



July 2026-July 2027 Membership Application

All members must submit form every year prior to July 31, to participate or continue to participate in all Bigelow Center programs and activities. Membership fee for out-of-town members is \$25 per year. Failure to submit the form by July 31 will result in suspension of membership privileges until updated form is received and processed.

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ M.I.: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ MARITAL STATUS: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

May we use your photo in advertising, on our website or in Social Media? Yes _____ No _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

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PARTICIPANT RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THIS DOCUMENT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. BY SIGNING OR REGISTERING, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREED TO THIS RELEASE.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, while attending or participating in programs or activities offered by the Town of Fairfield, Bigelow Center, or while in or on the premises where the program or activity is being conducted, I, for myself, my heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns, knowingly and voluntarily:

- (a) ASSUME ALL RISKS associated with such participation and use of the premises, including but not limited to risks of personal injury, illness, falls, equipment use, and interactions with other participants;
- (b) RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Town of Fairfield and the Bigelow Center, and their respective officers, employees, agents, and volunteers (collectively, the "Released Parties"), from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, losses, or expenses arising out of or related to my participation or presence on the premises;
- (c) AGREE THAT THIS RELEASE APPLIES TO CLAIMS BASED ON ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING HEREIN SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO RELEASE LIABILITY FOR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT WHERE SUCH RELEASE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.

I further agree to DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS the Released Parties from and against any claims, damages, or liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or related to my own acts or omissions,

including any injury or damage I cause to any person or property.. I understand that if I am injured while attending or participating in any program or activity, or while in or on the premises where the program or activity is being conducted, I am solely responsible for any and all costs that I may cause or incur, including medical treatment.

To the extent I utilize transportation services provided, arranged, or facilitated by the Town of Fairfield or the Bigelow Center, including buses, vans, or other vehicles (whether operated by Town personnel or third-party providers), I acknowledge and agree as follows:

- (a) I voluntarily assume all risks associated with transportation, including but not limited to risks of motor vehicle accidents, boarding and exiting vehicles, and acts or omissions of drivers, passengers, or third parties;
- (b) I RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Town of Fairfield, the Bigelow Center, and their respective officers, employees, agents, volunteers, and contractors from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, or expenses arising out of or related to my use of such transportation services, to the fullest extent permitted by law;
- (c) I acknowledge that transportation may be provided by third-party contractors, and the Town does not control all aspects of such services;
- (d) I agree to comply with all safety instructions, including remaining seated when required, using seatbelts where available, and following driver and staff directions. This Release shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut, and any action arising hereunder shall be brought exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction located within the State of Connecticut. If any provision of this Release is held invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it enforceable, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

The Bigelow Center for Senior Activities is dedicated to promoting a dignified, healthy quality of life for older adults by advocating for vital services, providing opportunities to develop meaningful fellowship, offering lifelong learning activities, recognizing the continued and varied accomplishments of older adults, and being an accessible and trusted community resource. Consistent with these goals, the Bigelow Center requires that all members and guests abide by the following rules of conduct and general facility rules. Failure to abide by these requirements may result in the individual violating the rule being asked to leave the Bigelow Center. The Town reserves the right, in its reasonable discretion, to impose temporary or permanent suspension of participation privileges for repeated, serious, or safety-related violations.

I have read and understand the Participant Release and Waiver of Liability.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Member Code of Conduct

- Treat everyone with respect.
- The use of abusive, intimidating, lewd, threatening, or harassing language, body language, or gestures is strictly prohibited.
- Fighting, physical abuse, challenging others to fight, destroying or damaging property and other disruptive, intimidating or harassing behaviors are strictly prohibited.
- Alcohol or illegal drugs shall not be brought to the Center or Center grounds. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be asked to leave the Center.
- Weapons of any kind are not permitted in Bigelow Center, or while in or on the premises where the program or activity is being conducted.
- The Center does not provide sleeping accommodations. Lying outstretched or sleeping on the furniture or the floor is not allowed.
- Proper shoes and appropriate clothing must be worn at all times. Participants are expected to maintain reasonable standards of personal hygiene and wear clean, suitable attire while attending Center programs, activities, and transportation services. Participants, their clothing, personal belongings, and any service animal accompanying them must not create health, safety, sanitation, or significant odor concerns that disrupt Center operations, transportation services, programs, activities, or the enjoyment of others. Staff will make reasonable efforts to address concerns respectfully and privately whenever possible. Participants may be asked to address the issue before participating or may be required to leave for the day if necessary to maintain health, safety, or the reasonable enjoyment of the facility by others.
- No solicitation or sales of goods or services by an individual, participant or group are allowed.
- Participants who cause an unreasonably loud noise that is disturbing or annoying may be asked to leave the building.
- Please refrain from any PDA (public display of affection) which includes but is not limited to: sexually implicit dancing, kissing, groping and lap sitting.
- All Town of Fairfield Facility Policies as set by the Fairfield Health Department and Town of Fairfield apply to the Bigelow Center. In times of health concerns, appropriate facemasks may be required and hands must be sanitized upon entry. Those who refuse will not be permitted to enter the building.

General Facility Rules

- Participants must complete and submit a registration form annually and scan card/sign-in at each visit.
- Participants are not allowed in staff areas (kitchen, offices, closets) without staff permission.
- Service Animals (as defined by federal and state law) are permitted in the Center, must be restrained (e.g., harnessed, leashed, or tethered unless such devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability), and under the supervision of their companion or owner at all times.
- Animals may not be left unattended outside the Center.
- Community phone use is limited to local calls for emergencies.
- Restrooms shall not be used for bathing, shaving, or washing clothes.
- Smoking is strictly prohibited in the building or on the premises.
- Personal belongings must not be left unattended.
- Any minor visiting the Center must be signed in and supervised by his/her guardian at all times. A parent or legal guardian must execute this Release on behalf of any minor. Minors who are volunteering must have parental approval under the supervision of designated staff, teacher or parent at all times.
- All senior center participants under 60 years of age who participate in the lunch program shall pay \$13.00 per meal and wait until eligible seniors have been served.
- Surveys, photographs, or video recording in the Center require prior written permission of the staff. Release forms are required.

Agreement of Participant: I have read and agree to follow the Bigelow Center for Senior Activities Member Code of Contact and General Facility Rules. I acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to review this document in full, that I understand its terms, and that my signature below constitutes a binding agreement.

Signature_____ Print Name:_____ Date____/____/____