

Mini Reunions

Mini Reunions are a great opportunity for classmates to come together in anticipation of Reunion in Northampton, visiting with longtime friends and building relationships with new friends.

Mini Reunion Chair

Many classes appoint a Mini Reunion chair to coordinate and publicize gatherings. These events help to build excitement and enthusiasm for Reunion events in May.

Suggestions

- Mini Reunions in major metro areas might involve a theater or museum outing, gathering at a restaurant or lounge, or having a potluck at a classmate's home
- A class birthday party
- A picnic or potluck for classmates and their families
- A weekend at a classmate's coastal or summer home
- Outdoor event: sailing, whitewater rafting, skiing, bird watching, vineyard tour
- To save money, send invitations electronically, either via broadcast email or using online invitation sites, like Evite or Paperless Post. Mini Reunions should be self-supporting.



Mini Reunion Checklist

- Reunion Chairs, other officers, and Smith Fund volunteers should be part of the initial conversations about individuals' willingness to host an event. Several classmates may want to host separate events simultaneously or at different times of the year in various regional locations.
- Decide the preliminary date/time and location of the event, being sensitive to it being either an alumnae-only event; alumnae with spouses or partners; or including members from your class or other classes, children, etc. If you will co-host an event with other classes, be sure to work closely with officers from those particular classes.
- Scale the event to the number of individuals that you hope will attend and also the type of event (formal or informal) you would like, based on the season, indoors or out, and budget.
- Ask class officers to review a draft of the invitation
- A list of proposed attendees can be pulled together from class lists. The office of alumnae relations can provide class lists with email addresses sorted by geographic areas. Review the list with the class officers.
- Take pictures and post them on your class web site, send them to the *Smith Alumnae Quarterly*, and/or bring them to Reunion.