

EVENT & PROGRAM IDEAS

There are a wide variety of types of events and programs that can be hosted to engage and connect Rice alumni. Below are some suggestions but we encourage you to be creative. Also, if you have done an event that was successful and it is not listed here, please share with our office so we can let other volunteers know.

SOCIAL

- Happy hours
- Family picnic / potluck networking
- Trivia nights
- Board game nights
- Open planning meeting / dinner for volunteer recruitment and input
- Cinema club/movie viewings
- Winery or brewery tours
- Baking/cooking classes
- Restaurant week event/dinner club
- Themed tasting events
- City walking/biking tour
- Boat tour/cruise
- Architecture tour
- River rafting/fishing
- Hikes/nature walks
- Zoo/Aquarium visits
- Theatre events (possibly with an exclusive backstage tour or talk)
- Symphony/Orchestra concert (possibly with an exclusive musician meet and greet)
- Gallery/Museum tour (possibly with an alumni docent)
- Holiday celebrations the highlight different cultures and religions
- Bowling
- Go-karting/putt-putt game
- Workout/fitness class
- Group outing to a local professional sporting team

SERVICE

- Volunteer together for local non-profits – especially those where alums are involved
- Habitat for Humanity
- Ronald McDonald House
- Food Banks
- Local schools or nursing homes

SCHOOL

- Faculty lectures ([click here](#) for more information on this type of program)
- Rice Alumni Book club
- Rice department lectures
- Watch a Rice podcast together
- Take a Glasscock School class together
- Take a Traveling Owls trip together as a group

SPIRIT

- Watch party for a televised Owls sporting event
- Create a recreational sports league for alumni in your group
- Wear Rice shirts to work, gym, etc.
- Attend a concert/movie/show that has a Rice performer, singer, etc.

STUDENTS

- Student Send-off Party
- Host interns who are working locally over breaks and in the summer.
- Professional development workshop
- Networking happy hour/speed networking event
- Career-focused panel/discussion
- Mentorship opportunities
- Attend a poster presentation or student competition on campus
- Provide jobs or internships

HELPFUL SUGGESTION:

It is important to remember that alumni are of all different backgrounds, experiences, ages, and interests. To maximize engagement and involvement, it is important to host a variety of types of events – and communicate them through different channels – so that alumni feel that there are offerings of interest to them.