

City programs cater to athletes

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Student athletes of all abilities will find an abundance of programs offered this fall through the parks and recreation departments of Eugene and Springfield.

"Willamalane is open to everyone," said Randy Gerlach, supervising coordinator of Willamalane Parks and Recreation in Springfield.

"Springfield residents are preferred at our facilities, and University students living in the Springfield area are prime targets," but everyone is invited to take part in the sports programs, Gerlach said.

Willamalane organizes volleyball and basketball teams in winter and spring and softball teams in the summer. Anyone 18 or older is eligible to play.

Organization of teams begins November 7, when the men's basketball teams will meet at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Building Community Center, 765 North A St.

For more information on other upcoming programs, contact the Memorial Building at

746-1669.

Willamalane also offers open gym at the Memorial Building and at other locations throughout Springfield.

Beginning Oct. 1, Willamalane will host open gyms on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays primarily for University students. Admission to open gyms is free.

Health fitness programs are also available, with both water aerobics and regular aerobics offered for people 18 and older.

The water aerobics classes are held in the two Willamalane swimming pools.

The Lively Park Swim Center at 6100 Thurston Road in Springfield offers the only wave pool west of the Mississippi, Gerlach said.

The pool also includes a slide, a whirlpool and a lap swimming area.

The entrance fee to the pool is \$2.50 for residents in the Willamalane district, and \$3.50 for non-residents. Special family rates are offered, and the pool can be rented by private parties. For more information, call 747-WAVE.

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Games free for students

Student tickets for Oregon football games will be available at the University Athletic Ticket Office five working days before each home game as part of an agreement the ASUO has had with the Athletic Department since 1987.

The agreement sets aside 6,048 tickets for students for each home game. Students are permitted one ticket per game and must show a summer or fall student identification card (depending on the game) and another piece of photo identification at the ticket window at McArthur Court. A letter of admission or a fee card can also be used to get tickets.

ASUO also has made

available 50 children's tickets per game for dependents of students, and special equivalency stamps for students' spouses who want to attend games. Children's and special equivalency tickets can be obtained at the ASUO office, EMU Suite 4, with proof of age or relation.

The tickets are subsidized by student incidental fees allotted to the Athletic Department. Under the guidance of the ASUO, the Athletic Department uses the funds to support women's, men's and coed sports, not including football and basketball.

A student ticket permits the holder to sit in sections 5 through 9 in Autzen Stadium.



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