

Bridging Communities After Hours at OSU

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After Hours Overview

- Alternative programming between the hours of 10pm-2am
- Friday or Saturday nights preferred
- A variety of activities available at each event
- Free or low cost for OSU students

After Hours Support

- One department or organization serves as the main sponsor for each event
- Campus-wide collaboration offers support
 - Graphic Design Work
 - Facilities
 - Volunteers
- No centralized funding source

Challenges of After Hours

- No centralized funding source
- Decentralized leadership
- Getting off-campus students to return for an event
- Shifting event start time to 9pm or 10pm

Challenges of After Hours (continued)

- Consistency of student energy
- Several large events or many smaller ones?
- Scheduling
- Assessing success

Benefits of After Hours

- After Hours meets a need for programming late at night on OSU's campus
- Campus-wide initiative provides a variety of perspectives
- Student input with institutional support

Benefits of After Hours (continued)

- Collaboration leads to greater participation
- Volunteer base allows for multiple activities at one time
- Various sponsors ensure that there will be a variety of events throughout the year

After Hours Programs

- Around the World in 4 Hours
- Class of 2011 Picnic
- Rec Sports Olympics
- Wake Up, Stay Up, Do Something
- After Hours Carnival

Questions to Consider

- How would this look at your institution?
- How do we assess what students are interested in?
- What are unique challenges at your institution?
- How can we work to incorporate different perspectives and ways of doing things into our work?
- Is it a better use of resources to plan a few large-scale events or smaller-scale events more regularly? Which makes most sense for you?