Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center  
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the approximate date the Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center will open?
The Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center is set to open during spring 2015 with a formal donor dedication ceremony scheduled for March 12th. The Center is expected to open prior to March 12th and that date, when confirmed, will be communicated to the campus community.

Who can use the Recreation Center?
Memberships are initially limited to currently enrolled students, currently employed full--time, part--time, and adjunct faculty, lecturers and volunteer, temporary, and full--time staff.

What is the cost of membership?
Undergraduate and graduate students will not pay a membership fee. The fee for eligible faculty and staff is $10 per paycheck, equal to $240 annually, and will be collected each pay period through payroll deduction.

How will the Saint Mary’s ID card system work?
Members will be required to sign a Joseph L. Alioto Waiver Registration Form and check in each visit at the front desk with their Saint Mary’s ID card to access the facility.

What do I do if the card key access does not work?
All questions related to faculty and staff eligibility should be directed to the Human Resources Office.

How do I sign up?
Students, faculty & staff must complete the Joseph L. Alioto Waiver Registration Form. Faculty and staff must also enroll in payroll deduction before gaining access to the facility. Any questions related to eligibility for faculty and staff membership should be directed to the Human Resources Office.

How will payroll deduction work and what is the process for enrolling?
Employees can access the payroll deduction form at the HR office, online via the HR web site, or at the Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center. Once completed, employees will receive a copy of the payroll deduction agreement to be shown as proof of membership at the Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center until the payroll deduction commences.

How do I discontinue membership?
Members who wish to discontinue their membership must complete a new payroll deduction form canceling their membership and return it to Human Resources via mail, fax or emailed PDF. Forms must be submitted 30 days in advance of the desired cancellation date. Membership will also be discontinued when an employee is off the Saint Mary’s College payroll. Cancellations are not allowed by phone.
Will a trial period be offered?
Not at this time.

Will guided tours be offered?
Yes, please schedule a tour with Campus Recreation by emailing campusrec@stmarys-ca.edu.

How will the Wellness program be linked to the recreation center?
The Human Resources Office is in the early stages of developing a Wellness Program for the College, beginning with a survey that will assess staff and faculty interest in various wellness programs. The Employee Benefits Advisory Committee will be responsible for providing oversight and recommendation on the College’s wellness program and any subsequent collaboration with the Alioto Recreation Center.

Who will facilitate the Fitness Group Sessions offered at the Alioto Recreation Center?
Fitness sessions will be facilitated by student leaders who are operating the Fitness On-Demand video.

What types of fitness classes are offered and who is leading them?
There are over 600 classes currently offered through Fitness on Demand. These classes will be drop in or facilitated by Campus Recreation Student Leaders.

How does Fitness on Demand work?
Fitness on Demand is an innovative video delivery system that allows participants to participate in fitness sessions at the touch of a button. Members will be able to participate in scheduled sessions or drop in and choose a workout.

Are classes an additional cost?
No, not at this time.

Will a code of conduct for students, staff and faculty be in place?
Yes. Please refer to the student, staff and faculty handbooks for policies for acceptable conduct on campus.

How many students will be hired and what is our student staffing plan?
Student employment is offered year round and job openings are posted on Gaelink.

Will I be able to visit the Café and or Juice bar if I am not a member?
All amenities offered at the Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center require a membership.

What if I cannot locate my ID card?
ID card replacement can be requested at the Business Office window Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. When an ID card is linked to a meal plan or FLEX account, a fee of $25 will be charged for replacement.
Are FLEX dollars accepted?
FLEX dollars will be accepted at the Cafe. At this time, no monetary transactions will occur at the front desk.

Is this facility designed for varsity athletics?
The facility was designed primarily for use by the general student body. All currently enrolled students will have access to the facility. There is currently no varsity athletics programming scheduled in the facility.

How will the facility be scheduled for activities other than those offered by Campus Recreation?
Some credit-bearing activity courses will be offered on a limited basis. Usage patterns will be evaluated for activities not sponsored by Campus Recreation.

Do you need to check in at each visit?
Yes, all members are required to check in with their valid Saint Mary’s ID card.

Will towel service, lockers and other services be offered?
There is no towel service offered at the Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center. Lockers are available for day use only and members must bring their own lock. Locks are not to remain on lockers overnight.

What is a personal locker room?
A personal locker room is also known as a gender neutral locker room and shower. This is a place that any gender can use when someone is in need of more privacy.