

## *Mission Statement*

This beautiful facility is the place where many friendships have been made, where people love to spend their leisure time, where individuals and couples come to learn and to exercise. Citizens, age 55 and older, find new adventures and explore the wonderful world of recreation here at the Woodie Fite Center. Maslow once said, "The greatest of all needs is the need to belong." We hope everyone who joins us will find a sense of belonging and fulfillment. Our goal is to make a positive difference in the lives of all who enter.

The mission of the Woodie Fite Center is to provide a safe, clean, and friendly facility, offering recreational and educational activities for active, independent citizens, age 55 and older.

## *About Us*

The Woodie Fite Center opened its doors for classes on September 6, 2005. On opening day we had already signed 513 members. Today, we service more than 6,000 members. On August 7, 2012 we broke ground on a new 5,000 square foot addition thanks to a block grant we received. The grand opening of the building was in January 2013 and this much needed space will be greatly used for our growing population of members.

## *Policies*

Code of conduct: The goal of the Woodie Fite Center is to promote a pleasant atmosphere where unity and respect for all abound. Membership is a privilege, but may be temporarily or permanently revoked by the following: threatening or hostile behavior, insulting or abusive language (no foul language is permitted), practicing any form of discrimination or violence, violating center regulations, abusing or damaging center property, equipment, or privileges, and not adhering to the DCPR ordinances (posted on WFSC bulletin board).

Class or activity registration and tuition: Registration is taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Early Bird tuition for the next month's classes is due between the 15th and 25th of the previous month at a discounted rate. All members must be registered for a class by the 15th of that month. Classes are not pro-rated. There are not refunds unless classes or activities are cancelled by the Woodie Fite Center.

Class policy: All classes have a minimum and maximum enrollment. The center reserves the right to cancel a class due to insufficient enrollment, inclement weather, or emergency situations. Spectators are not allowed to sit in on classes, unless they have a coupon for the class.

Children: Children and individuals under the age of 55 are not permitted to participate in center activities unless the event is designed for family members to

attend (e.g., Grandparents Day). A member may sponsor a spouse who is not yet 55.

Rental of building or Equipment: The Woodie Fite Center is for the enjoyment of the senior population of Douglas County and surrounding areas. Many people mistake our facility as a convention center or an event center available for rent. As this is not the case, the Woodie Fite Center building or any contents of is not available for rental to the general population. The Woodie Fite Center reserves the right to change or modify this policy for its members, clubs, or groups that are involved with the center. Douglas County does offer several parks available for rent for events that may be available. For more information about these facilities, please visit the celebrate Douglas County website.

Refunds: No refunds will be issued on classes or events. We will be issuing in-house credit only. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the director or her designee will make a determination on whether a refund will be issued on a case by case basis.

Policy on Caregivers/Support Attendants and Their Involvement in Center Activities:

When a member is unable to operate independently, a caregiver/support attendant, designated by the member, may attend activities sponsored by the center in order to assist the member in need. A caregiver/support attendant attending with

a member will not be required to pay tuition for the class, however should the caregiver/support attendant choose to participate in the class, they must pay the activity fee, supply fee or other miscellaneous fees. The caregiver/support attendant does not need to meet the age requirement for membership, to attend with the member in need of their assistance. The caregiver/support attendant will be required to meet the age requirement should they choose to participate in any activity.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- “ Membership is open to anyone age 55 and older.
- “ The Woodie Fite Center is a recreational and educational center, not a day care facility; therefore, personal care is not available.
- “ Members must be mobile and able to independently operate, both mentally and physically, or be accompanied by a registered caregiver.
- “ The membership fee for Douglas County residents is free. The non-resident membership fee is \$10.
- “ All members must sign a liability waiver upon joining the Woodie Fite Center.
- “ Membership badges must be worn when you are at the WFSC. Additional badges are available for purchase for \$1.