Harvest Baptist Church

Family Life Center Policies

The philosophy under-girding the ministry of the Family Life Center is that God’s ideal for us is to have our lives centered daily in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. When Christ is the center of our living, all of life becomes happier, more fulfilling, and more exciting.

It is therefore our desire to maintain a distinctively Christ-honoring atmosphere conducive of good sportsmanship, healthy competition, enhancing family relationships, improving overall physical health and educational ministries—keeping in mind that the Scriptures teach us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 6:19).

So that we might minister more effectively to the total person and to enable everyone to enjoy these facilities to the maximum, the following guidelines have been developed. You are asked to respectfully follow these guidelines at all times, both for your sake and the sake of everyone who will enjoy the Family Life Center.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

 A. Qualifications for Participation

1. Members of Harvest Baptist Church, and / or its Sunday School (4th grade and above) are eligible to participate in the Family Life Center ministry. Participants agree to abide by the policies and procedures established by the church to govern the use of the facility.
2. Children 3rd grade and under must be accompanied by an adult when in the Family Life Center. An exception to this rule will be permitted when special arrangements are made in advance with a member of the church staff for a person at least 15 years of age to be responsible for young children. Unaccompanied children may also participate in special scheduled functions for their age group when adult leadership is provided by the sponsoring group.

B. Guests and Visitors

1. Any member of Harvest Baptist Church or its Sunday School may bring up to two guests with him or her to the Family Life Center. Exceptions may be made for organized activities.
2. A guest must arrive with a sponsoring member. A guest may leave without the member, but if the member leaves, the guest must also leave. The member is responsible for the conduct of his or her guest.
3. Any member desiring to bring more than two guests to the Family Life Center must contact a member of the church staff in advance to make arrangements.
4. Non-members are encouraged to be involved with any organized activities of the Family Life Center.

C. Reservations

1. Organizations, Sunday School classes, and ministries of Harvest Baptist Church will have priority in reserving the Family Life Center.
2. All Children and youth groups must have adequate adult supervision (1:8 ratio) and one adult must be the contact person in charge.
3. Reservation requests by outside church groups must be approved by the church staff during a weekly staff meeting.
4. There will be a fee to reserve the Family Life Center for non church related functions.

E. General Guidelines

1. The Family Life Center is a part of Harvest Baptist Church and those participating in it should dress and conduct themselves accordingly. Appropriate attire should be worn in all areas of the facility.
2. Alcohol products are not allowed anywhere on church property. Tobacco products are not allowed inside any Harvest Baptist Church facility.
3. Members and guests should enter and exit through the main entrance of the church, on the Ford’s Chapel Road side.
4. The Family Life Center will close for regularly scheduled church-wide meetings and will remain closed during such meetings.
5. No pets are allowed in the Family Life Center.
6. No food or drinks are allowed outside the room just off the kitchen. There will be NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED ON THE GYM FLOOR!
7. Equipment must be checked out. The person receiving the equipment is responsible for its return. Any equipment or property that is lost, broken, or damaged by careless or negligent play must be paid for by the person or group responsible for the damage. All equipment must remain in the Family Life Center.
8. The church staff or responsible adult will be responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of the rules of conduct.
9. The violation of any of the policies and guidelines could lead to loss of eligibility to participate in the Family Life Center and its ministries.

II. POLICIES FOR SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

1. Gymnasium and Equipment
2. Only one piece of equipment may be checked out per person.
3. Harvest Baptist Church member teams will have priority when scheduling practices in the Family Life Center.
4. For safety, shoes must be worn on the gym floor. ONLY NON-MARKING RUBBER SOLE SHOES ARE ALLOWED ON THE GYM FLOOR.
5. Food, drink, chewing gum, and candy are not allowed on the gym floor.
6. No outside equipment (i.e. basketballs, volleyballs, etc.) will be allowed in the Family Life Center.
7. Throwing or kicking balls will NOT be allowed on the gym floor.
8. Throwing balls against the wall will NOT be allowed in the gym area.
9. Skateboards, skates, roller blades, and heely’s will NOT be allowed on the gym floor.
10. Riding toys will NOT be allowed on the gym floor.
11. No gym equipment (i.e. balls, tables, chairs, etc.) will leave the gym area for any reason!
12. Do not bounce or throw balls in the hallway outside the gym, or in the room just off of the kitchen.
13. Only authorized individuals can install or modify gym equipment (i.e. volleyball or tennis poles and nets, adjust goal height, raise and lower curtains and goals, etc.)
14. Do not turn the main gym lights on unless you are going to be in the gym for an extended period of time and need them. If you are just walking through the gym and need light, turn the lights on under the walking track. Turning the over-head lights on and off is very costly and will shorten the life of the lighting system.
15. Failure to comply with the above policies could result in being asked to leave the gym area.
16. Walking Track
17. The walking track is for conditioning purposes only, such as walking and jogging.
18. Sitting on or leaning over the safety rail around the track is NOT permitted.
19. Slower walkers should walk to the inside of the track to allow passing by those with a faster pace.
20. Children 6th grade and under are not allowed on the walking track without adult supervision.
21. Balls of any kind will NOT be allowed on the walking track. NO object, including balls, should be thrown from the walking track or up to the walking track.
22. Failure to comply with the above policies could result in being asked to leave the walking track area.
23. Kitchen
24. Use of the kitchen must be requested and approved by the church staff during a weekly staff meeting.
25. Each individual or group using the kitchen is responsible for cleaning the area used. Everything must be cleaned and put back just as the individual or group found it.
26. No kitchen equipment is to be taken from the kitchen without prior approval from the church staff.
27. Elevator
28. The elevator should used only when necessary.
29. Please do not allow your children to play in the elevator.

Parents, your help is requested in the use of the Family Life Center. God has blessed us with a beautiful facility in which to do ministry. We should all enjoy this facility and the ministry opportunities it will present us. But we must also be good stewards of this facility and treat it with RESPECT, remembering the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 14:40 “*But be sure that everything is done properly and in order*.”