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Art Gallery

The Rio Hondo College Art Gallery is located inside the Art Building and is open to students and the community during the academic year. The gallery provides an intimate setting for temporary exhibits showing both student and professional artists, representing a variety of artistic disciplines. Used also as a teaching gallery, many of the exhibits are displayed and created by students enrolled in ART 180, the Art Gallery Display Design course. The gallery is open to the public and exhibits are advertised in the College's Cultural Events brochure available from the Division of Arts & Cultural Programs and online at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/arts/culturalevents.html>. Call (562) 908-3471 for more information.

Black Box Theater

The Black Box Theater is located behind the Wray Theater. With seating for approximately 80 guests, the Black Box provides a more intimate setting for student and visiting performers. The performances are open to the public and are advertised in the College's Cultural Events brochure from the Division of Arts & Cultural Programs. Call (562) 908-3471 for more information.

Bookstore

The Student Bookstore is operated as a service to the students. Required textbooks and supplies are available. Ninety percent of the commission received from the bookstore goes to the Auxiliary Service Fund for student activities.

The Bookstore hours are listed on the bookstore web page, where book and merchandise can also be purchased.

Rio Café

The Rio Café, located on the middle quad and offers grilled food, a variety of entrees, a deli section with sandwiches, a salad bar, and assorted beverages and snacks. Hours are listed at: www.riohondo.edu.

Child Development Center/ Pre-School Laboratory

The Rio Hondo Pre-school Laboratory located at the Child Development Center provides quality pre-school services to the children of Rio Hondo students, staff, and community. Children must be between the ages of 3 to 5 years old and are required to be toilet trained. The Center is supported by state funds and parent fees. Eligibility for state subsidized funding is determined by a combination of family size and income. Some families may pay fees based on a sliding scale. Hours of operation are 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Holidays and breaks are observed in accordance with the RHC academic calendar. For more information, please call (562) 908-3494 or visit the Rio Hondo website (click on Student Services and then Child Care). Rio Hondo College students from the Child Development/ Education Department, the Behavioral and Social Science Division and Nursing utilize the Pre-school Laboratory to observe the development and behavior of pre-school children and to apply the knowledge that they gained in their courses working directly with children.

El Monte Educational Center (EMEC)

The El Monte Educational Center (EMEC) is one of Rio Hondo College's off-campus satellite facilities. It is located at 3017 Tyler Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731. There are classrooms and a computer resource lab. Regular college credit courses are offered at EMEC, including basic skills classes as well as general education courses for graduation and transfer to a university. The college assessment test is offered on the third Friday of the month. Continuing Education also offers non-credit courses at EMEC. For more information about classes and services at EMEC, please call (626) 443-8932.

Fitness Center

Rio Hondo College's state-of-the-art Fitness Center is located in the Physical Education Department (room G150). Access is available by enrolling in PE 130, a one-unit Physical Education Activity Class. Additional information is listed in the Class Schedule and on the Fitness Center web page.

Observatory

Rio Hondo College is one of only 10 California Community Colleges to possess an observatory. The Gordon D. Crowell Astrophysical Observatory has been serving the students of the college and residents of the community for over 40 years. The Observatory houses a 16-inch reflecting telescope that is the largest telescope available to the public in the Los Angeles area. We are open to the public, year round, no fee, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on selected clear Friday evenings. Visitors are asked to park in Lot C and walk up the observatory road to the Observatory. Please wear comfortable walking shoes, dress warmly, and bring a flashlight. Visitors are also advised we do not have rest room facilities at the observatory. Call (562) 908-3472 for more information.

Parking

Parking facilities are provided for students and visitors at nine locations on campus as designated in the Class Schedule. Students are required to display a Rio Hondo College parking permit on all vehicles parking on campus. Parking permits should be obtained at the time of registration and thereafter at every semester registration or where there is a change in vehicle(s). Motorcycle parking is permitted only in specially designated areas in Lots B and Level 5.

Visitors on campus may purchase (daily) temporary parking permits at the Parking Information Booth located on level 2 during the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and on Fridays 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Persons operating vehicles on campus are expected to abide by all California vehicle codes as well as posted regulations. Citations will be issued by campus security officers for violations of such codes or for failure to abide by college parking or vehicular regulations. Everyone is required to pay all fines in connection with such violations. Unpaid fines will be referred to the D.M.V., and a hold will be placed on your vehicle registration.

Persons using the parking facilities at the college do so at their own risk. The college assumes no liability for the use of the parking facilities.

Santa Fe Springs Training Center

The Rio Hondo College Fire Technology program is located at the Santa Fe Springs Regional Training Center at 11400 Greenstone Ave., Santa Fe Springs. The Training Center houses the equipment and facilities for the College's Fire Academy, Homeland Security Training Center, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program, Biddle Physical Abilities Testing, CWH Firefighter Testing, National Fire Firefighter Testing and Advanced Fire Marshal Training Programs. Some Fire Technology classes are also held on the main campus at the new Administration of Justice Building. The Wild land Fire Technology program and the Wild land Fire Academy are located at the AJ Annex on the main campus. Please see Schedule of Classes for more information.



South Whittier Educational Center (SWEC)

The South Whittier Educational Center (SWEC) is one of Rio Hondo College's off-campus satellite facilities located at 14307 East Telegraph Road, Whittier, CA 90604. There are classrooms and a computer resource lab. Regular college credit courses are offered at SWEC, including basic skills classes as well as general education courses for graduation and transfer to a university. The college assessment test is offered on the first Friday of the month. Continuing Education also offers non-credit courses at SWEC. For more information about classes and services at SWEC, please call (562) 941-2356.

State Smog Center

Rio Hondo College's State Smog Center is a state-contracted test facility that provides certain Smog Check services for motorists. Working with Automotive Technology departments at the community colleges, the Consumer Assistance Referee Centers provide motorists the opportunity to receive independent smog checks on their vehicles. Visit the web site www.smogcheck.ca.gov for the eligibility conditions necessary to utilize a referee station. The Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by appointment only. Closed on Wednesdays. Call (800) 622-7733 for an appointment.

Wray Theatre

The Wray Theatre, located on the lower quad, functions as the main performance space for the college. Showcasing a variety of student and professional performances in the areas of theatre, dance, music, and guest lectures, the theatre seats approximately 300 persons. The performances are open to the public and are advertised in the College's Cultural Events brochure available from the Division of Arts & Cultural Programs. Call (562) 908-3471 or visit our web site at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/arts/culturalevents.html> for more information.