



Senior Services

Waiver & Release of Liability / Code of Conduct

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Galveston County operates three senior services programs located in Bacliff, Dickinson and La Marque, Texas. Senior citizens **aged 55** and older are welcome to partake in our recreational programs. All senior citizens **aged 60** and older will have access to our congregate meal and transportation services. We strive to maintain a positive and safe environment by offering exceptional life experiences.

Assumption of Risk: I agree to participate in the Galveston County Senior Citizen program and/or activities, ("Program"). I assume full responsibility as to all the dangers and risks and I agree to sign this **WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY**.

Ability to Participate: I certify that I am physically fit and have not been otherwise advised by a qualified medical person, not to participate in physical activities. I certify that I am not under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs or taking any medications that could impair physical activity and put myself at risk.

Photographs: I give the County permission to photograph and/or videotape me during the Program. I agree that the photos and video may be used to promote the Program.

It is the responsibility of Galveston County Senior Services to take appropriate measures when handling participant misconduct. In keeping with that practice, all participants within the Galveston County Community Centers will be expected to adhere to the Code of Conduct when participating in programs, taking advantage of services or using our facilities. In order for our community centers to provide exceptional life experiences. I agree to comply with all rules Galveston County Senior Services has established.

Bus Transportation:

1. Available to senior citizens 60 years and older.
2. All passengers must be able to board the bus with minimal assistance.
3. All passengers must respect the driver and other passengers.
4. There are no seating arrangements for riders.



5. The drivers will use their own discretion on the route order they will use when picking up passengers.
6. The route and pick-up times may change if a driver is out and another driver has to cover.
7. To avoid delaying other passengers being picked up, the drivers can only wait two minutes at any one stop.

Community Centers Rules:

1. Available to seniors 55 years and older.
2. Pets, other than personal assistance animals, are not allowed in the building unless they are considered part of an activity.
3. All participants are required to clean up after themselves.
4. If you are sick with any contagious illness, we ask that you PLEASE refrain from participating in any activities at Galveston County Community Centers.
5. Individuals must be able to care for themselves independently while participating in Center activities. They are responsible for their own personal care, including, but not limited to, hygiene, toileting, continence, cleanliness and feeding. Senior Services Staff cannot provide personal or medical care and will determine if participants are required to be accompanied by a care attendant while at the Community Centers. Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times.
6. Individuals are required to be able to competently participate in senior services programs and activities including, but not limited to, having the ability to independently plan and make decisions about services, including transportation, meals and financial transactions.
7. No minor children are permitted to participate in senior services programs.
8. Participants are required to understand and maintain appropriate behavior. Violent behavior, threats, insults, bullying, offensive language, improper physical contact, sexually charged behavior, harassment, discrimination, or any other type of disrespectful, offensive or improper language or conduct is not acceptable. Participants should use common courtesy in interacting with other participants, with respect for their property and person.

Off-Site Activities



1. All rules and regulations, whether relating to conduct, operation of the programs, facilities (as may be applicable) and activities, will apply with full force and effect to off-site activities.
2. Members must sign up and be eligible to participate in off-site activities. Availability is on a first come, first served basis, and there may be minimum requirements and maximum limits.
3. Costs may be required for all such activities

Galveston County Senior Services Staff will have zero tolerance for violations of the following:

Show respect for all

Everyone deserves to be treated as an individual

No vulgar, disrespectful, offensive or abusive language

Illegal acts are prohibited (stealing, weapons, intoxication, drug or alcohol consumption, etc.)

Omission of others during programs and activities

Respect the dignity of others

Galveston County Senior Services Staff reserves the right to deny entrance and/or take disciplinary action against any person in violation of these rules or whom they deem disruptive or unsuitable for participation in any program

Code of Conduct violations and disciplinary actions are at the discretion of leadership. Some violations may be punishable by but not limited to suspensions or permanent removal from a center for first offenses. Any person in disagreement with disciplinary action may appeal the decision to the Senior Services Supervisor in writing within ten days.

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in consideration for the Galveston County Parks and Cultural Services, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you might sustain as a result of said services, including but not limited to, vehicle operations and boarding and exiting the vehicle.



I recognize and acknowledge that Galveston County Parks and Cultural Services is neither a common carrier nor in the business of providing transportation services to the public. I further recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to vehicle passengers, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that I may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with receiving transportation services, including, but not limited to, injuries, damages and loss arising out of negligent operation or supervision of the vehicle. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have (or accrue to me) against Galveston County, including its respective officials, agents, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party"). I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the Party from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss that I may have or which may accrue to me and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with said transportation services. I further agree that this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. I have read and fully understand the above waiver and release of all claims.

I acknowledge that I have read the above Senior Center Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct. I hereby acknowledge that I fully understand the consequences of this Waiver and Release of Liability.

PLEASE PRINT:

Participant's Name

Participant's Signature

Senior Services Staff Signature

Date:
