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City of Peoria  
Adaptive Recreation

# Friday Night Dances

For adults with  
developmental disabilities



## Information and Policies

**Location:**

8335 W. Jefferson

Peoria, Arizona

(2 blocks south of Peoria Ave.)

**Phone: 623-773-7436**

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***Family members, staff and respite providers, please review policies with participants for whom you are responsible.***

# Welcome to the Friday Night Dance!



In this flyer, you will find useful information regarding the dances and guidelines for participation.

Friday Night Dances began in 1986, with an average attendance of 25. Dances were held in 8 week sessions. Today the dances have grown to 40 dances a year. Average attendance is approximately 240.

Dances are held from 7:00-9:30 p.m. and take place at the Peoria Community Center, 8335 W. Jefferson. The City of Peoria Adaptive Recreation offices are also located at the Center.

The SWEETHEART DANCE, held each February, is a special event where all participants must purchase tickets in advance in order to be admitted into the event. Only 125 tickets are sold for this event and special entertainment is provided.



Participation at the Friday Night Dances is limited to adults with developmental disabilities. Developmental disabilities, as defined by DES/DDD are mental retardation, epilepsy, C.P., autism and/or substantial functional limitations in 3 of 7 life areas.

## Friday Night Dance Guidelines:

This is an adult activity, therefore, participants must be **18 years of age or older**. Participants, family members or others under age 18 are **not** permitted at the dance.

Participants should be comfortable with loud music, large groups and dimmed lights.

Due to the large attendance at the dances, group home staff and caregivers are required to supervise the participants for whom they are responsible. Those participants who attend with a 1-1 staffing ratio should contact the Adaptive Recreation office prior to attending.

Emergency phone numbers should be on file with Friday Night Dance staff. Participants who do not live in a group home should complete a registration form so that staff have emergency information on hand. Forms should be updated by guardians as needed.

Participants are required to wear name badges. This helps staff identify participants who are having problems during the dance and allows dance staff to seek assistance from group home staff or a family member more readily.

- Individuals attending the dance should have transportation to and from the dance arranged before attending. Repeated failure to have transportation at the end of the dance may result in a suspension.
- No inappropriate dances or gestures.
- No weapons of any kind.
- Refunds are not given for admission fees.
- No objects should be brought to the dance, i.e. toys, crayons, etc.
- Headwear is discouraged, except on theme nights. If viewed as offensive or distasteful, participants will be asked to remove it.

- **No smoking inside the building.** A designated Break Time is provided between 8:00-8:40 pm. **Participants who are accompanied by residential staff and/or caregivers should not be left unattended outside. No one should be walking around the facility at night. Please be respectful and extinguish cigarettes in ashtray.**
- It is the responsibility of each family or agency to have an emergency plan in place should a participant experience problems at the dance, i.e. medical, behavioral.
- The harassment of others, fighting, argumentative behavior, refusal to follow rules or directions of staff, using obscenities and sexual activities as defined by Section 11 -100(U) of the Peoria City Code are strictly prohibited.
- No alcohol on Community Center Property
- Those needing personal assistance should bring a caregiver with them.

Appropriate behavior at the dances and on the Community Center premises is required. Failure to comply with all rules can lead to a temporary or permanent suspension from all activities with the City of Peoria's Adaptive Recreation Program. Consequences for failure to follow guidelines will be decided by the Recreation Coordinator and/or Recreation Supervisor for the Adaptive Recreation Program. Each incident will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Written notification will follow any serious incident.

**The Adaptive Recreation Program strives to provide a safe and fun environment where individuals can dance and socialize on a weekly basis. We appreciate your cooperation.**