



YWCA Princeton Area Newcomers & Friends Interest Groups

2023-2024

Interest Group	Meeting Time	Summary
Adventures In Dining	1st Sunday 5pm or 6pm	Explore the area's finest restaurants in pleasant company over delicious food and interesting conversation. Husbands and partners are welcome.
Bikes & Bites	Sundays 2-5pm	We get out and ride 5-10 miles on a Sunday with a bite afterwards. No one is left behind. Some riders are in better shape than others and might ride ahead but we never leave anyone behind. If it's too hot, wet or cold, we don't ride. You must be able to transport your bike to the starting location
Books by Moonlight	1st Wednesday 7:30pm	Read modern novels, classics, and a few works of non-fiction selected annually by our group. Share opinions at a relaxed evening book club created especially for those who work or prefer to meet in the evening. We meet in-person at member's homes or other venues, but plan virtual Zoom meetings during the dark winter months.
Book Talk	3rd Tuesday 12:30pm	Read books and enjoy a dynamic discussion.
Bridge Round Robin	By Arrangement	This group of passionate bridge players will determine the gathering place, depending upon circumstances, either at members' homes or via Zoom.

Broadway Bound	1st Wednesday November - April	Travel to NYC to see a play or musical. We travel together by train and enjoy lunch in a nearby restaurant before walking to the theater.
Dining Dames	4th Thursday 6:00pm	This group is interested in trying new restaurants and finding new places and cuisines that members may not have had before. Locations will be within an hour (or so!) of Princeton. Participation will be capped at 12 people. Suggestions of any wonderful places that you'd like to try are welcomed!!
Exploring Family History	4th Thursday 10:00am	Explore your family history through genealogical research. Members enjoy amazing discoveries and better understanding of their families' history. New members welcome.
Fun and Games	1st and 3rd Tuesday 2:00 - 3:30pm	We play party-type games such as Charades, Pictionary, trivia games, etc., in this group. Typically meet in group members' gardens or homes. If needed, the group will switch to Zoom as the games must go on!
Girls Just Want to Have Fun	Pop Up Scheduling	Wanted: open minded ladies who are looking to have fun! Join us on spontaneous and non-spontaneous adventures, not monthly but enough to help keep us smiling. We may go bowling, sing karaoke, horseback riding, pet wolves, walk llamas, goat yoga, NYC street theatre, winery music, comedy - the world is our playground!
Global Insights	3rd Monday 3:00pm Meet by zoom	Members of this group discover international and domestic destinations by sharing their personal travel stories. Widen your horizons by joining our virtual travel experiences. Meet by Zoom

Grandma Get-Together	Pop Up Scheduling	This group gives grandmothers a format to share wisdom, discuss various grandma-related topics, and share heart-warming moments that we have with our grandchildren. There will be four pop-up groups that meet seasonally.
Great Artists	2nd Monday 4pm	Great Artists meets monthly to experience the lives and works of the greatest artists, from ancient to contemporary. In 2023– 24, there will be additional field trips to museum sites.
Great Decisions	2nd & 4th Tuesday 12:30 - 2:30pm January 16 to May 28, 2024	Discussions about current political and economic global issues, based upon American Foreign Policy Association curriculum. Group begins in January 2024. Group size limited.
Hands On The Garden	2nd and 4th Thursday 9:30am - 12:00 noon Seasonal	Novice and experienced gardeners are invited to 'dig in' at the Morven Museum and Garden alongside our very own master gardener, Louise S.
Hiking	2nd Wednesday 9:30am	Join us for 3+ mile hikes on the beach or in the woods, with sunscreen and snacks, to enjoy nature and each other's company.
Hiking Nature Trails	Pop Up depending on weather with 2- 4 hikes monthly	We will hike nature trails within a 25-mile driving radius of Princeton, NJ. Hike locations will include beautiful trails in Lambertville/Hopewell, the Sourlands, Baldpate Mountain, Washington Crossing State Park, Bowman's Wildflower Preserve, Stony Brook Watershed Arboretum, Sandy Hook Nature Trails & other shore destinations, as well as local favorites, such as Mountain Lakes Preserve.

Kayaking	2nd Thursday 3:00pm Seasonal	Join us in the Spring and Fall for kayaking at Mercer Lake or other waterways. Kayak rentals are available.
Let's Get Crafty	4th Thursday 12:30- 2:30pm	This year we will do some great crafts and possibly have guest instructors. We will start and finish a craft in one 2-hour session. You will need to buy your own supplies per directions.
Lunchbunch	4th Friday 12:00 Noon	This group enjoys meeting together at various cafes/diners/restaurants and now members' homes around the region to eat and chat.
Mah-Jongg	1st and 3rd Mondays 1 - 3pm	Play mahjong in a friendly, relaxed environment. All are welcome. Please bring your current card.
Morning Zoom Chat	Monday, Wednesday & Friday	Let's stay connected and support each other via Zoom three times a week. We will be chatting Monday at 10 am, Wednesday at 11 am & Friday at 10 am.
Movie Night	3rd Tuesday Late Afternoon / Early Evening	Each month, we will choose a blockbuster movie or art film. We will look to go out on the third Tuesday of the month, unless a "must-see" film is having a shorter run. We try to meet up before or after the show at a place close to the theater. Theaters we will try to choose from will include Princeton Garden Theater, Montgomery Theater, or MarketFair AMC.
Mystery Madness Book Club	1st Friday 12:30 - 2:00pm	If you enjoy a good mystery, this is book club for you. Donna W has a lifetime of experience in literature, be it as a librarian, English Literature Professor, or writing books, and has agreed to lead this interest group. We will read one mystery book per month and chat about them with guided questions.

On the Local Aisle	Pop Up Scheduling	<p>“All the world’s a stage.” So if you like live theater performances this once-in-awhile Interest Group is for you. There are a number of local theater troupes, which perform mostly on weekends. So every once in awhile, an email about a local performance will be sent asking if you would like to attend. Husbands and significant others are welcome.</p>
Open Air Lunchers	Pop Up when weather is nice	<p>This will be a weather-dependent pop-up group of ladies who like to lunch outdoors, even in winter! New Jersey generally has plenty of days when the weather makes outdoor dining doable. In winter we can search for restaurants with heaters, and in summer, shade and/or fans. Let's find them and enjoy together. Or we can visit picnic spots for BYO lunches.</p>
Out & About NJ	3rd Wednesday 10am	<p>This walking group travels to attractive nature locations and cultural attractions in the greater Princeton area, with a focus on outdoor explorations.</p>
Patio Singers	Mondays 2-3:30pm	<p>Do you enjoy singing? Come check out The Patio Singers. We are warblers of varying experience, who rehearse on Mondays, September through May. Members Maryanne K and Dotty W lead us in a variety of genres of music. Rehearsals are weekly and there is a modest music fee.</p>

Philly Day Trippers	Pop Up trips to Philadelphia	Philly has just as much to offer as NYC...so let's go discover and enjoy it! We will be taking the 12:23pm SEPTA train from Yardley Train Station when we go and will be walking around Philly to our various adventures of museums, sights, restaurants, shopping excursions...just about anything Philly has to offer us. This will be an all-afternoon adventure including an early dinner. We will do our best to catch the 6:30pm train back home putting us back at Yardley by 7:30pm.
Pins & Needles	1st Thursday 1-3pm	Work on any needle project, from altering a pair of slacks to artistry with thread, beads, or fabric, in the congenial company of busy hands.
Saturday Morning Walkers	Saturdays 10 – 11am	Join us for a scenic walk along the beautifully landscaped interior footpath of the Carnegie Center office complex in West Windsor. Our route will be around the pathway connecting the two office complexes. Each loop takes approximately 20 minutes at a comfortable pace. An hour's walk is approximately 6,000 steps! Bring a snack and enjoy a chat afterwards at one of several picnic tables. We will meet weekly, weather permitting.
Social Singles	3rd Sunday 5pm	Widowed/ Divorced/Single? Join us for drinks and/or appetizers at local spots to make social connections and share some laughs about the challenges of living solo.

Tails & Trails	1st & 3rd Fridays 12 noon	Grab a leash and join us for a walk with your favorite pooch. We'll visit a variety of locales across Somerset and Mercer counties including various parks, Princeton University campus and the D&R canal to name a few. This group is open to dog owners and dog lovers! We'll probably have a loaner dog available to walk or you can join us for some exercise and puppy love.
Teen Talk	4th Wednesday 11:30am – 1:30pm	We welcome all Newcomers with teens at home and/or transitioning to college life. We meet once a month during the Newcomers & Friends year to discuss teen topics, laugh, and support each other while living with teens!
Tuesday Morning Walkers	Every Tuesday 10 – 11am	Join us for a scenic walk along the beautiful interior footpath of Heritage Park in Cranbury. Each loop takes approximately 15 minutes at a comfortable pace. Join us afterwards for breakfast at Teddy's Luncheonette or an early lunch at a new dining establishment.
Walking In Skillman Park	Every Monday 8am	Meet in Skillman Park for an early morning lovely walk around the paved, flat loop.
Wine Once In A While	Saturday 7:30pm By arrangement generally 3rd Saturday evenings	Gather to taste and enjoy wine at member's homes and occasionally other venues. Our wine connoisseurs choose a topic and the wines, and everyone brings savory appetizers to share. Our organizer collects the cost for the event (costs are shared equally by attendees). Spouses are welcome to attend with their club member.