Where to meet new people over the summer [1]

Dear Alice,

What is the best way to meet new guys over the summer?

Answer

Dear Reader,

Summer break can provide great opportunities to branch out of your usual social circle. Not only can you meet new guys, you can also meet new gals, folks, peeps — you get the idea. In order to meet new people though, it may help to get out and get involved. Some possible ideas to spice up your summer social scene include:

- **Sign-up for an organized trip**: Whether for one day or many weeks, check with local travel agents or travel websites to review potential trips. You might find trips available that focus on academics, being outdoors, international travel, language, and nearly any topic you can imagine. You may end up enjoying yourself and meeting some like-minded folk.
- **Try something sports-related (if you’re into it)**: Join a swim team, try diving lessons, horseback riding, hiking, playing softball, or cross-country running. There may also be recreational leagues available in your town.
- **Take a class**: Places like local community colleges or community centers might offer classes in the summer that cater to a range of age groups and interests. You could take a class in scuba diving, film, photography, ceramics, guitar, cooking, or gardening. Try and find something that sparks your interest and that can give you the opportunity to find folks who are into similar activities.
- **Volunteer for community service**: Check to see if there are any non-profit organizations that need volunteers. You might be able to do things like delivering meals to homebound individuals, cooking at soup kitchens, helping organize childhood immunization days, or working at a day camp for children. Consider checking out Volunteer Match [2] to find a list of organizations in your area.
- **Look for summer jobs or internships**: Although some may involve some planning in advance (including applying and interviewing), it’s another opportunity to meet people with similar passions and interests. You could start by looking in the classifieds section of your local newspaper (online or in print form) or your school’s career office for listings and
resources. Consider contacting places where you’re interested in working to see if they’re hiring for summer help. You could meet some new people and earn some cash along the way!

- **RSVP with a Yes:** Try not to pass up an opportunity to go out with friends or go to a summer party. Weddings, commitment ceremonies, cookouts, and other celebrations could provide chances to meet new people. You never know who you might meet!

Whatever you decide to do, concentrate on meeting new people, maintaining the friendships you have now, having fun, and doing what you want to do. When you’re happy and satisfied, you may appear more attractive and interesting to others. Enjoy your summer — in doing so, you might end up meeting some new folks along the way.

Alice!

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