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WELCOME TO OLLI: Tips for New Members

Be sure to sign up for the Welcome to OLLI Workshop.

This is offered in person and through Zoom before each session. Details are in the catalog. You will receive your OLLI lanyard, learn a lot, and meet new friends.

How do I find my classroom?

- Your class location is listed in the OLLI catalog and in the email confirmation you receive after you register.
- The buildings are all numbered. Locate the numbers on the campus map: go to the Yavapai College website and search for the Prescott Campus Map.
- The classroom number is listed after the building number. For example, 4-102, means building 4, classroom 102.
- Most of our classes are held on the first floor. These room numbers will start with a
 "1." Second floor rooms start with "2."
- Many of our classes, as well as the OLLI office, are in Building 31.

How does parking work?

- You can park in any of the parking lots for free. No permit is required.
- Handicapped parking locations are shown on the campus map (see above).

How can I keep up to date on OLLI happenings?

- Every Monday morning, OLLI staff sends out weekly announcements to your email.
 Read this to learn about upcoming OLLI activities and other important information.
 Call the office at 928-717-7634 if you are not receiving this.
- Sign up for the <u>YC Alert</u> for notifications of campus closures. The link to <u>YC Alert</u> is on the Prescott OLLI home page.

How do waiting lists work? What if I have to miss a class, or change my mind?

- If the class you wanted to take was already full, be sure to put yourself on the waiting list. Sometimes slots open up, or we can offer a second section.
- Once you register for a class or activity, if you change your mind, please let the office know. Sometimes we have waiting lists, so this may open up a space for others.
- If you need to miss a class, facilitators really appreciate you letting them know.

What is the best Membership deal?

 If you plan to take more than 2 classes during the year, the Deluxe Annual Membership is the best deal. If you recently joined, and want to upgrade your Membership, talk with the OLLI office at 928-717-7634.

Other Perks

- Ask the OLLI office for your personal YC non-credit student ID. It provides discounts at some locations. NOTE: This ID does NOT give you a discount at the YC Performing Arts Center.
- The cafeteria is in Building 3 and is open to everyone. In fact, many OLLI classes are held across the courtyard in Building 4, so OLLI members sometimes gather for lunch in the cafeteria before or after classes.
- Your local library card is valid at the YC library.

OLLI is more than a classroom. What does that mean?

Members often talk about how OLLI has given them a wonderful circle of friends and sense of community. Here are some of the many ways to get involved – and become part of the OLLI family!

- Stimulate your mind by enrolling in six-week classes, workshops or special one-time "Munch and Learns".
- Pursue your passions by joining one of our many Special Interest Groups (or start your own!)
- Go on an OLLI Field Trip and explore the community.
- Sign up for a social event. The Social Committee is always coming up with new fun ideas, from picnics and holiday parties to a "Day at the Races"!
- Become an OLLI volunteer and connect with new friends, help OLLI thrive and have fun! As a peer-directed organization, OLLI relies on its volunteers, and has opportunities to fit all interests, from facilitating classes, to helping with one-time events, or joining an on-going committee.
- Have some special interests? Become a Class Facilitator and share your knowledge or facilitate discussions about topics and learn from others.

What makes OLLI's classes different from college credit classes?

- OLLI classes are conceived, created and facilitated by our own members who
 volunteer their time. Our members have diverse backgrounds and interests, and the
 classes often have lively discussions and new ideas to ponder. And there are no tests
 or grades!
- Do you have an interest to share? Consider becoming a facilitator too.

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<u>Facilitate a class</u>: Have some special interests? Become a Class Facilitator and share your knowledge or facilitate discussions about the topic and learn from others.

<u>Be a Classroom Ambassador</u>: Facilitators can often use an extra hand. Sign up to be an Ambassador for classes you are already taking – you can come a little early to greet people and help out – and make a big difference!

Become a Tech Assistant: Technology can be great – until it doesn't work. Learn how to help facilitators with the technology (you don't need to be a "techie" – we provide training!). You can choose to help in the classroom or with Zoom classes.

Join an OLLI Committee: Did you know that OLLI has a Governing Council and eight different committees of volunteers? The Council and the committees help the limited staff keep OLLI working smoothly. See the back for more information.

Help with One-Time Special Events: Have some extra time? OLLI periodically needs people to help with special events. These needs are announced in the OLLI newsletter.

Interested in volunteering or learning more about volunteer options?

Sign up through the Volunteer page of the OLLI website:

https://www.yc.edu/v6/lifelong-learning/olli1/olli-prescott-volunteer.html



OLLI GOVERNING COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

OLLI has an elected Governing Council and 8 committees to support OLLI operations. All committees are run by volunteers who are OLLI members.

Governing Council

Who oversees the big picture? This elected council sets OLLI's strategic direction and policies, approves the budget and oversees program operations. The 11 Council Members are elected from OLLI membership and may serve up to three consecutive 2-year terms.

Committees

Curriculum - The 'learning 'part of Lifelong Learning is what we are all about. Promoting, vetting and encouraging facilitators keeps the class offerings fresh and vital.

Finance – All organizations need people to monitor finances. The Finance Committee works with the Governing Council, Staff and OLLI's College liaison to develop the annual budget, review spending and present financial reports to the Governing Council each session.

Member Engagement – OLLI is more than a classroom. The Member Engagement Committee works to help members know the myriad of opportunities for getting involved with OLLI. It welcomes new members with its New Member Mentor Program, keeps members informed through its Ambassador program, and recruits and matches volunteers with volunteer needs.

Nominating - Once a year, about half the Governing Council members are up for re-election. The ad hoc Nomination Committee recruits new talent and organizes the member driven election.

Marketing and Communication – Help us get the word out about how awesome OLLI is. This committee promotes OLLI in the community to increase awareness and attract members.

Social – Fostering social connections is one of OLLI's key goals. This committee gets creative in planning and organizing social functions for OLLI members.

Special Programs - All OLLI programs are special, but some programs offer opportunities to learn outside the classroom or focus on small group's interests. Thinking of new and innovative ideas is this group's goal.

Technology - We are surrounded by and use technology in our daily lives. But sometimes there is a gap between what we know and what we want to accomplish. The goal of the Tech Committee is to fill that gap with classes and mentoring.

