

Reserving Your Venue

It is very important to reserve your space before posting the event so you can ensure it will be ready and available for your group. You want to avoid changing plans at the last moment if at all possible.

It is sometimes more difficult to reserve a spot when you are newly established and cannot promise a big crowd, but it helps to choose nights when the bar/restaurant is not normally busy. When your network grows in size, it is easier to switch nights of the week and/or venues if necessary. In addition, once your group is able to bring twenty or more individuals once or twice each month, you may be able to work out a deal with the manager. This could include the extension of drink specials, happy hour deals, gift cards, appetizers for your group or other friendly accommodations.

Finding A Location:

- Visit other restaurants and bars in the area. (It shouldn't be hard to get some friends to help with that!)
- Seek the advice of others: family, friends, members of your liberty network, etc.
- Pay attention each time you go out to eat or drink with friends, and always keep a look out for potential venues to hold your group meetings
- Search online, calling bars and/or restaurants that seem accommodating. You will first want to ask if they have space for you, especially if you have a group of over 35. After that, you can ask if they would be willing to extend any special deals for your group. Let them know how many you bring in each month as well as how often
- Keep in mind the type of venue you are looking at. No matter how good the deal, there are certain aspects you will want to consider when choosing a location
- Always check out a venue in person before deciding for sure. Pictures can sometimes be deceiving!

Just Ask!

- If you'd like to secure drink specials for your group, the best thing to do is ask! Although we recommend that you wait until you've had at least a few meetings at the same location first (so you know if you'd like to continue meeting there)

- Before you decide to ask, it may be best to wait until you are bringing in at least 15 or more guests each time. That provides them with the proof that you have and will continue to bring business their way
- Ask a manager or the person you make reservations with whether they would consider extending a drink deal or if they have any special deals they can offer to your group. Let them know how often you have been meeting and how many guests you have been bringing in. They may say they are unable to, but you never know unless you ask!
- If you cannot get any good deals from your current venue, you may consider looking for a place that will better accommodate your group – only if it's worth it!
- Lastly, when it comes to asking, it is also important to ask permission from the management before doing things out of the ordinary, such as posting banners or signs, moving furniture, etc. They usually don't mind, but it's always good to ask!