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Guidelines for Rentals

The Gem of the Hills (“GEM”) Activity Center is primarily reserved for GEM and GEM sponsored events. The secondary purpose of the facility is to accommodate public programs that will bring the community to the facility and encourage social or wellness programs for adults in Blanco and the surrounding area, meet the social needs of nonprofit, local government entities or other community activities relating to the health and wellness or education of the adult population. If staff is required during the event, the BOD may charge additional fees for the cost of the staff.

The BOD reserves the right to cancel reservations for emergencies.

A deposit according to the current rental price sheet is required to reserve the date of the event. The deposit may be waived at the discretion of the BOD depending on the activities to take place. The deposit is refundable when no damage occurs and the cleanup checklist is completed and signed. If damages occur or the facility is left without the required cleaning as detailed on the cleanup checklist, the cost of the cleanup and/or repairs will be taken out of the deposit and any additional fees charged to the person signing the agreement.

The rental includes use of tables and chairs. If the event is at the pavilion, the rental includes the use of all picnic tables. The person signing the agreement is responsible for ensuring all tables and chairs or any kitchen items are returned clean and neatly to the appropriate storage area. There is no staff available for setting up or breaking down the tables and chairs.

GEM is not responsible for injuries sustained by those attending any event when due to negligence of the person signing the rental agreement or those in attendance. Additionally, GEM is not responsible for illness that may occur because of food served during the rental.

Meetings held in the facility do not constitute endorsement by GEM. No advertisement implying such will be permitted. *Advertising for public events must include “This event is not affiliated with or sponsored by Gem of the Hills.” A copy of any advertising or printed material must be submitted to GEM in advance.*

No children are allowed alone at the facility. For programs or events that include children, there must be at least one adult for every ten children attending an event at the facility.

Any physical movement program instructors must be certified and have professional liability insurance.

The following are **PROHIBITED** and if any of the following scenarios occur, loss of deposit, and any additional payment for damages by the applicant will be billed and future rentals will be prohibited:

- The use of candles or incense;
- Glitter, confetti, or helium balloons;

- Any decorations, banners, or signs attached to the walls, sound boards or ceilings;
- Staples on wood picnic tables or anywhere on pavilion structure;
- Smoking except in designated outside smoking area. All smoking debris must be disposed of properly in container provided in the designated outside smoking area located at the picnic table located on the northside of the facility.
- Serving of alcohol without prior approval and security services obtained.

Initial/Date _____