

## STAYING CONNECTED THROUGH THE SUMMER

We know that group life looks different during the summer. Busy schedules make it nearly impossible to meet weekly and it's nice to give everyone a bit of a break. But you don't want summer to go by without connecting with your group members. Here are some ideas to help you stay connected!

### FIVE IDEAS

#### Doodle

Before your group ends for the semester, pick a date (or a few) for everyone to get together for a social. You can do this by using [Doodle](#) - a free scheduling tool that makes the logistics of getting together easier.

#### Share Ownership

Winning as a group leader doesn't mean that you are doing all of the things all of the time. Ask your group if anyone would want to help plan summer social(s). Not only is this a chance for group members to feel a sense of shared ownership but it's also a chance for them to use their gifts.

#### Go Small!

Staying connected over the summer doesn't mean that the entire group has to be together for every gathering. In fact, with busy schedules that actually makes it even harder to stay connected. Instead, encourage people to connect in smaller settings. This could look like meeting up for coffee, going to a movie together, organizing a playdate with kids, or hosting a family for dinner.

#### Set text reminders

Oftentimes we feel the need to plan big gatherings and make things fun. But a text to a group member letting them know you are thinking about them can make all the difference. And by setting a reminder on your phone, you're more likely to remember to do this.

#### Join a meetup!

Don't want to plan something? We got you! Join a [meetup](#) at Northpoint and let someone else do all of the planning for you!

