



TEAM MEMBER HANDBOOK



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WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Welcome to the Fort Bend Epicenter Team! I want to personally welcome you to the premier multipurpose sports, entertainment, and community venue in Fort Bend County and the Houston metro area. You are joining a team that will have a tremendous impact on our community servicing different constituents that will enjoy the Fort Bend Epicenter for a number of occasions, including high school graduations, sports tournaments, and a variety of events. Our team is committed to providing every patron a memorable experience through a welcoming environment and exceptional customer service.

You will play a key role in the success of the Fort Bend Epicenter, and we are here to support you, providing the resources and training to be a positive contributor to our team. Each one of our teammates plays a critical role of fulfilling our mission to improve the health and economic vitality of the communities we serve. We are excited to see the impact you will make.

Sincerely,

Toby Wyman

General Manager - Fort Bend Epicenter

HISTORY

Fort Bend Epicenter is a brand-new addition to the community of Rosenberg, TX that opened in the late of summer of 2023. The developer behind the project is Stonehenge Holdings, LLC and specializes in developments for public entities.

VENUE OFFERINGS

Fort Bend Epicenter is a 230,000-square-foot multipurpose arena that houses six basketball courts and 12 volleyball courts with a capacity of 10,000 seats. The Epicenter features the latest and greatest technology that makes it the perfect location to host community activities, conferences, trade shows, and black-tie events. There is also an outdoor pavilion that can be used for livestock shows, rodeos, and agricultural events.

MISSION & VISION

To improve the health and economic vitality of the communities we serve.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

PARKING

We ask that you park away from guest parking.

BULLETIN BOARDS

The purpose of the bulletin board is to provide a specific place where notices may be posted, including state and federal mandatory notices, and important communications from management. Information placed on the bulletin board is important. Team Members may not post any information on these bulletin boards without the express permission of a Human Resources Representative or General Manager. The bulletin boards are generally located in the Team Member break rooms or clock-in areas. You are expected to check it regularly.

BREAKROOMS/LOCKERS

We request that you leave all personal belongings locked in your car or at home. The Company and Fort Bend Epicenter assume no liability or responsibility for your personal property, including personal injury, damage, theft, or other loss.

RESTRICTED AREAS

Certain areas are off limits to unauthorized persons and non-working personnel. Failure to observe "off-limits" rules may result in disciplinary action, up to and including, termination.

Restricted areas include:

- Personal Offices
- Electrical and Maintenance Rooms
- Cash Counting Room

EMERGENCY CLOSING

At times, emergencies such as severe weather, fires, power failures or earthquakes can disrupt operations. In extreme cases, these circumstances may require the closing of our facility. When operations are officially closed due to emergency conditions, the time off from scheduled work will be unpaid. However, with Manager approval, Team Members may use available paid time off, if applicable. Team Members will be communicated to by their direct Supervisors of unexpected closures.

LOST AND FOUND

Please contact your direct manager with any lost and found inquiries.

TEAM MEMBER INFORMATION

TEAMWORK

Teamwork is the single key to our success. All of us are team members working towards a common goal. There is no better feeling than being in an environment where the whole team is working hard together and producing something very special. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Part of your responsibility for teamwork is doing whatever is asked of you and assisting your fellow Team Members in any way possible, so that everyone's work flows more efficiently and smoothly. If a manager requests that you perform duties outside of your normal job description, it is essential that you cooperate to achieve common goals. If we all remain flexible in our approach to our work and "pitch-in" where needed, the outcome will be reflected in the growing and successful operation of Fort Bend Epicenter and a more enjoyable work experience for everyone.

WORK SCHEDULES

You are responsible for the shifts you are scheduled to work. Work schedules are designed to be as flexible as possible to fit your needs. The corresponding department manager must be notified of and approve all schedule changes.

When necessary, managers will advise Team Members of the times their schedules will normally begin and end. Staffing needs and operational demands may necessitate variations in starting and ending times, as well as variations in the total hours that may be scheduled each day and week. The scheduling of breaks is the responsibility of the department supervisors and/or managers. You will be required to break in/out for breaks shorter than 15 minutes, but it does not deduct from your pay.

Changing shifts with other Team Members is generally permitted if you trade shifts with another qualified Team Member from your department. All shift changes must be requested through Paylocity and approved by your direct department supervisor and/or General Manager. If this procedure is not followed properly, you will still be considered responsible for the shift and you will be deemed a No Call, No Show (NCNS), even if you asked someone else to take it for you.

To request time off you should make sure you update your availability in Paylocity with when you can and cannot work. Shifts are entered in Paylocity on an as-needed basis depending on the requirements of the event. If shifts are not picked up, then manual scheduling will occur. We will try to work around any requested time off but do not assume that you automatically have the requested time off. Be sure to check the app daily. As mentioned above, you are solely responsible for your scheduled shifts.

You must work at least one (1) shift per month to remain active. If you fail to fulfill this requirement without advanced notification in writing, your access will be disabled, and the situation deemed "job abandonment".

TIME CLOCK

Hourly Team Members will clock-in/out electronically in Paylocity.

MEALS/BREAKS

Management will assign breaks as needed during shifts. All hourly Team Members are to clock out while on break for breaks longer than 20 minutes. All breaks should be enjoyed away from your work area.

DRESS CODE

Team Members are responsible for the upkeep of their uniforms and for the return of all uniforms upon separation of employment. Dress, grooming, and personal hygiene standards contribute to the morale of all Team Members and affect the business image of Fort Bend Epicenter. When representing Fort Bend Epicenter (on and off-site anytime in uniform), Team Members are expected to present a clean, neat, and tasteful appearance. Team Members should dress and groom themselves according to the requirements of their position. Without unduly restricting individual tastes, the following personal appearance guidelines shall be followed:

- Shoes must provide safe, secure footing and offer protection against hazards. Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals and flip-flops are not allowed.
- Clothing deemed revealing, suggestive, or distasteful by facility management is prohibited (holes or ripped clothing are not permitted).
- Mustaches and beards must be clean, well-trimmed and neat.
- Hairstyles are expected to be in good taste; unnaturally colored hair and extreme hairstyles do not present an appropriate professional appearance.
- Excessive makeup is not permitted.
- Offensive body odor and poor personal hygiene is not professionally acceptable.
- Perfume, cologne, and aftershave lotion should be used moderately or avoided altogether, as some individuals may be sensitive to strong fragrances.
- Jewelry should not be functionally restrictive, dangerous to job performance, or excessive.
- Facial jewelry, such as eyebrow rings, nose rings, lip rings, and tongue studs, must not be worn during business hours.
- Torso body piercing with visible jewelry, or jewelry that can be seen through or under clothing, must not be worn during business hours.
- Excessive or offensive tattoos should be covered during work hours.

Team Members should consult with their direct manager, General Manager, or Human Resources Representative if they have questions as to what constitutes appropriate attire.

DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Please check with your direct manager for more information.

TIME AND LABOR LAWS

CHILD LABOR/ WORK PERMIT

Candidates must be a minimum of 16 years of age to be considered for employment unless approved by a Company Account Executive or a Senior Leader in the Company's Home Office. In certain situations where an exception is made, all state and local child labor laws including work permits will be adhered to.

During School Days 14-15 years old:

- Max 3 hours per day
- Max 18 hours per week
- Allowed work 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

During Non-School Days (Summer or Holidays) 14-15 Years old:

- Max 8 hours per day
- Max 40 hours per week
- Allowed work 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

FINAL PAY

Under Texas law, team members who resign voluntarily must receive their final paycheck on the next regularly scheduled payday, while team members who are involuntarily terminated must receive their final wages within six calendar days. Texas does not require companies to pay out accrued but unused PTO at separation unless the employer's policy or practice provides for payout. If company policy allows for unused PTO to be paid, it will be included with the final wages and issued according to the timing required for voluntary or involuntary separation. Team members who have questions about final pay or PTO eligibility should contact Human Resources.

STATE LAWS

COURT WITNESS LEAVE

Companies must provide unpaid leave to team members to appear as witnesses in a court proceeding or to attend a juvenile court proceeding when required as parents or guardians.

EQUAL WORK, EQUAL PAY

A team member who performs public service for this state is entitled to be paid the same compensation as other team members as is paid to a team member who performs the same kind, grade, and quantity of service, and a distinction in compensation may not be made because of sex.

INTENTIONAL AI DISCRIMINATION

Beginning January 1, 2026, Texas will prohibit companies of *all sizes* from using artificial intelligence (AI) systems with the intent to discriminate against members of a protected class. Both federal and state law already prohibit discrimination against protected classes if an employer has *15 or more* team members (and using AI, or any other tool, to discriminate wouldn't excuse it), but this new law applies to small companies as well.

JURY LEAVE

Texas' jury duty leave law requires all companies to provide team members with time off for jury duty. Companies cannot take adverse action against team members for serving as jurors or grand jurors, or for attending or scheduling to attend jury duty service.

OVERTIME

Texas companies covered by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) must comply with the FLSA's overtime requirements. Under the FLSA, companies must generally pay nonexempt team members one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 hours in a workweek.

POLITICAL CONVENTION LEAVE

SFC will provide Team Members with unpaid leave to attend:

- A precinct convention for which they are eligible to participate; or
- A county, district, or state convention for which they are a delegate.

Provide as much notice as possible of your need for leave.

Cyclone Ballparks will not discriminate or retaliate against Team Members who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

VOTING LEAVE

Texas Companies must provide Team Members with paid leave to vote if the polls are not open at least two consecutive hours before or after the Team Member's shift.

TEAM MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

GUEST SERVICE

We are a service business and our success is dependent upon providing our guests with the best experience around. Every Team Member is a big part of that experience. You represent Fort Bend Epicenter in your actions and should conduct yourself in a courteous and professional manner at all times.

We want to be considered the “friendliest place in town.” To achieve that position, we have instituted the “Hospitality Zone”. You will be amazed at the reaction you will receive from guests.

- Within ten (10) feet you should acknowledge a guest by making eye contact, smiling, nodding, etc.
- Within five (5) feet you should initiate conversation. (i.e. “Welcome! How are you?”)
- You should always have the first and last word in a conversation. As a guest approaches, you should be the one to initiate conversation.
- Engage guests to help direct them, rather than waiting for them to come to you.
- As a guest leaves, you should always have a friendly word for them (i.e. “Have a great night! See you again soon!”).

Working in direct contact with the public can be enjoyable and rewarding, but it can also be challenging. Handling those challenges with care can make all the difference in our guests’ experience. Consider yourself at all times as being “on stage.” No matter what bothers you inwardly, a smile, eye contact, and sincerity will always be your most valuable assets.

Remember that the guests are never an interruption to our work. Their happiness and enjoyment IS our work. Make sure that you greet our guests with a friendly smile, eye contact, and make them feel welcome. If they ask a question that you can’t answer, say, “I’m not sure, but I’ll find out for you,” – then do so.

Never argue with a guest. If there is a problem that you cannot handle, that you feel is getting out of control, or is upsetting you and causing a confrontation with a guest, excuse yourself from the situation and seek a Manager for assistance.

Remember the following guidelines when dealing with a difficult situation:

- Let the guest speak; do not interrupt.
- Apologize for any inconveniences.
- Try to satisfy the immediate needs.
- Inform a Manager immediately.

WORKPLACE SAFETY

SAFETY PROCEDURES

Safety is very important. All Team Members are expected to be safety-conscious, follow safety rules, and to immediately alert management to any conditions in the workplace that are believed to be unsafe or unhealthy. Accident prevention is important to the well-being of our Team Members and guests. As you go through training for your position, additional safety procedures will be explained in depth. The following basic safety rules have been developed to protect Team Members and others from injury while on the job. Accidents can happen - but remember, safety is everyone's responsibility.

Team Members should:

1. Learn their job and how to be safe in the workplace.
2. Know the location of fire alarm boxes, extinguishers, in case of a fire.
3. Promptly report all unsafe or potentially hazardous conditions:
 - Dangerous conditions related to playing surface/sports equipment
 - Wet or slippery floors
 - Cluttered or unsafe areas
 - Equipment left in aisles, walkways, or blocking exits
 - Exposed or unsafe electrical wiring
 - Careless handling of equipment
 - Defective or unguarded equipment
4. Follow all manufacturer recommendations when operating equipment.
5. Handle hazardous chemicals with care.
6. Use proper lifting procedures and get help when needed.
7. Wear safety glasses and protective clothing when necessary.
8. Immediately report all accidents to a Manager on Duty.

CPR/AED

Team Members who work in certain areas of the facility are required to hold a current CPR, AED and/or First Aid certification at all times. If your position requires a certification, you are expected to maintain certification.