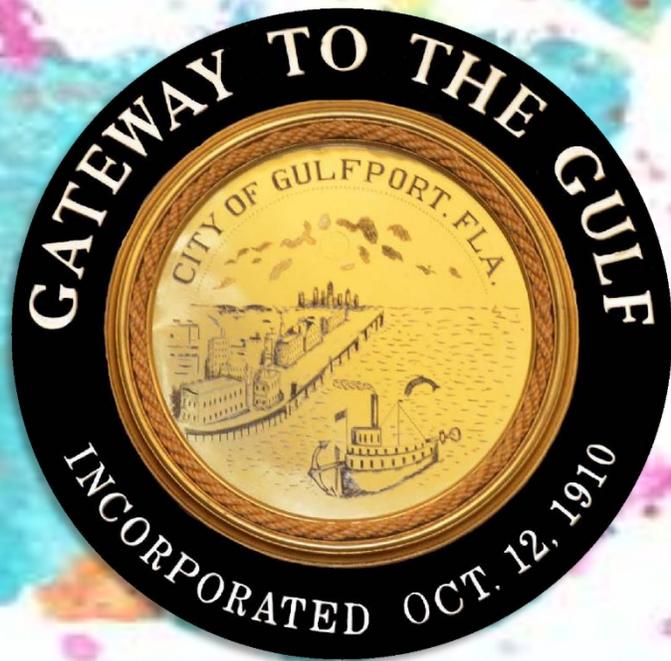




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## City of Gulfport



**The City of Gulfport offers quality programming for the youth community to learn, socialize and just have fun offering several interactive activities.**



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## Gulfport Teen Council

### Teen Council:



**The Gulfport Teen Council** advises and makes recommendations to the City Council on equipment needs and budgetary considerations. The Teen Council has ten (10) members; seven (7) regular members and three (3) alternate members. Ages 13 to 19. Terms are for one (1) year and run currently with the school year.



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## Gulfport Police Explorers

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**Police exploring** is for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 19 who are interested in a career in the field of law enforcement. Applicants must be enrolled in high school and currently have a GPA of 2.0, or possess a high school diploma; have good moral character; have no criminal history.



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Recreation

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## Gulfport Recreation Center

*Gulfport  
Recreation  
Division*  
*A Multi-Generational Leader*



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## Gulfport Recreation Center

### Preschool Programs:



The **Tot Time Program** is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. This program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. 2-3-5 days weekly available. Contact: 727-893-1068.



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### Preschool Programs:



The **VPK Program** is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. VPK is **FREE** for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. This program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. 2-3-5 days. To qualify, contact Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas at 727-400-4405.



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### School Age Programs:



**The School Year Child Care Program** is for children Kindergarten thru age 14. Quality program, provides recreational, social, creative and enriching activities at a cost affordable to families. Licensed by the Pinellas County License Board and the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas, Inc. To qualify for low income, call 727-400-4402. Registration and program information: 727-893-1068.



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### School Age Programs:



The Recreation Center bus picks up children at Pasadena Fundamental Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary, Gulfport Elementary and Douglas Jamerson Elementary.



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### School Age Programs:



The **School Year Child Care Program** offers extended care from 5:30 – 6 p.m. for those parents who get out a little later. The additional cost is \$20 per month per child. Call 727-893-1068.



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### Teen Night Program:



**The Teen Night Program** is a great hang out for teens in grades 6-12. Recreation and social activities, monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Call 727-893-1068.



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### Summer Program:



**The Summer Recreation Program** is a quality program that provides a nurturing atmosphere with recreational, social, creative and enriching activities at a cost affordable to families. Daily activities include arts and crafts, field trips, sports, special classes and much more. For children completed K – age 14.



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### Summer Program:



**The Summer Recreation Program as well as other programs provide snacks throughout the day. The Summer Food Service Program offers breakfast and lunch which is provided by the Pinellas County Food Service. All registered in the Summer Program receive breakfast and lunch, plus available to children outside the program under 18.**



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### Youth Classes:



#### **CHITO RYU KARATE**

Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Learn defense, self-control and self-confidence with an instructor with over 26 years in Karate and 23 years in black belt experience. Call 727-459-1319.



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### Youth Classes:



### Children's Cheerleading

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. for girls 4-6 years old. Tumbling, mat safety, dance routines and cheers. Call 727-893-1068.



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### Youth Classes:

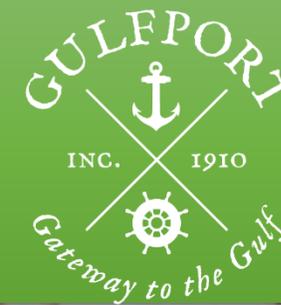


#### Tennis

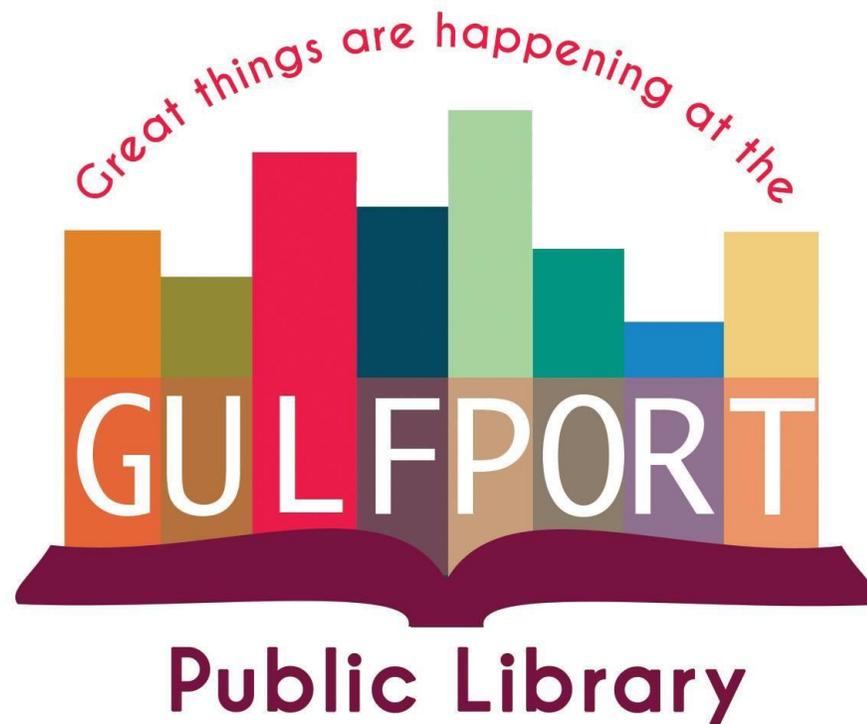
Chase Park: Beginner, Tuesday 5-6 pm  
Chase Park: Intermediate, Friday 5-6 pm  
Call 727-280-4276.



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### Storytime Programs:



**Toddler Storytime is every Thursday @ 10:30.**  
Open to babies to pre-k with a caregiver. We sing songs, read stories, blow bubbles and make new friends!

*\*Stick around the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month after story-time for **Community Play-date** at 11 am!*



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### **Mommy & Me Yoga:**



Mommy & Me Yoga is the first Tuesday of every month at 10:15 and is taught by RYT Christa Fairbrother. It's open to babies ages 8 weeks to 18 months. The class will feature stretching and awareness exercises for adults and age appropriate movement play for babies. Come play and have fun in a supportive environment.



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### School age programs:



**Kids Yoga:** Fourth Thursday, 3:30 p.m.  
**Family Yoga Fun!** Ages 3- 10. In addition to weekly programs, we also offer monthly kids yoga for children ages 5-10. It's a fun and interactive way for kids to engage in storytelling as well as remain active and focused in a yoga pose.



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### School Age Programs:



Robotics Club is the third Tuesday of every month. We build with Lego Mindstorm, and practice making circuits with Littlebits. It's open to all ages 8-12.



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### School Age Programs:



**Science Club for K-5th:** Science Club is STEAM oriented (science, technology, engineering, art & math) is a hands on, fun, and interactive way for children to learn about the world around them. Parents are encouraged to get in on the fun!



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### Tinker Lab:



Our tinker lab is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 3-5. We welcome young engineers to build their own robots using Lego Mindstorm, Littlebits and other fun circuitry kits.



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### School Age Programs:





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### School Age Programs: Maya & Reading PAWS



READING Paws utilizes nationally registered animal-owner/handler Therapy Teams who volunteer to go to schools, libraries, and many other settings as reading companions for children.



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### Outreach:



Cultural Family Dinner is an annual dinner hosted by the youth services librarian and sponsored by our Circle of Friends board. Each year we highlight a different country and it's culture.

Traditional food is catered by a local restaurant, a traditional folktale or story is read and there is a hands on cultural activity for children.



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### Teen Program:



**Teen Hangout:** Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:30 pm. Play XBOX, watch movies, get help with homework, listen to music, and just have fun.



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### Teen Program:



**Our Young Adult Programming is not only designed to give our teens a safe and fun place to hangout it is also a way to interact and get to know those we serve.**

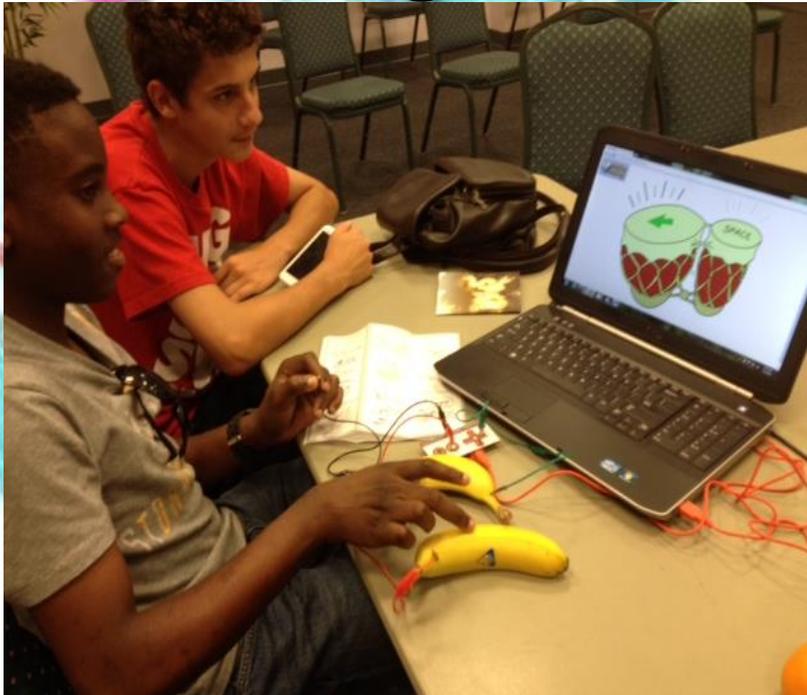


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### Teen Program:



We embrace the tech culture of young adults. They can be great teachers of new technologies!



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### Bright Futures Volunteering:

The library is a great place for teens to gain some real world experience by volunteering! Our bright future volunteers help us run programs for the younger kids as well as helping out with daily tasks like shelving books, magazines, and newspapers.





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### The Summer Reading Program:

**PIZZA BOOM READ**

**JUNE 9 @ 3PM  
MAD SCIENCE**  
We'll be joined by some mad scientists mixing up chaotic chemistry in the library!

**JUNE 16 @ 3PM  
EXTRAORDINARY ENGINEERS**  
We know you're already a great engineer! Come help us build bridges, buildings, and other structures!

**JUNE 23 @ 3PM  
ART • SCIENCE = WONDER**  
We're combining art and science to make our own beautiful kinetic sculptures!

**JUNE 30TH @ 3PM  
AMAZING ARCHAEOLOGY!**  
We'll be joined by real archaeologists as they help us dig for Florida treasures!

**JULY 7 @ 3PM  
SUPER HERO SCIENCE**  
Using their powers for super fun science!

**JULY 14 @ 3PM  
BRINIAC BEES**  
Local beekeeper Ashly Bargman will be joining us to teach us all about how smart and important bees are to our everyday life!

**JULY 21ST @ 3PM  
THE SCIENCE OF SOUND**  
Come join the musical madness as we make our own instruments and have our own kids concert.

**\*\*\*END OF SUMMER EVENT  
DIFFERENT START TIME\*\*\***

**JULY 25 @ 1PM  
WONDERS OF NATURE**  
We'll get up close with some of Florida's finest and fiercest birds of prey! Come see raptors, parrots, and other animals fly through the library!

**\*\*\*END OF SUMMER EVENT  
DIFFERENT START TIME\*\*\***

**SPARK**

**JUNE 22 @ 3PM  
SILENT LIBRARY-  
GULFPORT EDITION**  
Do you have what it takes to win the challenge?

**JUNE 28 @ 3PM  
MYTHBUSTERS: FOOD  
EDITION**  
Let's see if we can actually fry an egg on the sidewalk, make mentos and coke rockets, make a working convection oven for smores, and what really happens when you mix milk and red bull? Don't try this at home that's what the library is for!

**JUNE 25 @ 3PM  
OR WHO???**  
Calling all Whovians! Come help us make sonic screw drivers and mini tards.

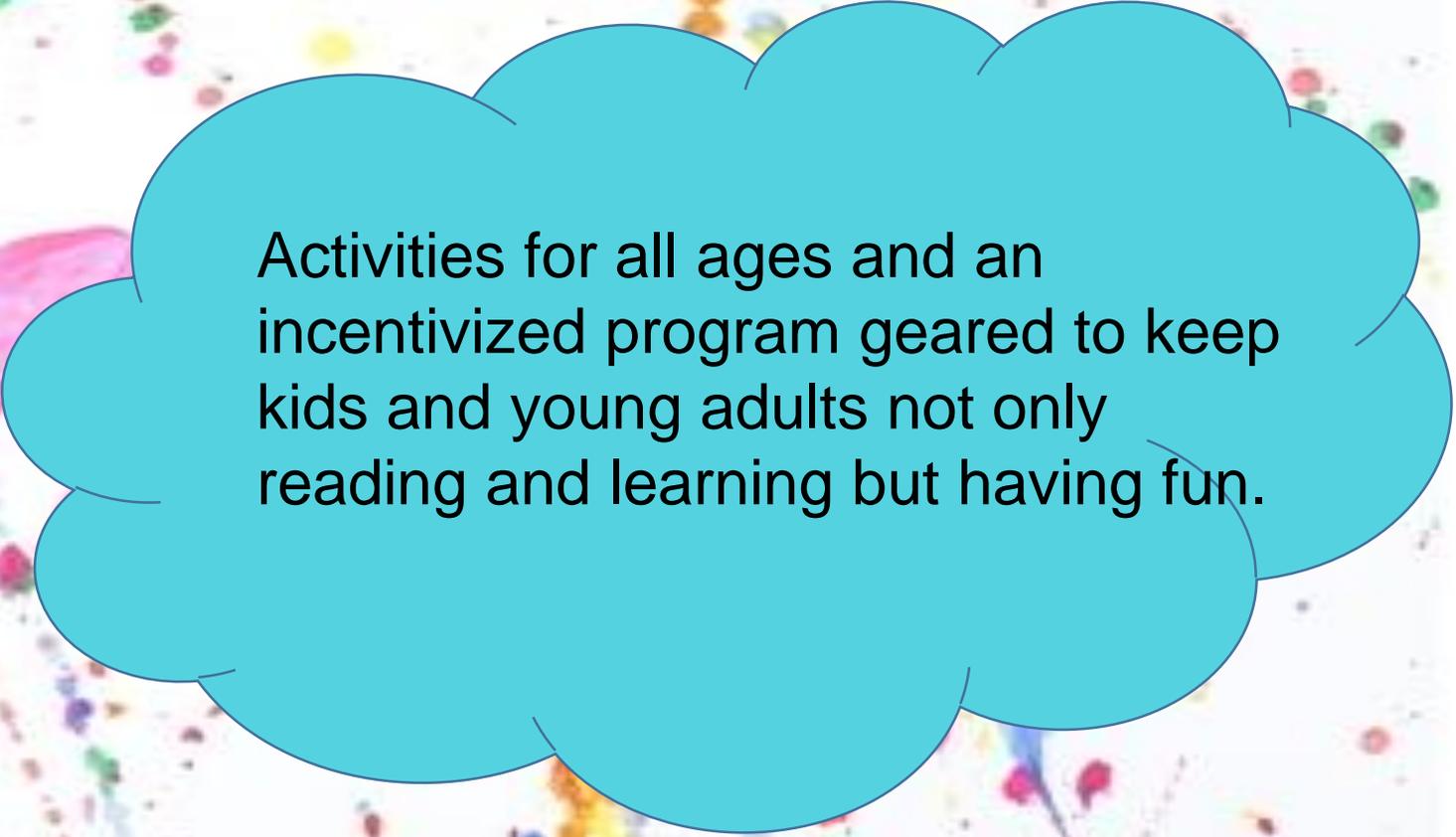
**JULY 2 @ 3PM  
MAKE-A-MAKEY**  
Harness the power of fruit and turn it into controllers for computers and video games. Think it can't be done? We'll explain how.

**JULY 9 @ 3PM  
3D PRINTING**  
The future is now! Behold the coolest thing any of us have ever seen... 3D items printed right before our eyes!

**JULY 16 @ 3PM  
WATER BALLOON BONANZA!**  
Combat the heat with everyone's favorite summer activity: pelting your friends with water balloons!

**JULY 23 @ 3PM  
STAR WARS DAY**  
Summer 2014 in a galaxy far, far away there was once the coolest teen group that met at Gulfport Library watched Star Wars and made awesome Darth Vader stuff.

**JULY 23 @ 3PM  
SAKUNARA SUMMER END  
OF SUMMER JAPANESE  
SNACK PARTY!**  
Japan has the coolest the snacks. Come sample some and take a look at the fascinating world of Japanese food and culture!



Activities for all ages and an incentivized program geared to keep kids and young adults not only reading and learning but having fun.



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### The Summer Reading Program:





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**...And Just About Anything Else You Can  
Imagine**





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### Children and Young Adult Statistics FY 2016

Number of Children/Young Adult Circulations **22,901**

Children Events **152**

Attendees at Children Events **2,280**

Young Adult Events **37**

Attendees at Young Adult Events **250**

Summer Reading Children/Young Adults/All Ages Events **32**

Attendees **812**



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### School Age Programs:



### Science Club Video – 3D Printer





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## Youth Special Events





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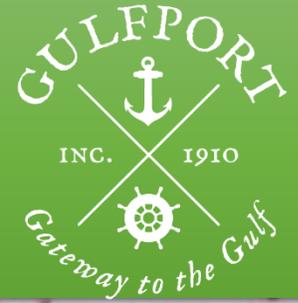
### Youth Special Events:



The **Annual “Fun in the Sun” Day Event** is presented by the Recreation Division and Stetson College of Law Public Service Fellows and is held on the Saturday before Easter from 10AM-NOON. The **FREE** festivities will include an egg hunt for children ages 8 and under, a raffle for baskets, children’s activities, music, food and a Touch-A-Truck. Peter Cottontail is also available for pictures.



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## Youth Special Events

### Halloween Bash:



The **Annual Spooktacular Halloween Bash** opens its doors at 7 p.m. for free carnival games, a bigger and better frightful haunted house, a costume contest, concessions, music and a “Boo Room for Tots”. The fun ends at 9 p.m.



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## Youth Special Events

### Youth Special Events:



The **City's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting** is held on the first Monday in December at Clymer Park. There is singing by the children in the Tot Time/VPK Program and School Year Child Care Program. Teen Council serves refreshments and there is a special visit from Santa



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## Youth Special Events

### Arbor Day:



The City of Gulfport honors **Arbor Day** on the third Friday in January at various City Parks or facilities. Several children from the School Year Child Care Program participate in this tradition along with the City's Parks Division. A tree is planted in this honor as well as small trees handed out.



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## Youth Special Events

**July 4th:**



The Recreation Division hosts a **family sandcastle contest** and also the **Marina's Fishing Derby** during the City's Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Prizes are given to the top three winners. There are also inflatables, a balloonist and concessions for the children to enjoy.



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## Youth Special Events

### Junk in the Truck:



**Gulfport Police Department** takes the time with citizens and also registers kids bikes and offers free helmets.



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## Police Department Youth Programs

### Citizens Academy:



**Ages 14 and up:** Citizen's Academy runs for eight-ten weeks, one night per week, and attendees will experience everything from the crash investigation and communications center to the gun range and the pursuit driving course. For more information, contact the program coordinator at 893-1111.



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## Police Department Youth Programs

### Police Explorers:



**Ages 14 - 21:** Learn more about a potential career in Law Enforcement. Members attend weekly meetings, quarterly regional meetings, and annual state and/or national competitions. Experienced members can participate in ride-alongs with police officers and may also be selected to compete on the Explorer shooting team. Contact: [JMOTTE@MYGULFPORT.US](mailto:JMOTTE@MYGULFPORT.US)



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## Gulfport Playground Parks

### Big Playground:



Ages 2 – 12 years  
Located south side of Recreation Center  
5730 Shore Blvd. S.



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## Gulfport Playground Parks

### East Playground:



Ages 5 – 12 years  
Located east side of Recreation Center  
5730 Shore Blvd. S.



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## Gulfport Playground Parks

### Tonkin Playground:



Ages 2 – 12 years  
Located on 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. between  
53<sup>rd</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> St. S.  
*(Behind Scout Hall, 5315 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.)*



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## Gulfport Playground Parks

### Caldwell Park:



Ages 2 – 12 years  
1200-1298 64th St S (Gulfport Blvd)



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## Gulfport Playground Parks

### Lum Atkinson Field:



1870 55<sup>th</sup> St. S.  
Ball fields and concession for Gulfport  
Little League.



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## Other Gulfport Youth Organizations





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## Gulfport Organizations and Youth Activities

**Gulfport Merchants!  
Geckofest!  
SpringFest!**

**Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce  
Aquamania!**

**Kid friendly activities  
during these events!**

**SO49  
BluesFest!**



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## Other Gulfport Youth Organizations

### BCYC Sea Scouts:



Youth between 13- 20.  
Learn to sail with high school friends.  
Experience the thrill of Yacht Racing.  
Go on weekend and long distance cruises.  
Learn how to repair boats.  
Earn your Florida power-boating license.  
Skipper Tony Angel (727) 459-7900  
or [anangelto@msn.com](mailto:anangelto@msn.com)



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## Other Gulfport Youth Organizations

### BCYC Fun day event:

**COME AND DISCOVER!**

*Boca Ciega* YACHT CLUB

**FUNDAY**

**SATURDAY • APRIL 25th, 2015**  
1-4 p.m.

**• FREE Sailboat Rides •**  
(WEATHER PERMITTING, 1ST COME - FIRST SERVED BASIS)  
• FREE HOT DOGS & SODA (while they last)  
• SORRY, NO PETS - ALL AGES WELCOME  
• TOURS - DOOR PRIZES  
• ASK ABOUT SLIP AVAILABILITY  
• ADULT SAILING SCHOOL - YOUTH SAILING  
• MEMBERSHIP - ACTIVITIES  
• RACING - CRUISING - PARTIES

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Practical Windows & Doors 727-459-6475	Gulfport Historical Society gulfporthistoricalsociety.org

DIRECTIONS: www.sailbcyc.org  
4600 TIFTON DRIVE SOUTH, GULFPORT, FL  
1/3 BLOCK SOUTH OF GULFPORT AVENUE TO THE LEFT AT THE LIGHTS CLUB

BCYC's "Funday" Open House is an annual spring event for the public to tour Boca Ciega Yacht Club and learn about activities and positive impact on the community including the kids. Free Sailboat Rides, Free Hot Dogs and Soda , Club Tours, Door Prizes BCYC Informational Presentations. April 25, 1 – 4 p.m. 4600 Tifton Drive South.

Contact: 727-321-7295



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## Other Gulfport Youth Organizations

### Gulfport Little League:



Ages 4 – 17. Gulfport Little League and Little League Baseball and Softball for the city of Gulfport and southwest St. Petersburg, Florida.

[www.gulfportlittleleague.net](http://www.gulfportlittleleague.net)

Email: [presidentgpl@gmail.com](mailto:presidentgpl@gmail.com)



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## Gulfport Little League

### Gulfport Pirates:



Ages 4 -14. Gulfport Pirates Youth Football & Cheerleading. An alternative for our youth away from the streets, focusing on education, discipline, teamwork, and respect through the implementation of youth football and cheerleading.

Contact Mitchell Abrams: 727-324-9984  
or Sofia Dottin 727-851-5729



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## Other Gulfport Youth Organizations

**Scout Troup, Daisy's:**

**Girl Scout  
Daisies**

Girls between grades k-1<sup>st</sup> grade  
Contact: 727-565-8774



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## Other Gulfport Youth Organizations

**Scout Troup, Brownies:**

Girl Scout **Brownies**

Girls between 7 – 9 Years  
Contact: 727-278-3623



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## Other Gulfport Youth Organizations

### Troup 987, Girl Scouts:



Girls, grade 9 – 12. Girl Scouts is an excellent organization where girls can be themselves, explore the world today, and make an impact on the future. There are high awards that offer girls scholarships and opportunity. There are many volunteer opportunities as well.

Contact: 727-525-3937



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### Earth Scouts, Troup 208:



**Ages 8 and up:** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month. No fees. For more information, call 727-320-5497



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## Other Gulfport Youth Organizations

### R'Club After School Care



#### Gulfport Elementary

**PHONE:** (727) 327-4489  
**ADDRESS:** 2014 52nd Street South  
**CITY:** Gulfport  
**STATE, ZIP:** FL 33707  
**HOURS:** 6:30am-8:35am & 2:50pm-6pm  
(Wed. 1:35pm-6pm)  
**LICENSE #** C03039



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**Gulfport Public Schools offer more activities!**

**Gulfport Montessori Elementary**  
2014 52nd Street South  
Gulfport, FL 33707-4928  
Phone: (727) 893-2643

**Hamilton Disston**  
5125 11th Avenue South,  
Gulfport, FL 33707  
(727) 893-1115

**Ask your local school  
what they have to offer.**

**Boca Ciega High School**  
924 58th Street South,  
Gulfport, FL 33707  
(727) 893-2780



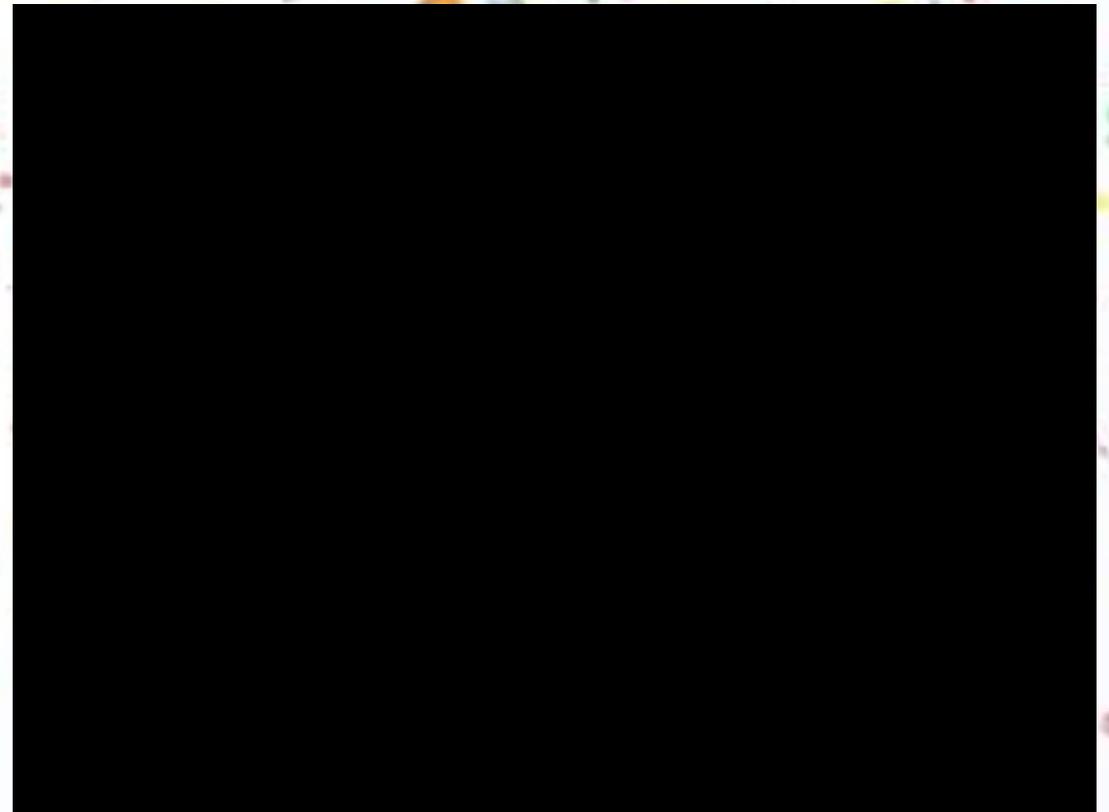
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## Reach for the STARS

**“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”**

Henry David Thoreau





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**Thank you!**

**Questions or comments?**