

### >>THIS WEEK'S TOPIC: Club Socials <<

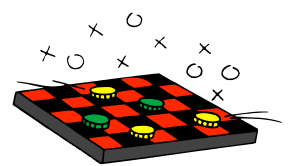
#### Building Relationships through FUN!

Recruitment is a constant thing but it will only get you so far if you can't keep the members you bring in. People don't join clubs for the membership they join for the relationships they build with the members of the club. One way you build these relationships outside of service projects is having club socials. Below you will find 8 different ideas for social events you can hold throughout the entire year.

- 1. Go Out to Dinner:** When it comes to socials this is one of the first things that comes to mind. When deciding on a place to go think about the members who will be going. If you have a lot of freshmen that are interested in going take them to a local place of the beaten path they may not have known about previously.

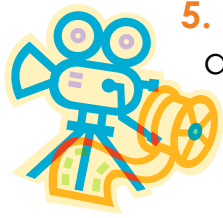


- 2. Game Night:** Game night is an inexpensive way to have a lot of fun and really get to know members in your club. Have members bring their favorite board or card games to play. Outside of board games think of party games like mafia (rules: <http://bit.ly/6hG7K>) or signs (rules: <http://bit.ly/pBF6JE>).



- 3. Sporting Events:** Many schools in our district have great sports teams in many different sports. Organize times where you can go with other members to different games throughout the year. It's a great way not only to build stronger relationships within the club but also to boost school spirit!

**4. Intramural Team:** Many colleges and universities have intramurals in several different sports. Have members sign up and create your own Circle K team. Not only will you have a great time but will also build teamwork skills.



**5. Movie/TV Show Night:** Have your club vote on a movie to watch and organize a movie night. If you have a lot of members interested in a certain show, such as Glee, plan a night where you all get together and watch it. You may even be able to use a room on campus and watch it on a big screen.

**6. Potluck:** Around holidays such as Thanksgiving plan a Potluck dinner. As college students we know how expensive and time consuming planning and cooking a full meal like Thanksgiving can be. When members only have to make one dish it's cheaper and you still get to enjoy a great meal. You can use websites like <http://signupgenius.com> to organize who's bringing what without having to worry about several people bringing the same thing.



**7. Seasonal Events:** Depending on the season, you can do things like ghost trails, hayrides, or pumpkin painting/carving in the fall, going tubing, skiing, or ice skating in the wintertime, Easter egg dyeing or Valentine's day card making in the spring, and pool parties or beach trips during the summer.

**8. Trivia Night:** Many local restaurants have a weekly trivia night. Buzztime trivia has all different types of trivia nights and has several locations all over the country. You can find a location near you through their location search on their website (<http://www.buzztime.com>)



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