TYPES OF ALUMNI CLUB AND AFFINITY GROUP EVENTS

There are hundreds of volunteer-led alumni events, meetings, and activity groups worldwide in any given year. Successful events often fall into the categories listed below.

CLUB/GROUP MEETINGS

General club/group meetings are held regularly to assist with alumni volunteer recruitment and to develop local events.

- Board meetings
- Executive committee meetings
- Committee meetings
- Event planning meetings

EDUCATION

Educational programming includes hosting a speaker at a club/group event; going on a field trip, such as a museum visit; or sponsoring online programs.

Explore Culture

- Outdoor movie night at regional cultural park
- Local festival
- Historical house tour
- Museum exhibit tour
- Rodeo night
- Local Neighborhood tour

Event with local professional alumni

- Play and alumni talk
- Movie and alumni networking

Online

- Networking
- Regional volunteer host webinar
PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING

Depending on club/affinity group demographics, programs can be developed to target specific professional groups. Recent graduates particularly are on the lookout for good networking opportunities.

- General professional networking
- Industry networking
- Online networking

SERVICE

By offering opportunities to give back to the local community through service programs, you can attract more members, provide unique programs, and develop and strengthen the UChicago presence in your community.

- Food bank or drives
- Animal shelter
- Clean up campaign
- Clothing drives
- Local community days

SOCIAL INTERACTION

All club/affinity group events, regardless of format, should encourage social interaction among members. Some, such as holiday parties and happy hours, will be purely social.

Meals and celebrations

- Happy hour
- Restaurant evenings
- Summer picnics
- Holiday party

Outdoor recreation/team sports

- Coed softball team
- Kayaking
- Trail hike

Sports

- Baseball game
- Basketball games
- Local minor league teams

EVENTS IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER REGIONAL ALUMNI GROUPS

Club/affinity groups can co-sponsor events with other organizations in their area, including other UChicago Alumni Clubs (e.g., Booth, Harris, Law) as well as other
regional alumni groups. While regions may co-host events with non-UChicago alumni clubs or organizations, we strongly discourage you from co-sponsoring or seeking corporate sponsorship without the expressed approval of the Alumni Association. Please contact your staff liaison to discuss.