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A MEMBERSHIP TO WEST HILLS IS A PART OF YOUR BENEFITS PACKAGE—YOU JUST NEED TO ACTIVATE IT!

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TECH NECK AND HOW TO FIX IT

Tech Neck is the term for the aches and pains caused by constantly looking down at phones or hunching over computers. It leads to chronic neck, back, and shoulder pain, headaches, numbness in the arms and hands, and limited mobility. Posture and strength training is the solution.

Most people think stretching is the answer, but for Tech Neck it can actually make things worse. The muscles in the neck, upper back, and shoulder blades are already overstretched from slouching. The modern approach is to strengthen them instead. True strength training uses enough resistance to fatigue a muscle in 6–10 reps. If you can do 12+ reps, you're training endurance—not strength—and won't correct the issue.

Personal trainers will tell you that 90% of form issues are posture issues. Good posture not only reduces pain, it's now considered a marker for longevity. People with better posture live longer! This matters even more for retirees, who face osteoporosis and age-related muscle loss (sarcopenia).

Long hours at a computer can produce neck pain however adding strength training to your routine can help. Ergonomic chairs and breaks help, but without stronger muscles, the pain returns. Strength training is essential for aging well—it increases bone density, reverses decades of muscle loss, boosts metabolism, improves sleep and energy, reduces cancer risk, improves stress, and yes, fixes Tech Neck.

If too much screen time leaves you with neck or back pain—personal training at West Hills can help.

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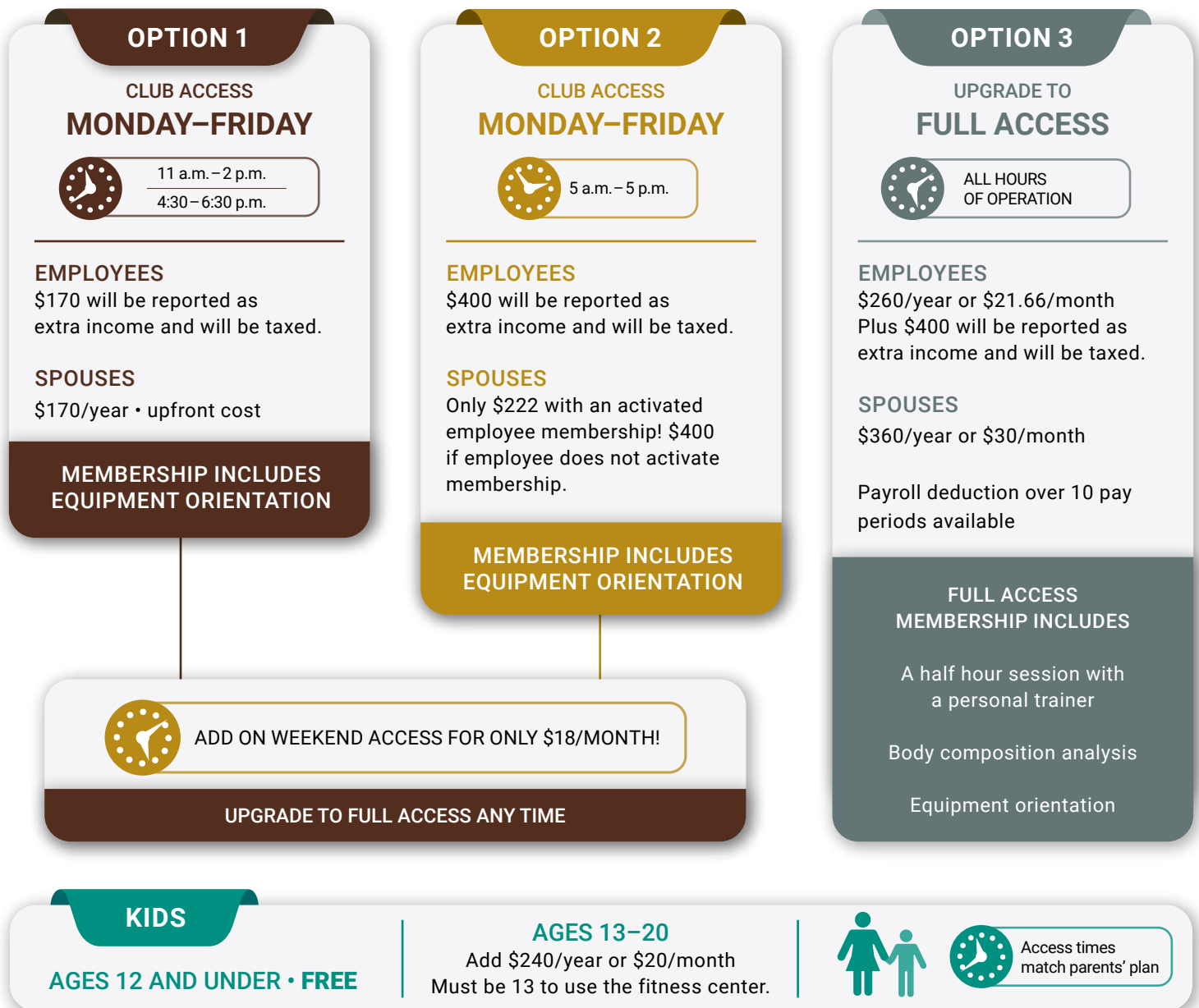


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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR **FREE** MEMBERSHIP!

Every full-time WMU employee has a membership at West Hills Athletic Club, all you have to do is activate it! Your membership is redeemable as a taxable benefit. For questions or to schedule a tour, please call (269) 387-0410.



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