

Holderness Huddles

WHAT ARE HOLDERNESS HUDDLES?

Holderness Huddles are alumni-driven gatherings that bring our community together through shared experiences. These events offer opportunities to connect with fellow Bulls, celebrate, learn, and give back. Huddles can take many forms, including:

- Social events—Bulls love a good celebration!
- Cultural and educational experiences
- Community service projects
- Networking opportunities

HOW DO THEY WORK?

Alumni volunteers make Holderness Huddles happen!
As a volunteer, you can:

- Provide or secure a venue
- Host the event
- Share attendance lists and feedback afterward

The Advancement Office is here to support your efforts by:

- Helping you connect with local alumni and families
- Send invitations and collect RSVPs
- Ship name tags and Holderness swag for attendees

NOTE: Since these gatherings are volunteer-driven, any budget required must be covered by a generous host or shared among participants.

Let's bring the Holderness spirit to your area—start planning your Huddle today!

Suggestions for a Huddle

Social event at a private home, local restaurant, bar, or public space

Art museum or gallery tour

Hiking, canoeing, or bicycling

Local volunteer opportunities

Networking activity

Roundtable discussion for a specific industry

Interested in organizing your own Holderness Huddle in your local area?

Email
alum@holderness.org
with the following information.

Full Name
Class Year
Method of Contact

Brief description of the event you'd like to host including location, time of year/specific date, purpose, anticipated costs, attendance goal

VOLUNTEER HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

- Communicate regularly with the Advancement Office.
- Determine the venue, menu, program, and costs for the event. Visit the site, if possible, or ask about directions, parking, handicapped access, restrooms, and rain plans (if outdoors).
- Provide a welcoming and accessible environment.
- Connect with local volunteers.
- Send the Advancement Office a summary of the even, list of attendees, and photos of the event.

ADVANCEMENT SERVICES AND SUPPORT

- Email invitations and event reminders to the region or targeted group.
- List gathering details and registration on the Holderness website.
- Record RSVPs and communicate updates with the host.
- Send the host a final list of RSVPs, name tags, and Holderness banner for the event.

SUGGESTED TIMELINE

6-12 Weeks Prior to Event

- Discuss event details with Advancement Office.
- Determine invitation list, date and time for event and check with the Advancement Office to make sure there are no other conflicting events.
- Select and reserve space/venue.
- Determine event cost and funding.

4-6 Weeks Prior to Event

- Advancement Office will send an electronic invitation to the list.
- Host will start making personal contact with those invited to encourage attendance.

2 Weeks Prior to Event

- Advancement Office will send an electronic reminder and provide an updated RSVP list to host.

Week of Event

- Final RSVP list will be provided to host.
- Package of event materials to be sent to host.

At Event

- Arrive early to check on arrangements.
- Welcome guests and distribute nametags.
- Take group and candid photos.
- Enjoy the event!