

## Calendar of Events

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May 28, 2026

### **ALP Exchange: Marketing**

12:30 PM - 01:30 PM EST

*This ALP Exchange session is an open, peer-driven conversation designed to surface questions, challenges, and best practices that don't always make it onto an Affinity Group meeting agenda—but impact nearly every leadership program.*

*Together, we'll explore marketing and how programs are attracting, engaging, and retaining participants and community support, including:*

*Reaching the right audiences and building awareness in your region  
Messaging, branding, and telling your program's story effectively  
Digital tools, social media, and low-cost strategies that are working  
Engaging alumni, employers, and community partners as advocates  
What's resonating and what's falling flat*

*This is a collaborative space to share what's working, ask honest questions, and learn from fellow ALP members navigating similar decisions.*

*Come ready to contribute, listen, and leave with ideas you can apply immediately to your program.*

August 11, 2026

### **Coffee & Connection**

04:00 PM - 05:00 PM EST

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May 20, 2026

**Leadership Connections | From Icebreakers to Impact: Crafting Team Building That Matters**  
**Virtual Event - Zoom**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

*Most teams spend time on icebreakers that are enjoyable in the moment but quickly forgotten. The problem isn't team building—it's team building without purpose. This session shows leaders how to design team-building experiences that strengthen culture and drive real performance outcomes.*

*Participants will learn how to create intentional, high-impact activities that address real team needs, including communication, trust, collaboration, confidence, resilience, self-talk, and navigating failure. These experiences don't require big budgets or elaborate planning. Instead, they rely on clarity, purpose, and a repeatable framework that connects activities to meaningful outcomes.*

*Rachel breaks down the science behind effective team building and demonstrates how simple exercises become powerful tools for growth when paired with intentional facilitation and debriefing. Attendees leave with a practical framework they can use immediately and a research-backed debrief strategy that ensures learning transfers to real workplace behavior.*

*About the Speaker: Dr. Rachel Lindvall, a Senior Inclusion Business Partner at Winnebago Industries, is a recognized leader in the corporate recreation industry and an international speaker specializing in mindset, culture, leadership, and team performance. Holding a doctorate in Health Sciences with a focus on elite mental performance, she brings decades of experience as a university professor, collegiate coach, and certified mental coach—bridging the worlds of high-level athletics and corporate leadership with research-backed precision. Rachel has worked with Olympic gold medalists, professional athletes, and Fortune 500 companies, equipping high performers with practical tools to overcome barriers and elevate outcomes. She is also known for designing and facilitating highly effective, hands-on team building experiences that strengthen communication, trust, and cohesion—creating immediate, memorable shifts in how teams work together. She speaks on a variety of topics, including confidence, motivation, grit, resilience, team buy-in, mental skills for peak performance, and team building. Grounded in science and backed by research, Rachel's approach is both evidence-based and refreshingly fun. She believes that learning should be engaging, and she infuses her sessions with humor, energy, and real-world application—making mental tools not just accessible, but transformational.*

May 25, 2026

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May 28, 2026

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June 1, 2026

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July 13, 2026

- July 16, 2026

## **2026 ALP National Conference**

**Hilton Omaha**

**1001 Cass St**

**Omaha, NE 68102**

The conference kicks off at 3 PM CT in Omaha!

*The Association of Leadership Programs is thrilled to partner with the Greater Omaha Chamber and the National Leadership Network to bring the 2026 ALP National Conference to Omaha, Nebraska, this summer!*

*The 2026 National Conference will be held July 13 - 16; all information can be found [here](#).*

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### **Development Affinity Group**

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*This group aims to support staff involved in fundraising and resource development for Community Leadership Programs. This group provides a collaborative space to discuss strategies, share successes, and explore new approaches to securing financial support, strengthening program sustainability, and expanding community impact.*

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October 26, 2026

### **Flagship Affinity Group**

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*The Flagship Programs Affinity Group is designed for staff who manage core leadership programs, often known as flagship or signature programs. This group offers a space to share ideas, tackle challenges, and develop best practices that enhance participant experiences, strengthen program impact, and ensure these cornerstone programs remain relevant and effective in building community leadership.*

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December 21, 2026

- January 1, 2027

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