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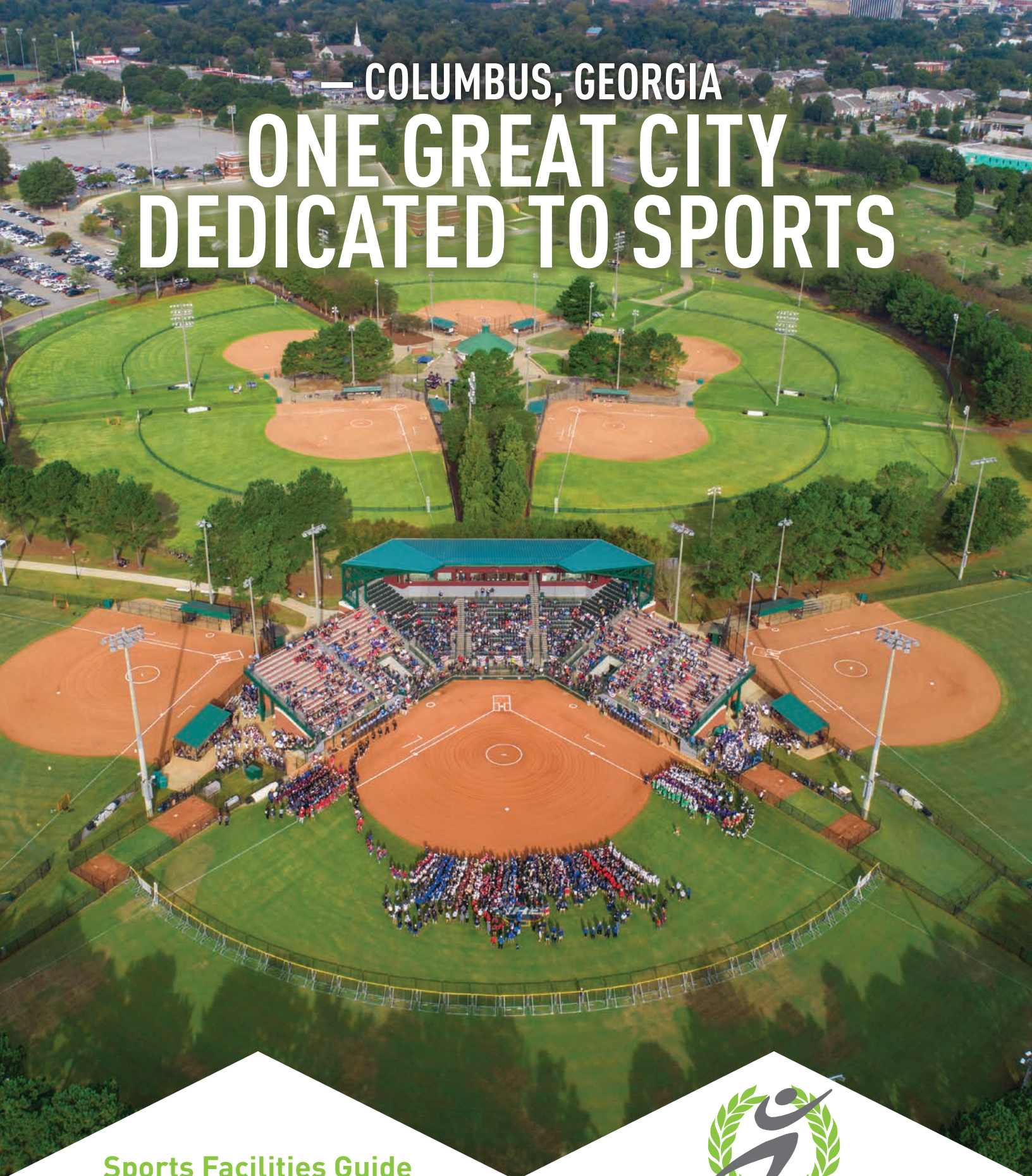

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Softball, soccer, tennis, swimming—whatever the sport, Columbus, Georgia. is the place for your next event. Just 75 miles south of Atlanta with easy access via U.S. Interstate 185, Columbus promises a top-notch experience, hosted by the award winning Columbus Sports Council and T.E.A.M. Columbus.

With T.E.A.M. Columbus, Together Everyone Achieves More. The Columbus Sports Council's experienced staff and cadre of loyal volunteers work harmoniously with Visit ColumbusGA and Columbus Parks and Recreation to ensure smooth, successful events.

Columbus boasts more than 4,700 hotel rooms and offers a multitude of event venues, including a recently renovated eight-field softball complex originally constructed for the 1996 Olympic fastpitch softball competition, the world's longest urban whitewater course and more.

In your down time, tour the awe inspiring National Infantry Museum, explore the stars at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center, see a play at State Theatre of Georgia, the Springer Opera House, hear a concert at the RiverCenter for the Arts, or take some time to meander along our 22-mile RiverWalk.

The roster of restaurants in Columbus has exploded recently, offering something for everyone from barbecue connoisseurs to the most finicky foodies. If shopping is on your to-do list, the Chattahoochee Valley offers a wide array of unique local boutiques, complemented by a host of familiar chains.

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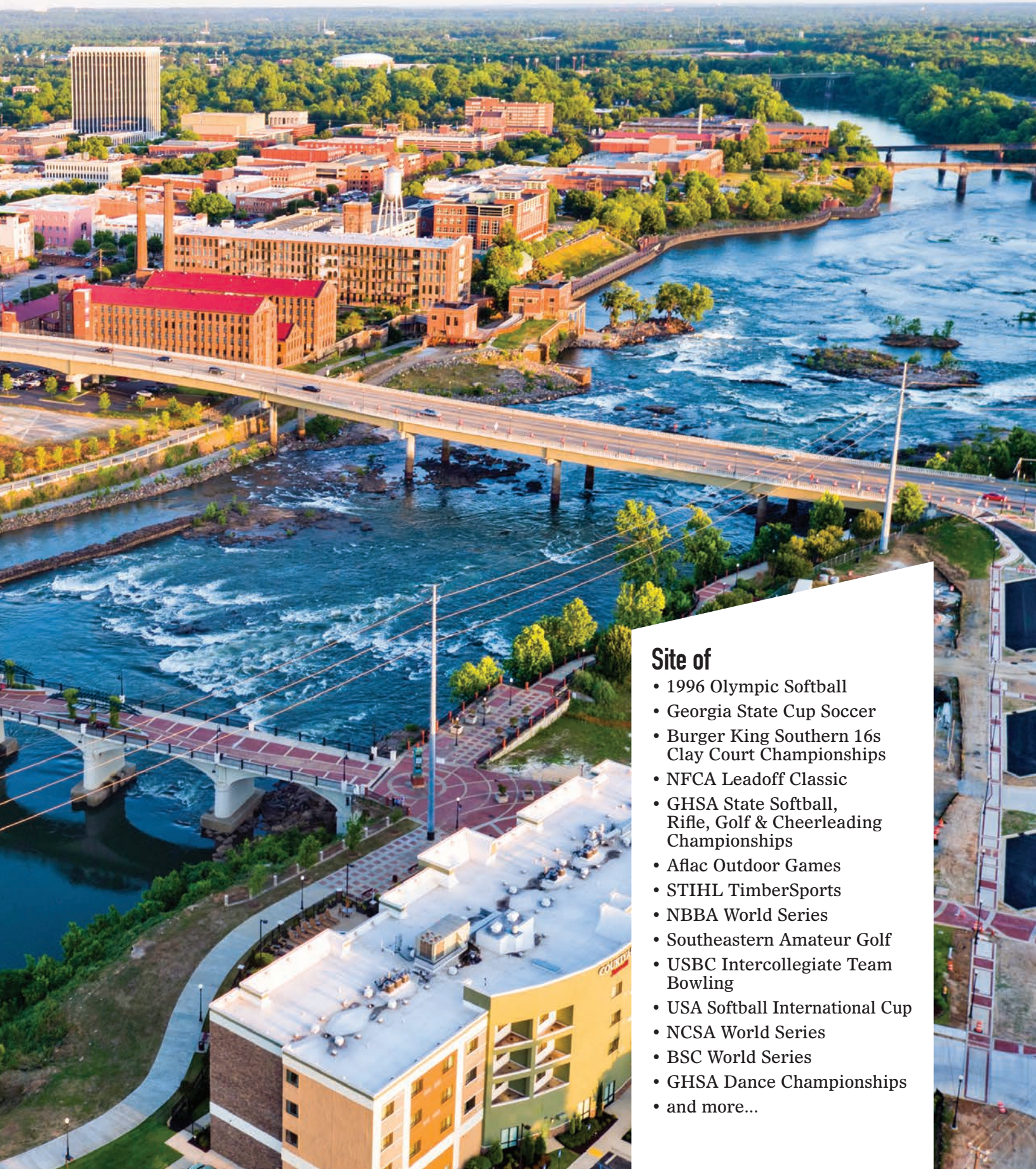

Site of

- 1996 Olympic Softball
- Georgia State Cup Soccer
- Burger King Southern 16s Clay Court Championships
- NFCA Leadoff Classic
- GHSA State Softball, Rifle, Golf & Cheerleading Championships
- Aflac Outdoor Games
- STIHL TimberSports
- NBBA World Series
- Southeastern Amateur Golf
- USBC Intercollegiate Team Bowling
- USA Softball International Cup
- NCSA World Series
- BSC World Series
- GHSA Dance Championships
- and more...

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South Commons Complex

Recognized as USA Softball Complex of the Year

Home to the 1996 Olympic Women's Fastpitch Softball Competition and the 2019 USA Softball International Cup, this recently renovated venue on the banks of the Chattahoochee River offers eight fields. South Commons regularly hosts national competitions of all levels.

Facilities feature indoor score booths, umpire changing rooms, concessions, restrooms and hospitality suites. Spectators enjoy abundant parking and easy access to nearby hotels, restaurants and entertainment. The 90-acre complex also houses the Columbus Civic Center, Columbus Ice Rink, Jonathan Hatcher Skatepark and Historic Golden Park.

EVENTS HOSTED

- 1996 Olympic Women's Fastpitch Softball Competition
- 2019 USA Softball International Cup
- BSC World Series
- GHSA State Softball Championships
- NFCA Leadoff Classic
- NCSA World Series

FEATURES

Eight-Field Complex

- Video streaming on all fields
- LED scoreboards
- WIFI
- Refillable water bottle stations

Five-Field Hub with Roundhouse

- Inside score booths
- Restrooms
- Concessions

Three-Field Fan with Stadium

- Stadium seating for 2,500
- Restrooms
- Concession
- Press box
- Hospitality suites
- Umpire rooms

A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium

A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium, the third oldest stadium in Georgia, seats 10,000. The open air football stadium is the regular site of games for several area high schools as well as Columbus Youth Football.

The stadium holds the distinction of hosting of the "Deep South's Oldest Rivalry" game between Auburn and Georgia from 1916 until 1958. It continues to host the big college rivalry game—the Fountain City Classic between Fort Valley State and Albany State.

FEATURES

- Football stadium
- Seating for 10,000
- Two locker rooms
- Press box
- Two concession stands
- Abundant parking and restrooms

EVENTS HOSTED

- Fountain City Classic Football Game
- Tuskegee-Morehouse Classic Football Game
- UGA vs. Auburn 1916-1928 and 1930-1958

Bull Creek Golf Course

Bull Creek Golf Course offers 36 holes of some of the finest public golf in Georgia. The two championship 18s—the East Course (6,705 yards) and the West Course (6,921 yards)—were designed by Joe Lee and Ward Northrup and each course carries a par 72.

The demanding layout propelled Bull Creek into the Top 25 Public Courses in America by *Golf Digest*.

Along with the picturesque and challenging golf course, Bull Creek offers the Golf Teaching Center and practice range staffed by PGA professionals. A golf shop and snack bar are also available for your convenience.

OTHER AREA GOLF COURSES

- Oxbow Meadows—9 holes
- Maple Ridge—18 holes
- Green Island—18 holes
- Columbus Country Club—18 holes

EVENTS HOSTED

- IBGA & USBGA Golf Championships
- High School and Intercollegiate Tournaments
- PGA Qualifying Site
- Southeastern Amateur
- GHSA State Golf Championships

Columbus Aquatic Center

This state of the art natatorium offers 57,000 square feet of space, including a 10-lane, 50-meter Olympic pool; a 22-lane, 25-meter pool; a diving well with multiple springboards, including one meter and three meters; and a 25-yard, four-lane warming pool. Additionally, both the short and long courses are USA Swimming–certified. The facility also features a 900-seat mezzanine, a concession area with seating for more than 30 people, and an air-conditioned concourse with six televisions for watching the competition.

EVENTS HOSTED

- NAIA Swimming & Diving National Championships
- SunCoast Conference Qualifier
- GHSA Regional
- Meet Invitationals

FEATURES

Competition Pool

- 23 full 25-yard lanes or ten 50-meter lanes, depending on bulkhead placement
- Pool depths start at 5 ft. and drop to 13 ft. 1 in.
- Two 1-meter low dives and one 3-meter high dive
- 20 movable starting blocks
- Temperature maintained between 74° and 76°

Warming Pool

- 25 yards in length
- Temperature maintained between 84° and 88°
- Zero depth ramp entry with handrails
- Depths range from 3.5 ft. to 6 ft.

Cooper Creek Tennis Center

Recognized as USTA Tennis Complex of the Year

The largest public clay court facility in the United States, Cooper Creek features 55 courts, including 39 clay courts, 12 hard courts and four 60-foot QuickStart courts, all in one location.

Cooper Creek is home to the 2018 National Championship Columbus State University Tennis Program and has hosted numerous state and regional events.

The Columbus Regional Tennis Association (CORTA), the second biggest USTA organization in the Southern section, maintains its offices at Cooper Creek.

Other Columbus Tennis Facilities

- Mary V. Blackmon Tennis Center/CSU Main Campus
- Columbus Country Club
- Green Island Country Club
- Lakebottom Park Tennis Courts

FEATURES

- 55 courts with lights
- 39 clay courts, 12 hard courts, and four - 60’ quickstart courts
- 500 seat championship court
- Concessions
- Restrooms
- Main facility and 2 clubhouses
- Catering kitchen and meeting space
- Pro shop on-site

EVENTS HOSTED

- Burger King Southern 16s Clay Court Championships
- USTA Georgia 40 and Over and 55 and Over State Championships
- Georgia Junior Clay Court Championships
- Southern NTRP Championships

Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex

This 11-field park features lighting, ample parking, and concessions. The fields are suitable for a variety of age groups. Park once and play all day at this beautiful complex.

Woodruff Farm was designed for tournaments, offering a total soccer experience on 65 acres. It is one of the finest soccer facilities in the Southeast

FEATURES

- 11 regulation fields, 360’ x 300’
- 2,500 sq. ft. of central concessions and meeting space
- Irrigation system for all fields
- Expanded parking
- Lighting on most fields

EVENTS HOSTED

- Georgia Soccer State Cup
- Region III President’s Cup
- RedStar Soccer Challenge
- USA Ultimate Invitationals
- NBBA World Series

Historic Golden Park

Golden Park was renovated in 1996—just in time to host the first ever Olympic Women's Fastpitch Softball competition during the 1996 Atlanta Summer Games. This historic venue has also hosted several collegiate and high school championships as well as being home to several minor league teams throughout the years. Many Major League Baseball Hall of Famers played at Golden Park on their journey to the big leagues over the years.

Past Home of Minor Leagues Affiliates for

- St. Louis Cardinals
- New York Yankees
- Chicago White Sox
- Houston Astros
- Los Angeles Dodgers
- Tampa Bay Rays

MLB Hall of Famers Who Played at Golden Park

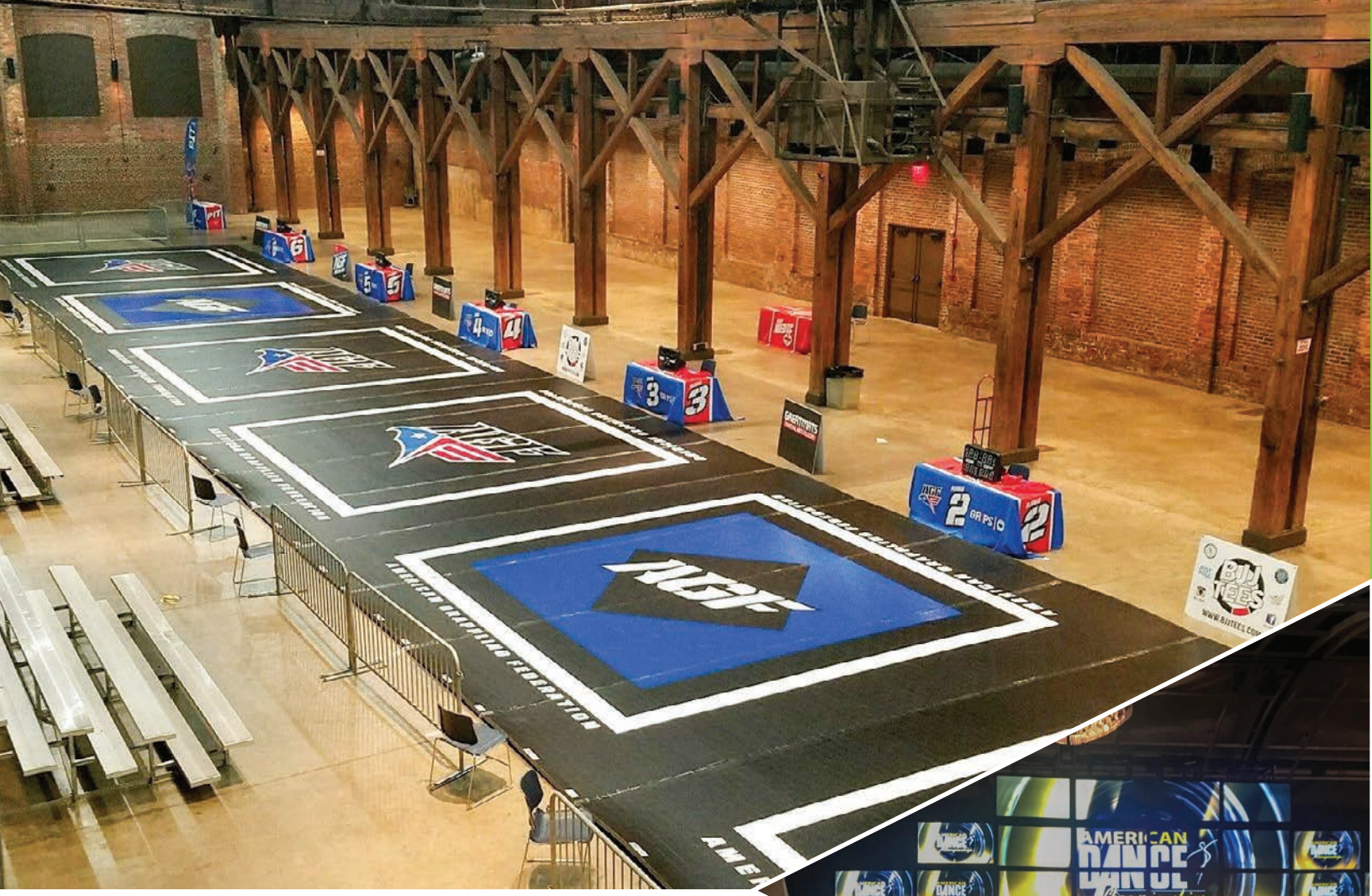
- Babe Ruth
- Stan Musial
- Ty Cobb
- Hank Aaron
- Cal Ripken
- Bob Gibson
- Mickey Mantle
- Jackie Robinson
- Frank Thomas
- Ernie Banks
- Tim Glavine
- Satchel Paige

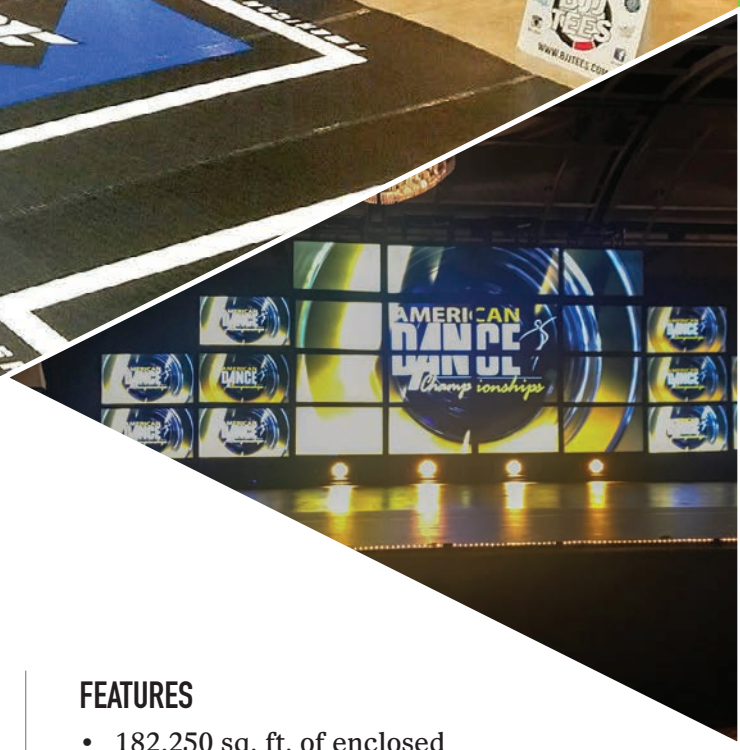
FEATURES

- Seating for 4,500
- Picnic area
- Clubhouse
- Eight suites with private balconies

EVENTS HOSTED

- National Club Baseball D-1 & D-2 National Championships
- Southern States Athletic Conference Baseball Championship
- PeachBelt Baseball Conference Championship
- NAIA National Championship Opening Round
- National Beep Ball Association World Series
- USSSA Military World Softball Tournament





Columbus Convention And Trade Center

Gymnastics, Boxing, Dance, Mat Sports, Esports

This multipurpose and entertainment facility is located on the banks of the Chattahoochee River in the Columbus Historic District.

The building boasts more than 182,000 square feet of floor space with 27 meeting rooms to satisfy a variety of needs. The Trade Center houses an on-site kitchen with the capacity and staff to prepare up to 4,000 meals at a time, and a concession area located between the exhibit halls is available for trade shows and events. The property also offers loading dock facilities and an adjacent parking deck.

FEATURES

- 182,250 sq. ft. of enclosed rentable space, including balconies
- 522,000 sq. ft. of Trade Center landscape, sitting on 7.02 acres

EVENTS HOSTED

- Chattahoochee Challenge Gymnastics Invitational
- American Grappling Federation BJJ Championships
- Chattahoochee Triathlon Series
- American Dance Championships

Civic Center/Ice Rink

New Basketball Floor, Cheerleading, Hockey, Figure Skating, Esports

The Civic Center with its adjacent ice rink is a multi-purpose sports and entertainment arena welcoming competitions and artists from across the country. The two buildings are connected via a short covered walkway and can be reconfigured, with flooring to cover the ice.

The Civic Center offers 23,000 square feet of floor space, 5,000 square feet of hospitality space, and up to 10,000 seats. The ice rink offers 17,000 square feet of floor space and seating for 713.

Active Professional Sports Franchises

- FPHL Columbus River Dragons Hockey
- Arena Football League's Columbus Lions

FEATURES

Multipurpose

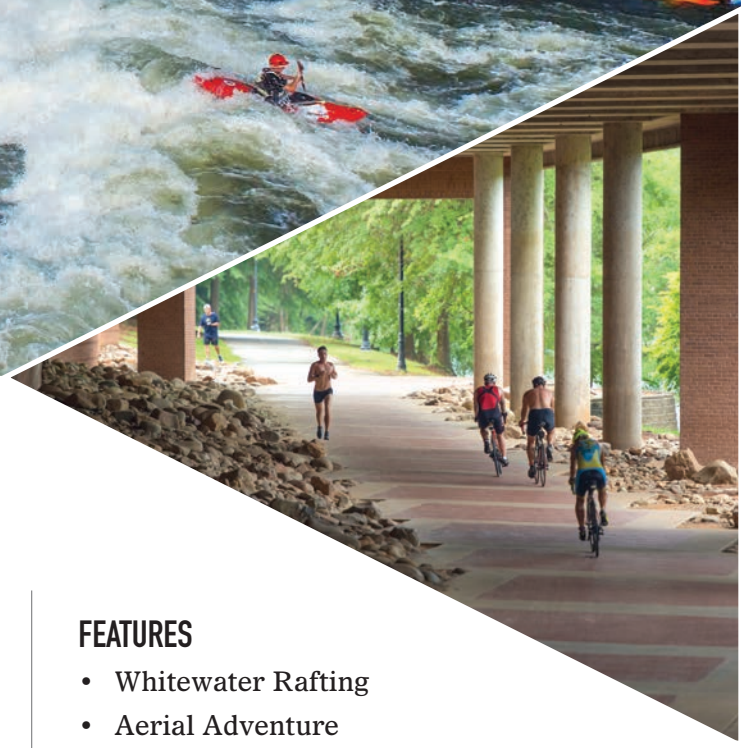
- 55,000 total sq. ft.
- 23,000 sq. ft. of floor space
- 10,000 seats (varies with floor specs.)
- 5,000 sq. ft. of hospitality/meeting space
- 3,000 parking spaces
- On-site catering

Ice Rink

- 17,000 sq. ft. of floor space
- Seating for 713

EVENTS HOSTED

- GHSA State Cheerleading Championships
- Figure Skating Club Invitationals
- High School Basketball Invitationals
- Southeastern Collegiate Hockey Conference



RushSouth Whitewater Park

Whitewater, Riverwalk and Trails

Splash into one of the most exciting sections of whitewater in the country. The urban whitewater course is the longest of its kind in the world and is best described "as wild as Colorado and as warm as Costa Rica."

With a dam-controlled flow, the course provides two varied types of whitewater rafting and kayaking experiences. In the morning, low-flow excursions offer just the right amount of adventure for the whole family.

In the afternoon, the high-flow kicks in, sending up to 13,000 cfs of adrenaline-pumping whitewater toward the class III to V rapids.

For added adventure, you can zip line across the Chattahoochee River, taking off in one state and landing in another.

If you'd rather watch than raft or kayak, stroll along the Chattahoochee RiverWalk and explore area trails, perfect for walking, running or biking.

FEATURES

- Whitewater Rafting
- Aerial Adventure
- Kayaking
- Stand Up Paddle Boarding
- Fishing
- Chattahoochee RiverWalk
- Woodruff Park with Splash Pad and Playground

EVENTS HOSTED

- Paddle South Whitewater Games
- SaltLife World Paddle Board Association Columbus Cup
- Chattahoochee Challenge Olympic Triathlon
- US Freestyle Kayak Championships

Jonathan Hatcher Skateboard Park

Jonathan Hatcher Skateboard Park, a state of the art skateboarding facility, was built in 2009 by California Skatepark. Designed to help skaters progress from beginner to advanced, the Park is perfect for skateboard competitions.

An assortment of skate elements for all levels includes two angled rails, seven ledges, big six set, small four set, banks, pyramid and a small pocket "love seat" with two steps laid out to flow in different directions.

The BMX flow bowl was designed with three sections combined into one. The first section with three bank walls and a fast transition wall flow into the second part of the banks, tranny and two speed humps, then into the last section of two small bowls connected with a spine. One bowl has a two-foot extension and the second has a 4.5-foot vert offset.

The second flow bowl features three corner pockets and one square pocket ranging from 6 to 9 feet in height with some vert. All connect with flat walls and a speed hump. This bowl is fast, fun and provides endless lines to be skated as a racetrack.

The Peanut Bowl was designed to simulate a backyard swimming pool, offering fast transitions with a lot of vert, two dead boxes, stairs and pool tile with concrete coping.

FEATURES

- 32,000 sq. ft.
- Two flow bowls
- Peanut Bowl
- Two angled rails
- Seven ledges
- Big six set
- Small four set
- Banks
- Pyramid
- Love seat

EVENTS HOSTED

- Georgia Bowl Riders

Columbus State University

NCAA, Division II University

Cougar Field - Softball
A recipient of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and Stabilizer Solutions 2010 Field Maintenance Award, Cougar Field was rated the top playing surface in all of Division II.

A covered hitting and pitching facility was added for the 2017 season, providing the Lady Cougars a place to practice regardless of weather conditions. Dubbed the "Cougar Cave", the 6,000 sq. ft. turf facility includes six multi-use cages with three pitching areas.

Burger King Stadium—Baseball
BK Stadium features chairback seating under a brand new roof offering spectators a comfortable environment to watch the game in any weather conditions. The stadium also features a state of the art video scoreboard in right field to provide enhanced entertainment for fans.

Frank G. Lumpkin Jr Center—Multipurpose Facility
The Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Center is the home of the CSU men's and women's basketball teams. The Lumpkin Center covers approximately 96,000 square feet and seats 4,500 for basketball events. The 2,500 seats in the "bowl" area of the arena are chair-back, theatre-style. An additional 2,000 seats are available on the second level in the form of retractable bleacher seating.

Walden Soccer Complex
The complex is one of the premier facilities in the Southeast region with a 120' x 75' Bermuda grass playing surface and two 750-seat grandstands. A 2,500 square foot clubhouse includes a team locker room, coaching offices and training room as well as a concession stand and restroom facility.

John W. Walden Tennis Center
This complex boasts 12 new hard courts and nine clay courts. Six courts are equipped with PlaySight technology, a video component with live streaming capabilities that transforms the home courts into fully interactive practice sites. Columbus State is the first NCAA Division II program in the country with PlaySight technology on its home courts.

Recreational & Athletic Complexes

Britt David Complex

AMENITIES

Football field
Baseball & softball, Little League fields
One-mile walking trail

Double Churches Complex

AMENITIES

Olympic pool
Baseball & softball, Little League fields
Tennis courts

Shirley Winston Park Super Center

AMENITIES

Football field
Baseball & softball, Little League fields
Half-mile asphalt walking trail
19,000 sq. ft. recreation center
- Gameroom
- Gymnasium
- Weight room
- Aerobics room
- Children's activity room
- Locker rooms
- Full size kitchen

Psalmond Rd. Recreational Facility and Athletic Complex

AMENITIES

Football field
Baseball & softball, Little League fields
50-meter leisure pool with concession stand
Playground
19,000 sq. ft. recreation center
- Gameroom
- Gymnasium
- Weight room
- Aerobics room
- Children's activity room
- Locker rooms
- Full size kitchen

Northside Park Recreational Facility and Athletic Complex

AMENITIES

Three Softball Fields
Half-mile asphalt walking trail
Playground
19,000 sq. ft. recreation center
- Gameroom
- Gymnasium
- Weight room
- Aerobics room
- Children's activity room
- Locker rooms
- Full size kitchen

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Columbus, Georgia is an extraordinary city, pulsating with a vibrant artsy energy, phenomenal food and ample outdoor recreation. A unique blend of old and new, wild and mild, makes Columbus a getaway destination that flies both under the radar and over the top.

Whether you define yourself as an adventurer, a nature-lover, an art aficionado, fanatical foodie or a history buff, you can go all-out in Columbus. Nowhere else can you raft and kayak the Chattahoochee whitewater, zip line between states, visit world class museums, dine at topflight restaurants, catch a Broadway caliber play, and then groove to live music late into the night. Columbus offers it all to you, all in the same place.

Stroll and roll along Columbus' iconic Chattahoochee RiverWalk and pedestrian bridge on foot, bike or skateboard. Watch people in yellow rafts plunge through the spray of the water along the longest urban whitewater course in the world or enjoy a leisurely paddle in the river's flat-water areas.

Want to immerse yourself in the arts? Catch a show on one of many stages, take in expertly curated museum exhibits, or meander through the sculptures and murals around town. Dive into the past while visiting military museums and historic homes, from an authentically recreated World War II Company Street to the home of the "Mother of the Blues," Gertrude "Ma" Rainey.

This is Columbus—spirited, friendly, exciting and adventurous. Bring this guide to Columbus and go all-out for competitive sports, great food and amazing fun.

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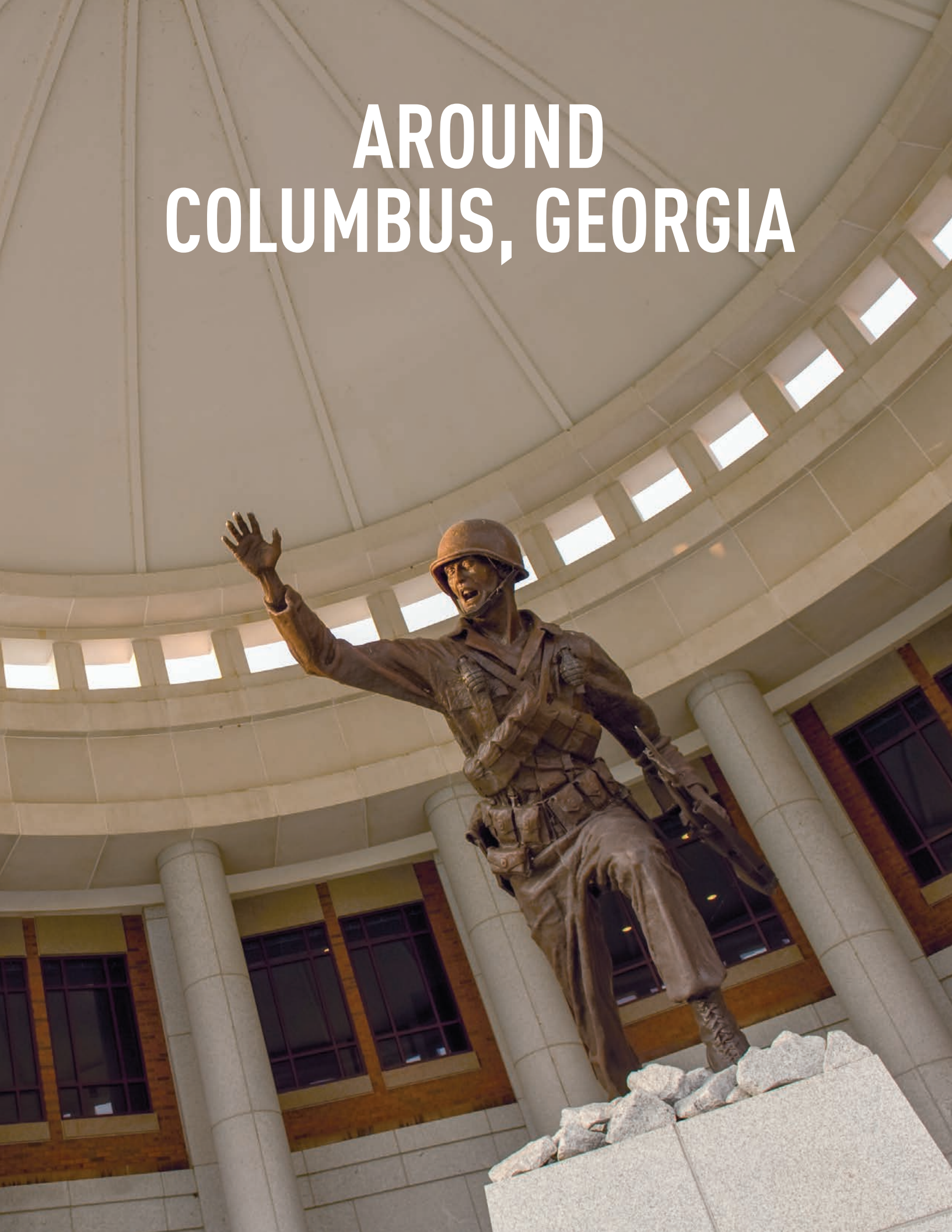

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