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USTA Rally Cats Beginners Tennis Programs Starts March 24

Registration Now Open for Children Ages 4 to 14

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – February 22, 2022 – The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) to again host its popular USTA Rally Cats Beginners Tennis Program for children ages 4 to 10 and USTA Rally Cats Plus for ages 11-14. The four-week program will be held on Thursdays, March 24 to April 14, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each evening at the Ingleside Tennis Complex.

Rally Cats was developed by USTA to provide a fun introduction of tennis for kids and keep them on the court for years to come. Rally Cats use smaller rackets, lower nets, and modified balls, which leads to less frustration and more fun.

“Tennis is growing fast in Athens. Each season we offer tennis, more and more children are learning and enjoying this lifelong sport. We strive to be flexible and offer a wide range of opportunities for children to learn and grow in multiple sports,” said Brianna Baker, Program Coordinator.

Registration is \$40 for the four-week program, and players must be pre-registered by Friday, March 18, at 5 p.m. To register, visit rallycatstennis.com

The City of Athens is a full-service municipality nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and has garnered a reputation as the “Friendly City.”

For more information about this or other programs, contact Athens Parks and Recreation by phone at 744-2700 EXT 3, by email at recreation@athenstn.gov, or in person at the Athens Parks and Recreation Office, located inside the Athens Municipal Building at 815 N. Jackson Street. Office hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also visit www.athenstn.gov/parks to learn more.

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