

ALL

Academy of Lifelong Learning

Spring 2025 Schedule

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Flatonia: Railroads & Relics

HOBBIES

Junk Journals

TECHNOLOGY

Introduction to AI

HEALTH

Caffeine 101



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WELCOME!

CTE - Continuing Education Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL)

Welcome to our Academy of Lifelong Learning Spring 2025 Schedule. The Academy of Lifelong Learning is a member-driven organization for active adults, offering classes and social activities for continued intellectual and personal growth.



- Participate in social activities;
- Share a love of learning with people who will broaden your life;
- Study under the guidance of members who represent a wide range of expertise & life experiences;
- Share your avocation or formal training as an ALL instructor;
- Develop friendships with a diverse group of people;
- Be part of a collective voice of active adults in the community

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How to Become a Member

The annual membership dues for ALL-Victoria are \$80 and renew each fall. Members joining after Jan. 1 will pay a reduced rate of \$55 for the spring and summer or \$20 for the summer only. Membership entitles you to participate in any of the ALL-Victoria activities offered during the fall, spring, and summer semesters at no additional charge, with the exception to a few activities that have a supply or travel fee. These are noted in the schedule.

There are several ways to join ALL-Victoria:

IN PERSON

You may join in person in the Academy of Lifelong Learning Office:

Victoria College
Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center, Room 309
7403 Lone Tree Road
Victoria, TX 77905

EMAIL

You may become an ALL-Victoria member by emailing the completed membership form and liability release (pages 25 & 26) to WCE@VictoriaCollege.edu.

MAIL

You may mail the completed membership form and liability release (pages 25 & 26) to:

Victoria College
Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
Attention: Academy of Lifelong Learning
7403 Lone Tree Road
Victoria, TX 77905



GAMES

for beginners & advanced players

Mah Jongg⁺

Mondays*

Feb. 3-May 12

1-5 p.m.

(No Mah Jongg on March 17)

Mah Jongg is a game of Chinese origin usually played by four persons with tiles that are drawn and discarded until one player secures a winning hand. Monday is open play for beginner and experienced American and Chinese Mah Jongg players.

**A Mah Jongg card may be borrowed for the first couple weeks of play. Attendees will then be encouraged to purchase their own game card.*

Maximum: 36 players

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center, Room 314
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Bunco

Thursdays*

Feb. 6, 20

March 6, 27

April 10, 24

May 8

1-3 p.m.

Bunco is an old parlor dice game, played in groups of 4, where teams score points while taking turns rolling three dice. A bunco is achieved when a person rolls 3 sixes. Participants are asked to bring a \$10 donated unwrapped gift to be used as prizes.

Maximum: 36 players

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center, Room 314
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Hand and Foot

Fridays*

Feb. 7-May 16

1-4 p.m.

(No Hand and Foot on March 21 & April 18)

Hand and Foot is a Canasta card game variant played with multiple decks of standard playing cards. The objective is to build melds of cards, with the ultimate goal of forming "books" or sets of seven cards of the same rank. Friday is open play for beginner and experienced Hand and Foot players.

Maximum: 36 players

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center, Room 314
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Advanced Pickleball⁺

Mondays*

Feb. 10 -May 5

8:45-11:15 a.m.

(No Pickleball on March 17)

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. It is a fun sport and a great way to exercise. Victoria College's Sports Center will have open gym time on Mondays for experienced pickleball players. Participants are expected to assist in set-up and tear down of courts each day of play.

**Attendees must have previously attended Pickleball for Experienced Players or demonstrate proficiency of the game.*

Class Fee: \$20

Maximum: 36 players

Location: VC Sports Center
2200 E. Red River Street, Victoria, TX

*Open Play is contingent on Emerging Technology Complex and Sports Center availability.

Beginner Pickleball+

Fridays*

Feb. 7-May 9

8:45-11:15 a.m.

(No Pickleball on March 14, March 21, and April 18)

Pickleball is a paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels that combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. Victoria College's Sports Center will have open gym time on Fridays for beginners and experienced players alike. Participants are expected to assist in set-up and tear down of courts each day of play.

**A paddle may be borrowed for the first couple weeks of play. Attendees will then be encouraged to purchase their own paddles.*

Class Fee: \$20

Maximum: 36 players

Location: VC Sports Center

2200 E. Red River Street, Victoria, TX

Dominoes

Thursdays*

Feb. 13, 27

March 13

April 3, 17

May 1, 15

1-4 p.m.

Dominoes is a family of tile-based games which test both skill and patience. Dominoes will be available during this open-play period for members to play 42, Straight, Moon, and Mexican Train variations.

Maximum: 36 players

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center, Room 314
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX



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FEBRUARY

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Feb. 5

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Feb. 5

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Feb. 6 AND Feb. 13

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Feb. 11

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Feb. 11

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Feb. 12

Genealogy Online: Part II

Feb. 12

Crafternoon

Feb. 13

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Feb. 17

Sew Your Own: Placemats

Feb. 18

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Feb. 18

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Genealogy Online: Part III

Feb. 19

Paranormal Investigation

Feb. 20

Exploring Texas Traditions

Feb. 25

Local Author Chat

Feb. 25; March 11, 25; April 8, 22; May 13

Lifestory

Feb. 26

VPL Book Club: *The Astronaut Wives Club*

Feb. 26

The Jails of Victoria County: A Brief History

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Topics in Psychology: Transitioning to Retirement

Feb. 27

Botanist Jean-Louis Berlandier

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J Welch Farms Wine Tasting and Bingo

Insight into ALL- An Interactive Q&A

Tuesday

Feb. 4

10-11:30 a.m.

Whether you are a new or seasoned ALL member, this class is for you! Hear the latest updates and changes for the Academy of Lifelong Learning from CTE-Continuing Education Department Chair Rachel Nessel. Learn the answers to frequently asked questions and how to get the most out of this organization. Members are encouraged to ask questions and provide suggestions.

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Rachel Nessel, CTE-CE Department Chair

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center

7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Genealogy Online: Part I

Wednesday

Feb. 5

10-11:30 a.m.

This 3-session series focuses on laying the groundwork for beginners to delve into the world of online genealogy research. In this session, participants will learn about the many facets of the free website, FamilySearch. Many may be familiar with their world tree, but the FamilySearch Catalog, Research Wiki, and books are essential to any online genealogical research. Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions.

Maximum: 18

Study Leader: Betty Trotter, ALL Member

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center

7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Researching Your Family History Part I

Sept. 4, 2024



Travel Preview: Domestic and International Tours

Wednesday
Feb. 5
1-2:30 p.m.

ALL has partnered with Collette Travel Company to offer exciting trips for 2025 and 2026! During this presentation, attendees will learn about these trips and have an opportunity to ask questions.

- Discover American Heritage- June 2025
- Alaska Discover Land & Cruise- August 2025
- Irish Splendor- October 2025
- Explore Tuscany- March 2026

See page 24 for additional trip details.

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Mike Sprute, District Sales Manager, Collette

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Mosaic Stained Glass Light Block

Thursdays
Feb. 6 AND Feb. 13
8 a.m.-Noon OR 12:30-4:30 p.m.

During this 2-part series, participants will transform a glass block into a beautiful decoration with the use of glass and grout. Several patterns and copious amounts of glass will be available to choose from. This ancient art form has many modern applications and endless opportunity. Bandages will be on standby!

Class Fee: \$35

Maximum: 15

Study Leader: Lisa Gabrysch, ALL Member

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Singing Bowls Talk & Demonstration

Sept. 17, 2024



ALL Around Town: El Toro Steakhouse

Tuesday
Feb. 11
11:30 a.m. -1 p.m.



Discover the flavors that make El Toro Steakhouse a standout dining destination in Edna, Texas. From perfectly grilled ribeye steaks to fresh, flavorful seafood, this restaurant offers a menu to delight every palate. Join your fellow ALL members for a Dutch-treat lunch. Transportation is NOT provided.

Maximum: 45

Location: El Toro Steakhouse
76 Private Road 3190, Edna, TX

Lifestory Informational Meeting

Tuesday
Feb. 11
1:30-3 p.m.

Scientific evidence demonstrates the importance of writing and sharing life stories. Learners at all levels of writing skill, including novices, will enjoy writing and sharing their memories. During the informational meeting, participants will learn about Lifestory, including how the sessions are facilitated and what to expect out of each session.

Maximum: 16

Study Leader: Rachel Nessel, CTE-Continuing Education Department Chair

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Genealogy Online: Part II

Wednesday
Feb. 12
10-11:30 a.m.

This 3-session series focuses on laying the groundwork for beginners to delve into the world of online genealogy research. In this session, participants will hear an overview of subscription websites including Ancestry and MyHeritage. Discussion will include how to effectively utilize published online trees and how to avoid the pitfalls of chasing the incorrect ancestor. Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions.

Maximum: 18

Study Leader: Betty Trotter, ALL Member

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Crafternoon

Wednesday

Feb. 12

2-4 p.m.

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life and immerse yourself in a world of creativity. In this laid-back class you can color with provided materials or bring your own crafts to complete. Crafternoon offers a space for you to unwind, explore your artistic side, and connect with fellow creatives.

Maximum: 30

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
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Mangled and Twisted- 20th Century Texas Disasters

Wednesday

Feb. 13

2-3:30 p.m.

We often associate "Texas tough" with 19th-century cowboys, pioneers, rangers, and the last stand at the Alamo. But what about the modern Texan, shaped by air conditioning, high-rise buildings, and higher education? Examine the formidable strength of the modern Texan through a study of the numerous and terrible disasters that befell the state in the 20th century. How modern Texans responded to events far beyond the scope of what confronted their 19th-century counterparts should make citizens reconsider where bravery truly lies in Texas history.

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Dr. Karen Hagan, History Instructor, Victoria College

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Sew Your Own: Placemats

Monday

Feb. 17

1-4 p.m.

Members will use spring and floral patterns to create a cheerful set of four placemats using one charm pack (5-inch fabric squares). Some sewing machines will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring a machine if they have one. All materials will be provided.

Class Fee: \$15

Maximum: 10

Study Leader: Karen Greer, Member, ALL and Quilt Guild of Greater Victoria

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
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7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Navajo Code Talkers

Tuesday

Feb. 18

10-11:30 a.m.

The Navajo Native American language became a vital and successful tool for the United States during World War II. By utilizing this little-known form of communication, these brave men transmitted secret information during battle. Learn about this unique secret weapon that aided the Allies' victory in World War II.

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Reba Roberson, ALL Member

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Strike up the Fun- Bowling

Tuesday

Feb. 18

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Bowling is played by 120 million people in more than 90 countries, and you can be one of them! Century Lanes is a bowling center with 32 recently remodeled AMF lanes and a Bowl Land automatic scoring system. Enjoy a full-service lounge, pool tables, lockers, pro shop, a video arcade and snack bar. Bowl with fellow ALL members for a rolling good time! Class fee includes 2 games and shoe rental. Transportation is NOT provided.

Class Fee: \$8

Maximum: 29

Location: Century Lanes
3401 John Stockbauer Drive, Victoria, TX

Ornament Painting

Nov. 19, 2024



Genealogy Online: Part III

Wednesday

Feb. 19

10-11:30 a.m.

This 3-session series focuses on laying the groundwork for beginners to delve into the world of online genealogy research. In this session, participants will focus on using online newspapers and books to enhance research and uncover valuable family history. Learn effective strategies for tracking your findings to save time and avoid duplicating efforts as you begin your genealogical journey. Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions.

Maximum: 18

Study Leader: Betty Trotter, ALL Member

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Paranormal Investigation

Wednesday

Feb. 19

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Join the experts from 6th Realm Haus for an intriguing dive into the world of paranormal investigation. Learn about the tools, techniques, and methods used to explore unexplained phenomena. This engaging session covers local lore, equipment demonstrations, and tips for conducting your own investigations safely and ethically. Perfect for curious minds and thrill-seekers alike, this class promises a fascinating exploration of the unknown!

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Crystal Martinez, Owner, 6th Realm Haus

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Exploring Texas Traditions

Thursday

Feb. 20

Depart ETC at 8:15 a.m.

Discover Texas' rich cultural heritage on this daytrip! Start with a guided tour and traditional Czech-style lunch at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center, where members will explore Czech-Texan history and traditions. Then, visit the Kreische Brewery Historical Site to learn about one of Texas' first commercial breweries and its fascinating legacy. Transportation will be provided.

Class Fee: \$50

Maximum: 28

Location: Schulenburg & La Grange, TX

Local Author Chat

Tuesday

Feb. 25

10:30 a.m.-Noon

Join local Victoria author Mary Pat Johns for an engaging chat about her publishing journey and get a look behind the scenes of a traditionally published author. Mary Pat will share insights on genre, editing, and understanding your audience. Bring your questions and get inspired by her firsthand experience in the literary world!

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Mary Pat Johns

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

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Lifestory

Tuesdays

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April 8, 22

May 13

1:30-3 p.m.

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Maximum: 16

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
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7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

VPL Book Club:

The Astronaut Wives Club

Wednesday

Feb. 26

9:30-10:30 a.m.

The Astronaut Wives Club tells the compelling true story of the wives of NASA's Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo astronauts. These women navigated the pressures of fame, the risks of space exploration, and their own personal challenges, all while supporting their trailblazing husbands. A captivating blend of history, drama, and sisterhood, this book shines a spotlight on the unsung heroes of the space age.

Victoria Public Library is partnering with ALL to host a book review of *The Astronaut Wives Club* by Lily Koppel. Six books will be available to check out from the library on a first come basis, or members may source the book on their own. Enjoy a cup of coffee on ALL during your discussion.

Maximum: 15

Study Leader: Andrew Hilburn, Adult Librarian, Victoria Public Library

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

The Jails of Victoria County: A Brief History

Wednesday

Feb. 26

12:30-2 p.m.

From 1843 to 1984, six different jails were built in Victoria County, each with its own unique history. Discover fascinating stories and intriguing facts surrounding these structures, including the people who built, operated, and were confined within them. Enjoy an engaging discussion accompanied by plenty of historical photographs to bring the past to life. Transportation is NOT provided.

Maximum: 40

Study Leader: Jeff Wright, Executive Director, Victoria Preservation, Inc.

Location: Victoria Preservation, Inc.
205 W. Goodwin Avenue, Victoria, TX

Topics in Psychology: Transitioning to Retirement

Wednesday

Feb. 26

3-4:30 p.m.

Retirement marks a significant life transition that can affect your mental and emotional well-being. Examine the psychological impacts of retirement and pick up strategies to maintain a sense of purpose, identity, and fulfillment. Explore how to build new routines, nurture social connections, and embrace personal growth to avoid stagnation. Backed by psychological principles, this session provides insights and tools to help you thrive during this important life stage.

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Chelsea Bradley, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Victoria College

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Botanist Jean-Louis Berlandier

Thursday

Feb. 27

2-3:30 p.m.

Discover the fascinating journey of Jean-Louis Berlandier, a 19th-century Genevan botanist and explorer who joined a scientific expedition to Mexico. This class delves into his remarkable work documenting the plants, animals, and Native cultures of Mexico and the Coastal Bend region. Learn about his contributions to science and the rich historical insights his observations provide about the area's natural and cultural heritage.

Maximum: 50

Study Leader: Claudia Moseley, Museum Educational Coordinator, Victoria College

Location: Museum of the Coastal Bend
2200 E. Red River Street, Victoria TX

J Welch Farms Wine Tasting and Bingo

Thursday

Feb. 27

6-8 p.m.

Texas wine just tastes better at J Welch Farms! With 13 wine varietals on the menu, there is something for every palate to be enjoyed on a beautiful 40-acre site. Attendees will savor a six-pour wine-tasting flight, sampling the rich flavors that make Texas wine unique. Afterward, join in the fun with an exciting game of bingo starting at 7 p.m. Transportation is NOT provided.

Class Fee: \$12

Maximum: 25

Location: J Welch Farms,
111 Ripple Road, Victoria, TX

Andustoria Wine Tasting

Oct. 24, 2024



El Toro Steakhouse

Tuesday, Feb. 11

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cracked Crab

Tuesday, March 11

5-6:30 p.m.

The Barn

Wednesday, April 30

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Joe's Pizza and Pasta

Tuesday, May 13

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



Looking for that perfect gift?

Consider an ALL membership for a friend or family member.

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March 26

Trolley Through Cuero

March 27

Paint Party: Spring Doormat

March 27

Murder Mystery Game: Who Killed Jane Doe?

Stayin' Alive: CPR Training

Tuesday

March 4

10:30 a.m.-Noon

Learn CPR and have fun too! During this presentation, members will learn life-saving techniques while toe-tapping to the music of the Bee Gees! Through medical advancements in the treatment of cardiovascular disease and sound training on lifesaving skills, Basic CPR programs increase survival rates and quality of life.

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Ricky de la Garza, EMS CE Coordinator & Instructor, Victoria College

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Strike up the Fun- Bowling

Tuesday

March 4

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Bowling is played by 120 million people in more than 90 countries, and you can be one of them! Century Lanes is a bowling center with 32 recently remodeled AMF lanes and a Bowl Land automatic scoring system. Enjoy a full-service lounge, pool tables, lockers, pro shop, a video arcade and snack bar. Bowl with fellow ALL members for a rolling good time! Class fee includes 2 games and shoe rental. Transportation is NOT provided.

Class Fee: \$8

Maximum: 29

Location: Century Lanes
3401 John Stockbauer Drive, Victoria, TX

Oil Painting- Beach Scene

Sept. 26, 2024



The Texas Zoo Tour

Wednesday

March 5

10-11:30 a.m.

The Texas Zoo strives to connect people with wildlife from Texas and beyond, serving as a leading resource for environmental education in Victoria and the surrounding area. Home to over 70 species of animals - many native to Texas and others from remote locations worldwide - the zoo provides an opportunity to experience and learn about wildlife up close. Many of The Texas Zoo's wild residents are rescue animals that could not be returned to the wild. Attendees will enjoy a self-guided tour. Transportation is NOT provided.

Class Fee: \$5

Minimum: 20

Maximum: 50

Location: The Texas Zoo
110 Memorial Drive, Victoria, TX

Dip & Salsa Showdown!

Wednesday

March 5

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Whose dip or salsa will stand out among the crowd? Bring your best batch of either salsa or dip to be judged on taste, presentation, and uniqueness. Participants should bring the cracker or chip that pairs best with their recipe. Attendees will vote for their favorite in each category and a "people's choice" winner will be announced. Participants are encouraged to share their recipe, but it is not required. Plates, napkins, and water will be provided.

Maximum: 20

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Mosaic Stained Glass Picture Frame

Oct. 17, 2024



Gentle Yoga with Sound Bath

Thursday

March 6

9-10 a.m.

Discover the healing power of gentle yoga, designed to support every body and ability. Led by Ellen, participants will explore gentle movement and trauma-conscious techniques to calm the nervous system, paired with psychoeducation on understanding and nurturing their unique mind-body connection. The session will conclude with a singing bowl activity, blending soothing tones with somatic practices to promote holistic healing and relaxation.

Maximum: 30

Study Leader: Ellen Vallejo Smith, Owner, Downward Dog Yoga

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Downtown Shop, Stroll, & Savor: Goliad

Thursday

March 6

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon in lovely Downtown Goliad, TX! Savor lunch, shop the stores, and stroll around with friends. For this excursion, we will meet at Deborah's Kitchen Table before visiting the local shops. Participants are encouraged to continue exploring downtown Goliad on their own. Support local! Transportation is NOT provided.

Maximum: 20

Location: Goliad, TX

ALL Around Town: Cracked Crab

Tuesday

March 11

5-6:30 p.m.

Explore the rich family legacy of fresh seafood and award-winning recipes at The Cracked Crab. Specializing in Cajun seafood boils, fried and grilled seafood, and comforting non-seafood options like burgers and steaks, this restaurant brings generations of culinary tradition to the table. Join your fellow ALL members for a Dutch-treat dinner. Transportation is NOT provided.

Maximum: 45

Location: Cracked Crab
700 Coletto Park Road, Victoria, TX



Egg Decorating

Wednesday

March 12

9 a.m.-Noon

Learn about the different cultures that utilize the batik style of egg decorating and try your hand at decorating your own egg! Batik egg art is a method of decorating eggs using a wax-resist dyeing technique that's similar to fabric-dyeing. The process involves applying thin lines of hot wax to an egg to create a pattern, then dipping the egg in dye baths, and repeating with multiple colors. The final pattern is revealed when the wax is removed. All materials will be provided. Members will complete one batik egg.

Class Fee: \$15

Maximum: 25

Study Leader: Sandi Baecker, ALL Member

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Crafternoon

Wednesday

March 12

2-4 p.m.

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life and immerse yourself in a world of creativity. In this laid-back class you can color with provided materials or bring your own crafts to complete. Crafternoon offers a space for you to unwind, explore your artistic side, and connect with fellow creatives.

Maximum: 30

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
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Potted Perfection: A Houseplant Workshop

Thursday

March 13

10-11:30 a.m.

Learn the essentials of houseplant care as Brooke discusses tips and techniques for keeping various types of indoor plants healthy and thriving. Then pot up your new plant and get it ready to take home. Perfect for beginners or plant enthusiasts looking to grow their green thumb! Participants will receive a 4-inch houseplant, pot, and soil.

Class Fee: \$30

Minimum: 10

Maximum: 35

Study Leader: Brooke Lewis, Owner, Scenic Root

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Everything Has a Story

Tuesday

March 25

10-11:30 a.m.



Sit down and settle in for an afternoon of stories drawn from our local wild areas. Cindy Baker, naturalist, wildlife interpreter, and master storyteller will share her fascinating tales of adventure drawn from her years in the field beginning with hunts for Texas Horned Lizards "Horny Toads" as a child and continuing with her 15 years as the Interpretive Educator at Lake Texana Park.

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Cindy Baker, Texas Master Naturalist, Mid-Coast Chapter

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

ALL Open House

Aug. 15, 2024



Trolley through Cuero

Wednesday

March 26

10 a.m.

Hop aboard a charming trolley for a delightful tour of Cuero! Enjoy scenic views of vibrant wildflowers, explore the rich history of the area with a tour of the DeWitt County Museum, and admire the stunning architecture of the DeWitt County Courthouse. This unique excursion offers a blend of natural beauty and local history you won't want to miss! Attendees will enjoy a Dutch-treat lunch at a local restaurant. Transportation is to Cuero NOT provided.

Class Fee: \$40

Maximum: 20

Location: Cuero, TX

Paint Party: Spring Doormat

Thursday

March 27

10 a.m.-Noon

Get creative this spring by painting a vibrant design on a coir doormat! In this hands-on class, participants will use a custom stencil designed by Vick Crafts to create a unique and colorful spring-themed doormat. Learn painting techniques, tips for working with stencils, and how to add personal touches to make your doormat a welcoming masterpiece for your home. Perfect for all skill levels!

Class Fee: \$55

Minimum: 12

Maximum: 40

Study Leader: Nanda Vick, Owner, Vick Crafts

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Murder Mystery Game: Who Killed Jane Doe?

Thursday

March 27

1-2:30 p.m. OR 3-4:30 p.m.

ALL is partnering with the Victoria Public Library to bring an immersive murder mystery experience to you! On April 23rd, 2001, an unidentified young woman was found dead on an island rehab center for the rich and famous. Her body was discovered burned beyond recognition in a fire. Investigators were unable to determine who she was, how she got to the island, or who killed her. This 2001 cold case is still unsolved. Are you ready to take a crack at it?

Maximum: 30

Study Leader: Andrew Hilburn, Adult Librarian, Victoria Public Library

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX



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Without the many volunteers helping with committees, instructing classes, and organizing activities, ALL would not exist! We appreciate our many community members who have volunteered their time and expertise that allow us to offer a variety of classes. Thank you, ALL volunteers, for proving that learning never goes out of style!

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DIY Holiday Gifts

Nov. 18, 2024



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Introduction to AI

Tuesday

April 1

10-11:30 a.m.

Unlock the fascinating world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in this simple, non-technical introduction. Learn how AI powers everyday technology and explore its potential to enhance business and daily life. This session makes understanding AI easy and approachable for everyone—no tech experience needed!

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Teri R. Moten, MBA, CAIO

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Gem and Mineral Room Tour

Tuesday

April 1

2:30-3:30 p.m.

This exhibit features a stunning collection of gems, minerals, crystals, and fossils, unlike anything else in Texas—or even the world. Explore one-of-a-kind treasures sourced from around the globe, each showcasing nature's remarkable artistry. From dazzling gemstones to ancient fossils, every piece tells a captivating story waiting to be discovered. This extensive gem and mineral collection is on loan from Tenna and Chris Thompson.

Maximum: 25

Study Leader: Matthew Weiler, Division of Science, Mathematics, Engineering, & Physical Education Dean, Victoria College

Location: VC Main Campus, Health Sciences Center
2200 E. Red River Street, Victoria, TX

Wood Turning Demonstration

Oct. 3, 2024



Healthy Carbohydrates: Part I

Wednesday

April 2

10-11:30 a.m.



The healthy carbohydrate program is a 4-session series that promotes a healthful eating pattern to prevent or delay diet related chronic diseases. In this session, participants will learn how to select healthy foods that can help reduce the risk for chronic disease and promote a healthy weight. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions to receive a certificate at the conclusion.

Maximum: 25

Study Leader: Emilee Bethke, Extension Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Earring Making

Wednesday

April 2

2-4 p.m.

Unleash your creativity in this fun, hands-on earring making class! Learn the basics of jewelry design, from choosing materials to assembling your own unique pair of earrings. Dana will provide step-by-step guidance to help participants craft beautiful, one-of-a-kind accessories. Take home your custom creations and enjoy wearing or gifting your handmade earrings!

Class Fee: \$10

Maximum: 15

Study Leader: Dana Wright

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Citizens HealthPlex Tour & Fitness Class

Thursday

April 3

10-11:30 a.m.

Take a tour of Citizens HealthPlex, Victoria's premier medical fitness and wellness facility! The 72,000 square foot facility has everything you need to get fit and healthy including a large array of strength and cardio equipment, over 70 group fitness classes per week, and a degreed and certified fitness staff offering professional instruction. After the tour concludes, participants will take part in a short fitness class! Transportation is NOT provided.

Maximum: 25

Study Leader: Bret Barnett, M.S., Director, Citizens HealthPlex

Location: Citizens HealthPlex
9406 Zac Lentz Parkway, Victoria, TX

The First People of the Crossroads

Tuesday

April 8

10:30 a.m.-Noon

The Karankawa Indians are shrouded in mystery. How did they originally get to the Texas coast area? Were they really blood-thirsty cannibals? Early European settlers described them as both friendly and combative- which is true? Explore the Native American people who once ruled the Coastal Bend region.

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Dennis Durkee, Texas Master Naturalist

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX



Healthy Carbohydrates: Part I

Wednesday, April 2
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Healthy Carbohydrates: Part III

Wednesday, April 16
10-11:30 a.m.

Healthy Carbohydrates: Part IV

Wednesday, April 23
10-11:30 a.m.

Healthy Carbohydrates: Part II

Wednesday

April 9

10-11:30 a.m.



The healthy carbohydrate program is a 4-session series that promotes a healthful eating pattern to prevent or delay diet related chronic diseases. In this session, participants will gain a greater understanding of how to choose carbohydrates as part of a healthy eating pattern. Emphasis will be placed on the types of non-starchy and starchy carbohydrate foods and recommended amounts. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions to receive a certificate at the conclusion.

Maximum: 25

Study Leader: Emilee Bethke, Extension Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Crafternoon

Wednesday

April 9

2-4 p.m.

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life and immerse yourself in a world of creativity. In this laid-back class you can color with provided materials or bring your own crafts to complete. Crafternoon offers a space for you to unwind, explore your artistic side, and connect with fellow creatives.

Maximum: 30

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Flatonia: Railroads & Relics

Thursday

April 10

Depart ETC at 8:45 a.m.

Step back in time with a visit to Flatonia's historic treasures! Explore the E. A. Arnim Archives and Museum, where fascinating exhibits bring the town's past to life. Then, delve into railroad history at the Flatonia Rail Museum, complete with vintage artifacts and stories of the tracks that shaped the region. Attendees will enjoy a Dutch-treat lunch at a local restaurant. Transportation will be provided.

Class Fee: \$40

Maximum: 28

Location: Flatonia, Victoria, TX

Welder Wildlife Foundation Wildflower Exploration

Tuesday

April 15

Depart ETC at 8:30 a.m.



Celebrate spring at the Welder Wildlife Foundation as you learn about wildflowers of the area and tour their extensive preserved collection of local plants. Founded in 1954, this nature center's mission of research, conservation, and education has been at the forefront of the preservation of our wildlands and wildlife. Transportation is NOT provided. Members may meet at the ETC to carpool and/or caravan.

Maximum: 28

Study Leader: Angie Arredondo, Education Manager, Welder Wildlife Foundation & Beth Hudson, Texas Master Naturalist, Mid-Coast Chapter and ALL Member

Location: Welder Wildlife Foundation
10429 Welder Wildlife, Sinton, TX

Strike up the Fun- Bowling

Tuesday

April 15

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Bowling is played by 120 million people in more than 90 countries, and you can be one of them! Century Lanes is a bowling center with 32 recently remodeled AMF lanes and a Bowl Land automatic scoring system. Enjoy a full-service lounge, pool tables, lockers, pro shop, a video arcade and snack bar. Bowl with fellow ALL members for a rolling good time! Class fee includes 2 games and shoe rental. Transportation is NOT provided.

Class Fee: \$8

Maximum: 29

Location: Century Lanes
3401 John Stockbauer Drive, Victoria, TX

VPL Book Club-Lessons in Chemistry

Nov. 20, 2024



Healthy Carbohydrates: Part III

Wednesday

April 16

10-11:30 a.m.



The healthy carbohydrate program is a 4-session series that promotes a healthful eating pattern to prevent or delay diet related chronic diseases. In this session, participants will be able to understand the importance of whole fruits and low-fat dairy as part of a prevention in chronic disease. Focus will be placed on limiting simple and refined foods that are a primary source of calories and carbohydrates. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions to receive a certificate at the conclusion.

Maximum: 25

Study Leader: Emilee Bethke, Extension Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Take Flight: Drones for Hobbyists

Wednesday

April 16

2-3:30 p.m.

Step into the exciting world of drones! This class is perfect for anyone curious about drone technology- whether you're interested in flying as a hobby or simply want to learn how drones are used. Explore the basics of drone operation, including safety, regulations, and best practices. Gain insights into their applications in photography, recreation, and beyond. No prior experience is required—just bring your curiosity for this cutting-edge technology!

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Bradley Johnson, Associate Professor of Mathematics, Victoria College

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Charitable Giving and Your Financial Strategy

Thursday

April 17

10-11:30 a.m.

Giving back looks different for everyone, and it's important to find the charitable-giving path that aligns with your financial goals and life stage. This class will guide investors in exploring various giving strategies, helping you understand the most effective ways to incorporate philanthropy into your financial plan.

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: John-Ashton Hesse, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Junk Journals

Tuesdays

April 22 AND 29

9 a.m.-Noon

Love being creative with little to no cost? Junk journaling lets you transform discarded materials into a one-of-a-kind journal. In this two-part class, participants will create a journal, decorate its cover, and start filling the pages using old book pages, ticket stubs, receipts, and other paper scraps. Add personal touches with scrapbook paper, washi tape, stickers, paints, and more. Most materials will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own "junk" for a truly personalized creation!

Class Fee: \$5

Maximum: 20

Study Leaders: Sandi Baecker & Susan Juckett, ALL Members

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX



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Healthy Carbohydrates: Part IV

Wednesday

April 23

10-11:30 a.m.



The healthy carbohydrate program is a 4-session series that promotes a healthful eating pattern to prevent or delay diet related chronic diseases. In this session, participants will understand the importance of limiting added sugars in food and beverage choices. Focus will be placed on how carbohydrates play a role in chronic disease. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions to receive a certificate at the conclusion.

Maximum: 25

Study Leader: Emilee Bethke, Extension Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Archival Material Preservation

Wednesday

April 23

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Learn how to protect and preserve cherished family items like old journals, photos, and clothing in this informative class. Discussion will include common types of damage that can occur over time and effective methods to prevent further harm. Attendees will learn practical, easy-to-follow steps anyone can take, along with recommendations for materials that can help safeguard valuable belongings for years to come.

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Rebecca LaCroix, Library Assistant II, Victoria College

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Terracotta Pot Painting

Wednesday

April 24

10 a.m.-Noon

Bring color and life to your garden with a beautiful hand-painted hummingbird on a terracotta pot! In this step-by-step class, participants will learn how to paint a vibrant hummingbird design, guided by Stacy throughout the process. Perfect for all skill levels, this class lets you create a unique, colorful piece to brighten up your outdoor space. All materials will be provided but feel free to bring a paint smock.

Class Fee: \$40

Minimum: 5

Maximum: 20

Study Leader: Stacy Cantu, Owner, The Happy Shack

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Caffeine 101

Tuesday

April 29

2-3:30 p.m.

Curious about the effects of caffeine on your body? In this class, Dr. Canion will explore the reasons why cutting out caffeine might be beneficial for your health and well-being. Learn about the physical and mental effects of caffeine, including its impact on sleep, stress levels, and overall health. Discover alternative ways to stay energized and improve focus without relying on caffeine. Perfect for those looking to make a positive change to their lifestyle!

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Dr. Phylis Canion, N.D., CNC

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

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VPL Book Club: *Me Before You*

Wednesday

April 30

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Me Before You is a heartfelt and emotional novel that tells the story of Louisa Clark, a quirky and optimistic young woman, who becomes the caregiver for Will Traynor, a wealthy man left paralyzed after an accident. As their unlikely friendship deepens, Louisa learns about Will's struggles and his desire to end his life on his own terms. This poignant tale explores themes of love, loss, and the complexities of choice, leaving readers reflecting on the true meaning of living fully.

Victoria Public Library is partnering with ALL to host a book review of *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. Six books will be available to check out from the library on a first come basis, or members may source the book on their own. Enjoy a cup of coffee on ALL during your discussion.

Maximum: 15

Study Leader: Andrew Hilburn, Adult Librarian, Victoria Public Library

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

ALL Around Town: *The Barn*

Wednesday

April 30

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Experience the warm, rustic charm of The Barn, a beloved American cuisine restaurant offering classic dishes like burgers, steaks, seafood, and comfort food favorites. Known for its cozy atmosphere and friendly service, it's the perfect spot to relax and enjoy delicious homemade desserts or signature cocktails. Join your fellow ALL members for a Dutch-treat lunch. Transportation is NOT provided.

Maximum: 40

Location: The Barn,
12201 FM 236, Mission Valley, TX



Patriotic Felt Wreath

Wednesday

April 30

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Get ready for Memorial Day and Independence Day with this fun, hands-on wreath-making class! Using simple materials like felt, pins, hot glue, foam stars, and a pool noodle, participants will create a festive patriotic wreath perfect for decorating the home. Learn step-by-step how to design and assemble your own red, white, and blue masterpiece that celebrates the spirit of the season! All materials will be provided.

Class Fee: \$50

Minimum: 8

Maximum: 16

Study Leader: Marisol Johnson

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Victoria Empty Bowls

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

VC Emerging Technology Complex

Attendees will be able to select a unique hand-made bowl for \$20. Each purchase includes soup, bread, and drink donated by area restaurants and caterers. Proceeds go to support the local agencies in Victoria whose mission is to fight hunger.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Lyceum Lecture Series: Stephanie Land

11 a.m.-Noon

Victoria Fine Arts Center

Discussion of her new book "Class". Some discussion from her first book "Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive."

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Lyceum Lecture Series: Imran Nuri

6-7 p.m.

Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts

Advice From America: What I Learned From 1,000 Strangers

Museum of the Coastal Bend

Where Texas Ranching Began

OPENING SPRING 2025 *Vaquero* Spanish missionaries and soldiers taught Indian converts ranching techniques for the wild cattle and horses near Mission Espiritu Santo. The first cowboys, longhorns, and mustangs were all present in the Coastal Bend of Texas.

These classes are not offered by ALL and are open to the public.

The Museum of the Coastal Bend is open Tuesday-Saturday and located at 2200 E. Red River Street.

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Tea Blending

Thursday

May 1

10-11:30 a.m.

Explore the world of herbs and learn how they work to support health and wellness in this engaging class. Discover the art of blending and brewing the perfect cup of tea, tailored to your needs and tastes. From calming blends to invigorating infusions, attendees will gain practical knowledge on using herbs to create custom teas. Some teas will be available for purchase, allowing you to take home your favorite blends and continue your herbal journey!

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Maria Jose Siri, Owner, The Tea House Company

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Growing Mushrooms

Tuesday

May 6

10-11:30 a.m.

Learn all you wanted to know about mushrooms and more! Topics to be discussed include the life cycle of mushrooms; their proteins, vitamins, and medicinal benefits; how to harvest and cook them; and how they can improve the soil of your garden after harvest. Attendees will take home a mushroom growing kit, recipe cards, and new ideas on using mushrooms such as in coffee, teas, and seasonings.

Class Fee: \$30

Minimum: 10

Maximum: 48

Study Leader: Cody & Kim Hahn, Owners, Elemental Farms

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Strike up the Fun- Bowling

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2:30-4:30 p.m.

Bowling is played by 120 million people in more than 90 countries, and you can be one of them! Century Lanes is a bowling center with 32 recently remodeled AMF lanes and a Bowl Land automatic scoring system. Enjoy a full-service lounge, pool tables, lockers, pro shop, a video arcade and snack bar. Bowl with fellow ALL members for a rolling good time! Class fee includes 2 games and shoe rental. Transportation is NOT provided.

Class Fee: \$8

Maximum: 29

Location: Century Lanes
3401 John Stockbauer Drive, Victoria, TX



Take a Book, Leave a Book

Find a book you like? **Take it.**

When you are finished you can: Return it • Keep it
Pass it on to a friend

Have a book you want to share? **Leave it.**

Located at VC ETC Room 301.

Line Dancing

Wednesday

May 7

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Time to put on your dancing shoes and bust a move! Join Dr. Deborah Pedraza for line dancing to a variety of music genres. You might recognize many of these songs and dances, and you may even learn some new ones!

Maximum: 30

Study Leader: Dr. Deborah Pedraza, Associate Professor, Victoria College

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

A Toast to Weimar

Thursday

May 8

Depart the ETC at 9:45 a.m.

Celebrate the charm of Weimar with this delightful daytrip! Begin with a visit to the Heritage Society Museum of Weimar to explore the town's rich history through its unique exhibits. Then, unwind with a wine tasting flight at the picturesque Whistling Duck Winery, where you'll savor locally crafted wines in a serene setting. Cheers to a perfect day! Attendees will enjoy a Dutch-treat lunch at a local restaurant. Transportation will be provided.

Class Fee: \$55

Maximum: 28

Location: Weimar, TX

ALL Around Town: Joe's Pizza and Pasta

Tuesday

May 13

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Joe's Pizza & Pasta is a local favorite, offering authentic Italian cuisine like freshly made pizzas, handcrafted rolls, and specialty dishes such as Lobster & Shrimp Ravioli and Chicken Romano. Known for its cozy atmosphere and satisfying flavors, it's the perfect spot to gather. To expedite service, a limited menu will be available. Join your fellow ALL members for a Dutch-treat lunch. Transportation is NOT provided.

Maximum: 50

Location: Joe's Pizza & Pasta
601 E. Mockingbird Lane, Victoria, TX



Emerging Technology Complex Tour

Wednesday

May 14

10-11:30 a.m.

Did you know the Emerging Technology Complex (ETC) consists of two buildings? While ALL members spend a lot of time on these grounds, there is so much more to see here at the ETC! Attendees will be taken on a walking tour of the entire ETC grounds and see everything from a truck driving simulator to meeting rooms to industrial training bays.

Maximum: 30

Study Leader: Rachel Nessel, CTE-Continuing Education Department Chair, Victoria College

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

Crafternoon

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May 14

2-4 p.m.

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Maximum: 30

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center
7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

End-of-Year Celebration

Thursday

May 15

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Enjoy a potluck with all of your ALL friends! Bring a dish or beverage (and your recipe) to share with fellow members and enjoy each other's company. Recipes can be sent prior to the party or one copy may be brought to the event. Recipes will be compiled and emailed to attendees. Water, plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided.

Maximum: 48

Location: VC Emerging Technology Complex
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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.

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Signature

Date

Printed Name

FAQS

Listed are frequently asked questions.

How do I sign-up for classes?

A monthly newsletter will be emailed to current members containing upcoming courses and registration deadlines. Payment is due at the time of registration. Members can register the following ways:

In-Person or Mail

You may register in person in the Academy of Lifelong Learning Office:
Victoria College
Emerging Technology Complex
Conference & Education Center, Room 309
7403 Lone Tree Road
Victoria, TX 77905

Via Phone or Email

You may register for classes by calling at (361) 582-2520 or emailing the completed registration form to WCE@VictoriaCollege.edu.

What is the refund policy?

- No refunds are given for 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 class with or without a fee. Payment is due at the time of registration.
- Members must contact the Academy of Lifelong Learning Office prior to the class to register 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 (\$5 off Spring and Summer membership)
- Victoria College retirees or employees will receive \$10 off their annual membership (\$5 off Spring and Summer membership)
- Discounts may not be combined.

When will monthly newsletters be released?

Monthly newsletters will be released prior to monthly registration opening.

When does registration open each month?

The following Tuesdays at 9 a.m.: Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 25, April 22

Are class end times exact? Is the maximum number of attendees per class fixed?

Class end times are estimates and may vary. Class sizes are subject to change.

What are your office hours?

CTE-Continuing Education Office

Fall & Spring Hours

Monday-Friday • 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Summer Hours

Monday-Thursday • 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Closed on Fridays

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