

City of Palm Springs James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center and Park



Located in the neighborhood of Desert Highland/Gateway Estates, these facilities serve hundreds of residents weekly. A multi-purpose center with a gymnasium, meeting and game room, kitchen, and exercise room is nested in a beautifully landscaped 10-acre park. Park facilities consist of lighted athletic field and basketball court, as well as a picnic and playground area.

FAQ's

- How do I get to the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center
Directions to Building?

From 1-10: Exit Indian Avenue south to Tramview Road. Make a Right on Tramview road and arrive at 480 Tramview Road.

From Highway 111: Highway 111 to San Rafael and make a right to Indian Avenue North. Turn left on Indian Avenue and make a left on Tramview road and arrive at 480 Tramview Road.

- What are the building hours?

Office

*Monday – Friday * 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

Game Room

*Monday – Friday * 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.*

Weight Room

*Monday – Friday * 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.*

Computer Lab

*Monday – Friday * 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.*

Gymnasium

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- What dates are available for rental?

The facilities are available for rent for meetings, banquets, and more mainly weekends. If you want to have an outdoor event, the park facilities consist of lighted athletic field and basketball court, as well as a picnic and playground area. A few events held at the JOJDHUC have been wedding receptions, Quinceañeras, basketball tournaments, and other family gatherings. From hosting a sweet sixteen to a family reunion, this facility can fit your need. Call (760) 323-8271.

- How much does it cost to rent the building? *Call (760) 323-8271*
- How do we get the field lights turned on during the weekend? *You can only get them turned on if you rent the field. Call (760) 323-8271*
- What are the times sprinklers go on and off? *Call (760) 323-8271*
- Why are the squirrel holes in the grass not being covered? *Call (760) 323-8271 and we will have a representative get back with you.*
- When do the parking lot lights come on? *Right before dusk.*
- Who's watching kids on the playground? *Youth are supervised in and around the building.*
- When is the food give away? *Monday & Tuesday at 11am, First Baptist Church*
- When and how do we get Toys during Christmas for those that need it? *Call (760) 323-8271 or call the Toys for Tots with the 29 Palms Marines at 760-830-6861.*

- What Special Events/Activities does the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center host?

Special Events

Halloween Carnival (October)

Call for dates and times

Annual Christmas Party (December)

Call for dates and times

Kwanzaa (January)

December 26 - January 1

Black History Month Queen's Pageant (February)

Call for dates and times

Black History Month Awards Gala

Call for dates and times

Black History Month Men's Basketball Tournament (February)

Call for dates and times

Black History Month Soul Food Dinner & Fashion Show (February)

Call for dates and times

Black History Month Parade & Town Fair (February)

Call for dates

Parade: 11:00 a.m.

Town Fair: 12:00p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- What Programs & Activities does the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center have?

Adult Basketball

Ages 18-up

Open for adults only for pick-up and league play basketball.

Year round Tuesdays - Fridays

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Instruction on computer fundamentals, word processing and the Internet.

September - June Mondays - Fridays

Lab Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 pm.

Adult Class: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

After-school Study Session & Tutoring

Age's 5 & Up

Focus is one-on-one assistance in reading and writing, tutoring, homework help, and special academic needs tailored to the individual.

September -June Mondays-Thursdays

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Drill Team & Drum Squad

Ages 4-17

Emphasis is placed on choreography, cooperation and performances.

August – May Tuesdays &

Wednesdays 4:00p.m.-6:00p.m.

Programs & Activities

Computer Learning & Readiness

All ages

Focus on individual instruction and training. Beginners through advanced.

Early Childhood Literacy Program

Ages 2 - 4

Focus is one-on-one assistance in reading and writing, tutoring, homework help, and special academic needs tailored to the individual.

September – June Mondays-
Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Weight Exercise

Ages 13 & Up

Focus on improving physical fitness and muscular development through proper weight training and use of free weights. Year round Mondays-Fridays
Call for individual training

Sewing Class

Ages 9 & Up

Have you always wanted to sew or just fix your favorite dress?

We supply a sewing machine, you supply the thread.

September - May Fridays
(Adults) 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
(All) 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Pickle Ball

Ages 18-up

Open for all ages for pick-up and league play pickle ball.

September - June Mondays - Fridays
10:00a .m.-1:00 p.m.

Programs & Activities

Workout Wednesdays

Ages 7-14

Teaching youth the fundamentals of light weight training, agility training and skill training. With the physical development there will also be mental development.

September - June Wednesdays
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Youth Encouragement Program

Ages 11-17

Focus on teaching rules, cooperation fundamentals, teamwork, and enrichment in a structured atmosphere. Educational and fun field trips throughout the year.

September - June Thursdays
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.