

Calendar of Events

January

Winter Classic 10K Run, 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk--In January, the Blossman Family Branch of the Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA, and the Gulf Coast Running Club, host the Annual Kelsey Williams 10K Winter Classic and 1 Mile Health Run/Walk. This event benefits the YMCA's Wellness Center which provides wellness scholarship opportunities to the community and promotes Epilepsy Awareness. Every year, we have about 250 runners from various parts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast area. The two organizations have been promoting Epilepsy Awareness through this annual event for almost 30 years.

February

Ocean Springs Mardi Gras Parade

Father-Daughter Dinner

March

Lighten Up Ocean Springs

Special Olympics

April

Healthy Kids Day--This fun-filled day aims to engage youth in healthy habits and an active lifestyle. As part of the Ocean Springs 1699 Race of Discovery, the 1 Mile Run is the last mile in an 8-week free marathon tracking program for youth ages 5-12.

May

Osprey

Ship Island Life Guarding Begins-- Through a partnership with the National Park Service, the YMCA provides lifeguard services at West Ship Island each summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The island is located 12 miles off the coast of Biloxi/Gulfport and approximately 1,200 visitors travel to the island daily during the summer months. The Y lifeguards enhance the safety of beach users in Harrison County, Mississippi, and within the Mississippi District of Gulf Islands National Seashore.

June

Summer Camp Begins-- Youth Services encompasses our Summer Camp program. School-aged children can learn and grow in a safe and enriching environment with games, arts and crafts, and weekly field trips. Please see our Youth Services page for more detailed information.

July

Wesson Memorial Run – July 4 -The Wesson Memorial 2-mile Health Run/Walk and 1/4 Mile Children's Run is held on July 4th. This event benefits the YMCA's Wellness Center, which provides fitness opportunities for area youth, as well as scholarships for all ages. Each year, we have approximately 550 runners from all over the Mississippi Gulf Coast as well as many other states. This annual run has become a July 4th tradition for almost 40 years!

Christian Values Conference (CVC)-- The Y Christian Values Conference brings together young people from across the country. Held at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, NC, the setting with its beautiful view of the Blue Ridge Mountains, reminds the youth of God's Handiwork.

August

Before and After School Camp Begins-- Youth Services encompasses our Before and After School Camp and Holiday Camps. School-aged children can learn and grow in a safe and enriching environment. Please see our Youth Services page for more detailed information.

Safety Around the Water (SAW) Begins-- For over 25 years, the YMCA has partnered with the Ocean Springs School District, and has recently added several other school districts around the Gulf Coast area, to teach every 3rd grader to swim. This is a 10-week swim lesson and water safety program supported by the Dept. of Marine Resources.

September

October

November

Humanitarian Banquet--All who knew John R. Blossman felt his deep love for the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Much of his life was spent in service to organizations that positively impacted the lives of others. The award was created to recognize those, like John, who put his fellow man first and is given each year at a banquet proudly hosted by the Beau Rivage Resort Casino.

December

Golf Tournament at The Preserve-- Our annual golf tournament is a must for avid and beginning golfers alike! Experienced golfers will love the fact that our tournament is played every year at the Preserve Golf Club in Vancleave, which was designed by Jerry Pate, and is rated as one of the Top 10 Best Golf Courses in Mississippi by Golf Digest Magazine in 2017-2018! Beginners will love that we offer mulligans! It's a fun-filled day for everyone from the morning tee-off to the post-round meal and giveaways. Come out and enjoy one of Mississippi's finest and most beautiful golf courses and help our community in the process...it's a win-win!