

VICTORIA COLLEGE
Academy of Lifelong Learning
Gonzales Center
Spring 2025



How to Become a Member

MEMBERSHIP

Annual Membership-\$50

Discounts (Only 1 discount can be applied)

- Museum of the Coastal Bend Member-\$40
- VC Retirees/Employees-\$40

Membership entitles you to participate in any of the ALL-Gonzales activities at no additional charge, with the exception to a few activities that have a supply or travel fee.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO JOIN ALL-GONZALES:

In Person

You may join in person at the VC Gonzales Center:

Victoria College
Gonzales Center
424 E. Sarah DeWitt Drive
Gonzales, TX 78629

Mail or Email

You may become an ALL-Gonzales Member by mailing or emailing the completed membership form and liability release (page 9 & 10) to Melissa.Robinson@VictoriaCollege.edu.

FAQs

How do I sign-up for classes?

Member can register the following ways:

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What is the refund policy?

- No refunds are given for annual Academy of Lifelong Learning membership dues.
- Class fees may be refunded up until the payment/registration deadline.

What is your guest policy?

- Members are allowed to bring one guest per semester to one event that does NOT have an associated fee.
- Members must contact the Academy of Lifelong Learning office prior to the class to RSVP for their guest.

Do you offer any discounts?

- Anyone who is a member of the Museum of the Coastal Bend will receive \$10 off their annual membership
- Victoria College retirees or employees will receive \$10 off their annual membership
- Discounts may not be combined.

What are your office hours?

VC Gonzales Center

Fall & Spring Hours

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed on Fridays

Soap Making 101: Crafting Your Own Natural Soap

Thursday
Feb. 13
2 p.m.

Join us for an informative and hands-on session as we dive into the art of soap making with one of our very own ALL members, Shirley Knox! In this presentation, you'll learn about the essential ingredients, the different methods of soap making, and how to create your own personalized, all-natural soaps. You'll leave with the knowledge to experiment with scents, colors, and textures, along with a few beginner-friendly recipes to try on your own.

Class Fee: None

Study Leader: Shirley Knox

Location: VC Gonzales Center
424 E. Sarah DeWitt, Gonzales, TX

Exploring Asia and Australia: A Journey Through the Eyes of the McLain and Posey Families

Thursday
Feb. 20
2 p.m.

Join us for an engaging presentation by two of our very own ALL members, Kris McLain and Kristi Posey, that takes you on a visual and narrative journey across the stunning landscapes and vibrant cultures of Asia and Australia. Discover the history, traditions, and breathtaking sights of destinations they traveled to this summer. Whether you're a seasoned traveler or just curious about these parts of the world, this session will inspire and inform.

Class Fee: None

Study Leader: Kris McLain and Kristi Posey

Location: VC Gonzales Center
424 E. Sarah DeWitt, Gonzales, TX

Discover Newman's Castle: A Medieval Escape in Bellview, Texas

Thursday
Feb. 27
8:3 a.m.

It's time to don your inner Dancing with the Stars persona and get ready to "Rumba" not "Rumble." Ballroom dancing is a partnership dance where couples, using step-patterns, move rhythmically, expressing the characteristics of music. The five most popular ballroom dances worldwide are Rumba, Foxtrot, Waltz, Cha-Cha, and Swing. Dancers proficient in these five dances can dance with partners from any area of the world. We may not be winning any international competitions after this session, but you are guaranteed to have fun! Take a journey to the heart of Texas as we explore Newman's Castle, a unique hand-built medieval-style fortress nestled in Bellville. Learn about the history and inspiration behind this incredible creation, hear captivating stories, and discover why this hidden gem has become a must-see destination. Whether you're a history buff, architecture enthusiast, or simply curious about local wonders, this presentation will transport you to a world of knights, moats, and medieval charm. *Carpool available*

Class Fee: \$20

Location: VC Gonzales Center
424 E. Sarah DeWitt, Gonzales, TX

Understanding Narcan: Saving Lives in an Opioid Emergency

Thursday
March 6
2 p.m.

Join us for an important presentation on Narcan, a life-saving medication designed to reverse the effects of opioid overdose. Learn how Narcan works, when and how to use it, and why it is a critical tool in addressing the opioid crisis. Ricky DeLaGarza will provide a comprehensive overview, including practical demonstrations and information about access and resources. Whether you're a healthcare professional, community member, or someone wanting to make a difference, this session offers essential knowledge that could help save a life.

Class Fee: None

Study Leader: Ricky DeLaGarza, Victoria College EMS CE Coordinator & Instructor

Location: VC Gonzales Center
424 E. Sarah DeWitt, Gonzales, TX

Crime Stoppers: Empowering Communities to Prevent Crime

Thursday
March 13
2 p.m.

Learn how Crime Stoppers is making a difference in communities by empowering citizens to take a stand against crime. This presentation will provide an overview of the program, its history, and its success in fostering safer neighborhoods. Discover how anonymous tips, rewards, and partnerships with law enforcement help solve crimes and prevent future ones. Gary Young will share inspiring stories, valuable insights, and practical ways you can get involved in keeping your community safe.

Class Fee: None

Study Leader: Gary Young

Location: VC Gonzales Center
424 E. Sarah DeWitt, Gonzales, TX

A Night at the Gaslight Theatre – “Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook”

Friday
March/April TBD
6:30 p.m.

In the small Texas town of Shiner, is a gem of Texas history, the Shiner Opera House known as the Gaslight Theater. The theater’s history began in 1895 and is a true work of art. If you are looking for something to do on Friday night, join us for dinner and the theater and experience this architectural wonder.

Spring Production: Something terrible happened to Junie B. Jones at school today! Someone stole her new furry mittens! So, when Junie B. finds a wonderful pen of many colors, she should be allowed to keep it, right? Because finders keepers, losers weepers. And guess what? There’s a new boy in kindergarten and he is the handsomest. The only thing is both Grace and Lucille want him to be their boyfriend. Maybe he will love Junie B. when he sees her wonderful pen! It is okay to keep it, right? Junie B. Jones is not a crook.... or is she? A hilarious and heartfelt tale based on the best-selling book series by Barbara Park and directed by Elaine Plummer.

Class Fee: \$30

Location: Shiner Gaslight Theatre
207 E. 7th Street, Shiner, TX 77984

Floral Creations: Learn to Arrange Flowers with Gonzales High School Students

Thursday
April 3
8 a.m.

Unleash your creativity and learn the art of flower arranging in this hands-on presentation led by the talented teacher at Gonzales High School. Discover tips and techniques for crafting beautiful floral arrangements, perfect for any occasion. Whether you’re a beginner or looking to refine your skills, this session promises to inspire and teach in a fun, interactive environment. Don’t miss the chance to support and learn from these budding florists!

Special Notes: Park by the tennis courts and check in at the main office. You need to make sure to have your ID for check in at the office. Please be as prompt as possible. We only have the one hour with the high school students.

Class Fee: \$25

Study Leader: Marisa Perusquia

Location: Gonzales High School

The Battle of Galveston: A Turning Point in the Civil War

Thursday
April 10
2 p.m.

Step back in time to January 1, 1863, and relive the dramatic events of the Battle of Galveston, one of the Civil War’s most significant naval engagements. This presentation will delve into the strategies, key figures, and outcomes of the battle, highlighting its impact on the course of the war and Galveston’s place in history. Join Holly Heinsohn for an in-depth exploration of this pivotal moment, complete with vivid storytelling and historical insights. Whether you’re a history enthusiast or curious about Texas’ role in the Civil War, this session will bring history to life.

Class Fee: None

Study Leader: Holly Heinsohn

Location: VC Gonzales Center
424 E. Sarah DeWitt, Gonzales, TX

Discover Speckleberry Farms: A Charming Escape in Weimar, TX

Thursday
April 24
9 a.m.

Looking for a serene escape filled with charm and local homegrown flavor? Join us for a trip that will transport you to Speckleberry Farms in Weimar, Texas. Experience first-hand why this hidden gem is a must-visit destination, offering stunning landscapes, seasonal activities, and unique farm-fresh products. Speckleberry Farms has something for everyone. *Carpool available*

Class Fee: Determined by your preferences
Location: VC Gonzales Center
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A Taste of Bluestem

Thursday
April 31
2 p.m.

Embark on a journey to Bluestem, a delightful destination in Shiner, Texas, where local charm meets unique finds. We will get to shop and explore the very best of Bluestem, from its mouthwatering culinary offerings to handcrafted wares that showcase the region's creativity and flavor. Whether you're a foodie, a shopper, or simply curious about new destinations, this session promises to inspire your next adventure. *Carpool available*

Class Fee: Determined by your preferences
Location: VC Gonzales Center
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A Visit to the Lavender Fields: A Scenic Getaway to Luling, Texas

Thursday
May 1
10 a.m.

Experience the beauty and tranquility of the Lavender Fields in Luling, Texas! This trip is sure to transport you to a serene landscape filled with vibrant purple blooms and the soothing scent of lavender. Whether you're seeking a peaceful escape or a picture-perfect destination, this trip is sure to satisfy. *Carpool available*

Class Fee: Determined by your preferences
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End-of-Year ALL Celebration

Thursday
May 8
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

ALL members will choose a restaurant location for us to gather to celebrate another year coming to a close before the summer and discuss the schedule for the upcoming fall.

Class Fee: Dutch Lunch
Location: TBD



Join Online:
[VictoriaCollege.edu/
Alumni](http://VictoriaCollege.edu/Alumni)

*Building a strong and lasting relationship between
Victoria College and its ever-growing family of alumni.*

Who Can Join?

Victoria College is home to a wide variety of learners, and our alumni are just as diverse. If any part of your journey included Victoria College, you're a part of our family.

Membership Benefits

- Welcome packet with window decal
- Subscription to the Alumni & Friends Newsletter
- Networking, leadership, and volunteer opportunities
- Invitations to special alumni events



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Membership Form & Liability Release

New Member Returning Member

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Last Name First MI Social Security Number (Optional) Date of Birth Sex
Mailing Address City State Zip Code
Home Phone # Cell Phone #

How did you hear about us? Email Address

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name Relationship
Phone Number

QUESTIONS OR MORE INFO:

Victoria College
Gonzales Center
Attention: Melissa Robinson
424 E. Sarah DeWitt Drive
Gonzales, TX 78629

Phone: (830) 672-6251

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**Victoria College Academy of Lifelong Learning
Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of the Risk, and Indemnity Agreement**

This form is a legal release, assumption of risk waiver and covenant not to sue agreement. I, the above-named Member, am eighteen (18) years of age or older, and have voluntarily applied to participate in the Victoria College ("College") Academy of Lifelong Learning ("ALL"). In consideration of my participation in the ALL, on behalf of myself, my family, heirs, and personal representative(s), I hereby accept all risk to my health and of my injury or death that may result from such participation and I hereby release the above named College, its governing board, officers, employees, and representative (collectively the "Releasees") from any and all liability to me, my personal representatives, estate, heirs, next of kin, and assigns for any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to my property and for any and all illness or injury to my person, including death, that may result from or occur during my participation in the ALL, whether cause by negligence of the Releasees, or otherwise.

By my signature herein I hereby acknowledge that there will be times that the nature of an activity or trip may expose me to hazards or risks that may result in my illness, personal injury, or death, and I understand and appreciate the nature of such hazards and risks. I represent that I am physically able, with or without accommodation, to participate in the ALL activities, whether that be an on campus class, day trip where I am driving myself, or a trip where the ALL is providing transportation, and am able to use the equipment and/or supplies associated with these activities.

I understand and agree that Releasees may not have medical personnel available at the location of any activities or on campus. I understand and agree that Releasees are granted permission to authorize emergency medical treatment, if necessary, and that such action by Releasees shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement. I understand and agree that Releasees assume no responsibility for any injury or damage which might arise out of or in connection with such authorized emergency medical treatment. Should I require emergency medical treatment as a result of accident or illness arising during and activity put on by the ALL, I consent to such treatment. I acknowledge that the College does not provide health and accident insurance for participants in the ALL and I agree to be financially responsible for any medical bills incurred as a result of emergency medical treatment. I will notify College representatives in writing if I have medical conditions about which emergency medical personnel should be informed.

I also authorize the College to use or show any photos of ALL events which include me or my likeness.

I further agree that this Release shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. If any term or provision of this Release shall be held illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law governing this Release the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

I HEREBY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COLLEGE, ITS BOARD OF REGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE OR COST THAT MAY OCCUR DUE IN ANY MANNER OR DEGREE TO MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY LISTED ABOVE.

PARTICIPANT

Signature

Date

Printed Name

