

# Creative Reunion Programming Ideas

# Things to Consider as You Plan

- What do you want Reunion to look and feel like?
- Do you want to initiate an outreach plan to build enthusiasm?
- Would your class be interested in doing some type of service project?
- What kinds of things were distinctive for your class?
- What will you do to welcome classmates on Friday night?
- Does your class want to create a booklet?
- Will your classmates be bringing young children?

# Creating Excitement Before Reunion

- Virtual “**elfing**”
- Send **postcards**
- Send an **email blast**—it’s free!
- Utilize your **Fall & Winter Letters**
- **Post your agenda** on your Facebook page & class website
- **Re-post** Alumnae Association messaging
- **Special messaging** for those who have never attended before

# Welcoming Your Class

- **A welcoming check-in area** in the dorm
- **Craft stations:** Enhance nametags & parade costumes using materials like stickers, feather and glitter. Great for kids too!
- **Bulletin boards with photos:**
  - Take photos of everyone as they arrive & post near the bell desk with names so classmates are easy to recognize.
  - Encourage classmates to bring pictures of their lives—kids, business, art work, weddings, etc.
- **Goodie bags:** Could included a mug, a leather bookmark, a baked good from a classmate, instructions for the weekend, the costume, etc.

# Activities During the Weekend

- **Common Read** discussions and/or Back-to-Class sessions
- **Mohos at the Movies:** Friday movie night in the dorm living room, bring in popcorn machine
- **Service project:** donations and/or volunteering for Food Bank, Birthday Wishes, homeless shelters, animal shelters, etc.
- **Book discussion:** Review the great books you've read
- **Travel discussion:** Talk about the great places you've visited
- **Visit to Mary Lyon's Grave:** Consider bagpipes for memorial services

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- **Art Museum:** Schedule a formal tour or an informal visit
- **Music or Other Performances:** Sing-along, performances by musician classmates, open mic readings, skits, etc.
- **Bird walk** around campus
- **Odyssey Bookshop & Tailgate Picnic:** See your old haunts
- **Painting night:** Create a class-specific mural or individual paintings
- **Dance party or movement class**
- **Game night**

## Meals & Snacks

- **“Taste of the Valley” Friday night dinner:** Bring in food from favorite local restaurants
- **Pizza night on Friday**
- **Midnight M & Cs**
- **M & Cs for Grown-ups** with wine or beer
- **Invite a faculty member to speak** at a lunch
- **Invite faculty** to dinner on Saturday night

# Digital Media

- **Live updates to class Facebook page:** Who has arrived and what's going on
- **Post and/or Tweet photos** of friends and activities
- **Set-up a chat room** to connect with those classmates that could not make it: iPad for FaceTime or cell phone for phone calls