

The community celebrates the opening of the city's new public recreation center at Rock Chalk Park in grand style.

The grand opening of Sports Pavilion Lawrence at Rock Chalk Park on Oct. 5 brought the community together to celebrate the 180,000-square-foot facility and its anticipated future use. After a short ceremony highlighting the partnership between the City of Lawrence, KU Athletics, KU Endowment and Bliss Sports, more than 1,200 attendees filed in to get the first look at the first-class facility.

Gyms were open for volleyball, futsal, pickleball and basketball. The City's first indoor turf area was the site of free play soccer, with Sporting Kansas City's Jon Kempin stopping by to play goalie for the kids, pose for photos and sign autographs.

A room dedicated to gymnastics was available for kids to practice their balance on beams and work the uneven bars. The gymnastics room also features a spring floor and tumble track that kids of all ages had fun exploring.

Some visitors took laps around the eighth-mile indoor walking/jogging track and looked over the weights and cardio areas. Other sampled the healthy menu items available at Crimson Corner Market by Clinton Parkway Hy-Vee, which uses healthier nutrition standards developed by Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department earlier in the year.

There were demonstrations showcasing

fitness and dance programs available through Parks and Recreation. Demonstration classes were also offered throughout the facility's first week, providing an opportunity for the pubic to experience classes before enrolling. Outside the facility, people participated in tennis on the eight lighted tennis courts or took to the five miles of outdoor nature trails to explore the new area.

Sports Pavilion Lawrence will host tournaments throughout the year, bringing many visitors to the Lawrence community. The bigger impact, however, will be on citizens, as the city continues striving to be the healthiest, most active community in Kansas.

Grand Opening Sports Pavilion LAWRENCE





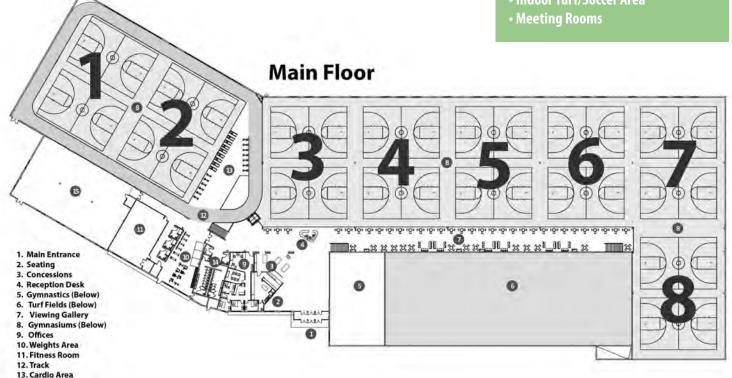


14. Restrooms 15. Open Room 16. Meeting/Party Rooms



Sports Pavilion Lawrence Features:

- 8 Full-Size Basketball Courts/ 16 Full-Size Volleyball Courts
- 1/8-Mile Walking/Jogging Track
- Gymnastics Areas
- Aerobic/Fitness Room
- Cardio/Weight Area
- Indoor Turf/Soccer Area



Weight Room Features:

- Shoulder Press
- Chest Press
- Tricep Push Down Machine
- Pectoral Fly/Rear Deltoid Machine
- Leg Curl Machine
- Leg Extension Machine
- Free Weights

Cardio Room Features:

- Elliptical Cross-Trainers
- Upright Stationary Bikes
- Recumbent Stationary Bikes
- Scifit Upper Body Machine
- PowerMill Stair-Climber
- NuStep Recumbent Cross-Trainer
- Treadmills

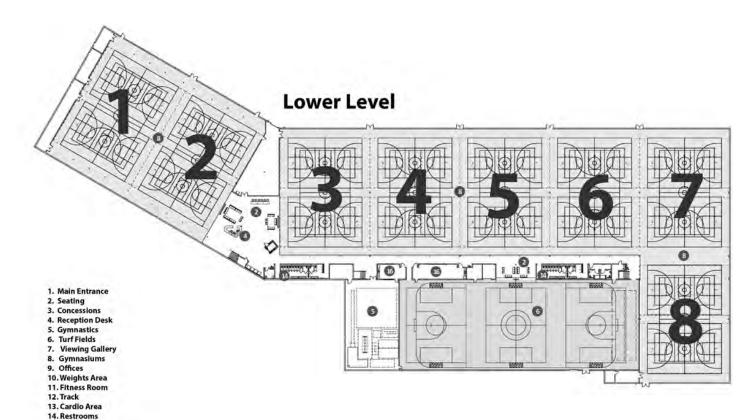
Gymnasium Features:

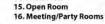
- Full-Court Basketball
- Full-Court Volleyball
- Full-Court Futsal
- Crosscourt Basketball
- Crosscourt Volleyball
- Pickleball (Court 8)











Grand Opening SPORTS PAVILION LAWRENCE



Turf Area Features:

- Large Soccer/Futsal Field
- 3 Youth Soccer/Futsal Fields
- Flag Football
- Athletic/Fitness Training

Gymnastics Room Features:

- Spring Floor
- Tumble Track With Foam Pit
- Balance Beam
- Uneven Bars
- Rope/Rings
- Various Preschool Apparatus

Outside Features:

- 8 Lighted Tennis Courts
- More Than 5 Miles of Hard/ Soft Surface Trails









