

# **Student Activities & Engagement**

## **Council of Student Leaders**

The Council of Student Leaders is Winthrop University's official student voice to the Board of Trustees and administration. The structure was updated by the Winthrop University Board of Trustees in 2011 and consists of a representative body of Winthrop student leaders, an elected president and vice president, and other concerned students. CSL provides students a significant role in institutional decision-making and self-governance.

The Council serves to strengthen relations among the administration, faculty, students, and the Rock Hill community while performing such functions as are necessary to advance student welfare.

In furtherance of its responsibility, the Council carries out the following tasks:

- Appointment of student representatives to University governance committees.
- Reviews and approves charter applications from student organizations in accordance with current University procedures as outlined in the Student Organizations Handbook.
- Approves and distributes student activity funds to eligible campus student organizations through the Student Allocations Committee.
- Assists in planning and implementing campus wide institutional events such as Homecoming and Convocation.
- Provides a forum for students to raise and discuss issues relevant to the Winthrop Community.

For more information regarding the Council of Student Leaders or to learn how to become involved, call the Office of Student Engagement at (803) 323-2248 located in 269 DiGiorgio Campus Center. Meetings are open to all and are held on Monday nights at 7:00pm in the DIGS 114.

## **DiGiorgio Student Union**

DiGiorgio Student Union (DSU), the student programming board responsible for campus wide entertainment for the Winthrop community, offers numerous opportunities for interested students to become involved. DSU aims to both entertain and educate students by providing an array of events that expose students to different customs, cultures, and experiences outside of the classroom. Each semester, DSU brings a variety of events to campus for students to enjoy, such as movies, make & take events, musical performances, novelties, lectures and more! For more information on the DSU programming board, please visit [www.winthrop.edu/dsu](http://www.winthrop.edu/dsu), come by 212 DiGiorgio Campus Center, or call (803) 323-2299.

## **Fraternity and Sorority Life**

Winthrop University has 15 active nationally affiliated Fraternity and Sorority organizations. Six fraternities and nine sororities which are organized under three governing councils. These 15 Greek-letter organizations are committed to cultivating personal and professional growth while serving the campus and community. Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) members at Winthrop are very involved with community service, philanthropies, and various aspects of student life. Fraternity and Sorority Life offers an opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills while learning a greater appreciation for a true fraternal experience. Participation in Fraternity and Sorority Life offers students a well- rounded academic experience as well as an opportunity to enhance communication skills and build character while promoting high academic standards.

Students must be academically eligible to participate in a joining process of these organizations. Academic eligibility is enrollment as an active Winthrop University Student, completion of 12 university credit hours, and a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Please note these are minimum requirements as most chapters have a higher GPA requirement. Becoming a member varies among the three councils:

Interfraternity Council (IFC) chapters conduct a 365 recruitment process where any man that meets university eligibility requirements may participate in a recruitment process throughout the academic year.

Panhellenic Council (CPC) hosts a formal recruitment weekend each semester where any woman with that meets university eligibility requirements may enroll and participate.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) chapters have individualized intake processes whereby potential candidates seek membership. To participate in membership intake, students must meet university eligibility requirements and attend the informational session. For more information about intake, contact the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Affairs.

For more information on Fraternity & Sorority Life at Winthrop or to learn how to get involved, contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs at (803) 323-2248 or visit the website at [www.winthrop.edu/ofsa/](http://www.winthrop.edu/ofsa/).

## **Intercollegiate Athletics**

Winthrop holds memberships in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I and the Big South Conference. Winthrop University offers 16 sports on the intercollegiate level including indoor/outdoor track, volleyball, basketball, golf, cross country, soccer, softball and lacrosse for women, as well as soccer, basketball, baseball, indoor/outdoor track, cross country and golf for men. Athletic grants-in-aid are available in all sports.

Students may refer to the Winthrop Athletic website: [www.winthropeagles.com](http://www.winthropeagles.com), the Johnsonian and other campus publicity sources for times and dates of home athletic contests. For more information, contact the Athletic Department at (803) 323-2129, ext. 6222.

## **Recreational Facilities**

Winthrop offers a wide range of athletic and recreational facilities to challenge students' abilities outside the classroom.

### **Disc Golf Course**

An 18-hole disc golf course, located at the Winthrop Lake area, is open to students, faculty and staff. For scorecards and more information about the course, please contact the Recreational Services Office, (803) 323-2652.

### **Golf Course**

The nine-hole course is open to current Winthrop University students, faculty, and staff, for free by showing a Winthrop University ID. Immediate Family Members of WU faculty and staff will be allowed to play by showing their "Screamin Eagle Card." Screamin Eagle Cards can be picked up at the coliseum. All other guest must purchase a Daily Pass for \$10.00 at the Outdoor Education Center.

### **Lois Rhame West Health, Physical Education and Wellness Center**

The Lois Rhame West Health, Physical Education and Wellness Center is the site of both academic and wellness pursuits. Offices located in the facility include (PESH), Department of Physical Education, Sport, and Human Performance and Recreational Services. The West Center provides access to a variety of recreational amenities, including a climbing wall, four racquetball courts, an 8-lane, 25-yard pool, four basketball courts that can also be used for badminton and volleyball, an indoor track (1/8 mile), over 11,000 square feet of weight and cardio space and two activity rooms. For complete information about the West Center including policies and hours of operation please visit the following website:

[www.winthrop.edu/recservices](http://www.winthrop.edu/recservices). You may also call (803) 323-2652 or stop by West Center 211.

*\*A valid Winthrop University Student ID or guest pass is necessary for entry and use of the West Center.*

### **The Outdoor Education Center (OEC)**

For the past 40 years, the Outdoor Education Center (OEC) at Winthrop University has been an adventure-based resource for the campus and surrounding community. Consisting of an adventurous low ropes and team-building course, the OEC provides groups and teams, of all types and sizes, with opportunities for learning, development, and FUN!! Participants are afforded opportunities to step out of their comfort zones, as they engage in a series of adventurous team development games and activities designed to improve communication, build trust, and foster teamwork. Beyond providing a fun and memorable experience, our goal is for each group to experience a positive impact beyond the adventure! Adventure programs may be scheduled through the PESH Department: please email [OEC@winthrop.edu](mailto:OEC@winthrop.edu), call (803) 323-2573, or visit our website at [www.winthrop.edu/coe/oec](http://www.winthrop.edu/coe/oec).

### **Recreational Services Fields**

Located at the recreation area, The Farm, are two lighted fields that are used for Intramural Sports, practices, and matches for Club Sports. For more information regarding these fields please call (803) 323- 2354 or stop by 211 West Center.

### **Sand Volleyball Courts**

Two sand volleyball courts are located next to the Recreational Services Fields and are available for use by Winthrop students. To reserve the court for structured use please call the Recreational Services Office, (803) 323-2354.

### **Student Activity Center**

The Student Activity Center is located adjacent to Wither/ W.T.S. Building with the main entrance off of Eden Terrace. The facility is used for events ranging from sport practices and tournaments to weekend dances. This multi-purpose facility is scheduled through the Office of Student Engagement, (803) 323-2248.

In addition to on-campus facilities, the University owns and maintains a 380-acre recreational area surrounding the Winthrop Coliseum and Winthrop Lake.

### **Tennis Complex**

The Tennis Complex is located near the Coliseum area. At this time, the complex is not available for use.

### **Winthrop Headquarters for Outdoor Adventure (WHOA!)**

The Winthrop Headquarters for Outdoor Adventure (WHOA!) is an adventure-based equipment resource center organized and operated by the Physical Education, Sport & Human Performance (PESH) Department of Winthrop University. For minimal rental fees, students, faculty and staff of Winthrop University can access a variety of outdoor adventure equipment such as kayaks, canoes, tents, framed backpacks, and other hiking and camping gear. To make reservations, please email [WHOA@winthrop.edu](mailto:WHOA@winthrop.edu) or call (803) 323-2573. Additional information can be found at [www.winthrop.edu/oec](http://www.winthrop.edu/oec). Availability may be limited based on time of year and department need.

## **Recreational Services**

The Office of Recreational Services offers recreation, fitness and wellness opportunities through its various programs including (but not limited to) Intramural Sports, and Group Fitness.

The Office of Recreational Services engages a diverse campus community by providing quality programs, services and facilities to promote balanced, active lifestyles. Through participation in various programs, participants can gain a multitude of personal benefits including improved levels of physical fitness and wellness, opportunities for social interaction, time management skills, engagement in a group dynamic setting, a healthy means of stress relief, as well as the creation of a sense of ownership and belonging between students and the Winthrop community.

### **Aquatics**

The West Center is home to an 8-lane, 25-yard pool. The pool ranges in depth from 4 to 13 feet. The pool is used for instructional programs, fitness programs and Intramural Sports. Students can use the pool for a variety of informal recreational activities, including free swim.

### **Climbing Wall**

The West Center houses a 36' climbing wall consisting of eight different rope paths. The wall is used for academic classes, instructional clinics, and informal recreational free climbing. The climbing wall is staffed by trained student attendants and is available to all students and West Center members of any skill level.

### **Club Sports**

The Club Sports program is comprised of student organizations that are competitive, recreational and/or educational in nature. All clubs are open to Winthrop students of all athletic abilities and backgrounds. Established clubs are often provided with funding to further pursue competitive opportunities (by traveling to compete with other universities) and advance the interest of the club within the Winthrop campus community.

### **Fitness**

Recreational Services offers an array of group fitness classes that fit all fitness levels such as Cardio Sculpt, Yoga, Circuit Training, Zumba, Butts N' Guts, Ab Attack and much more. Besides group fitness classes, Recreational Services offers incentive programs that take place throughout the year.

### **Intramural Sports**

The Office of Recreational Services hosts team, individual/dual sports and activities throughout the academic year. The sports offered within Intramural Sports are made up of teams exclusive to Winthrop students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Men's, Women's, CoRec and Open leagues are offered in various sports, and league and tournament champions are awarded Intramural Sports Champion t-shirts!

Examples of sports being offered include Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Softball, Kickball, Sand Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee and more!

For more information regarding Recreational Services and the programs offered, please call (803) 323-235 or stop by West Center 211.

### **Student Organizations Handbook**

The Student Organizations Handbook was created as a resource, policy manual, and helpful tool in keeping the 80+ student organizations aware of the expectations, rights, and responsibilities granted to them by Winthrop. By maintaining active communication with the Department of Student Engagement through semester workshops and an annual registration, student organizations are afforded the opportunity to further the educational development of their members.

View the complete Student Organizations Handbook online at [www.winthrop.edu/studentorgs](http://www.winthrop.edu/studentorgs). The Department of Student Engagement is located in 269 DiGiorgio Campus Center, (803) 323-2248.