

Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club Newsletter

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Hello and Happy August to you all! I hope you have been staying cool and safe from this Kansas Heat Wave we have been having. I want to start by saying THANK YOU!! Your support is what made our Super Sign-Up Event such a massive success! We are so grateful to the PX and their Staff for allowing us to relocate our event inside. That was a game changer for us, and we know our members were just as grateful. I want to give a big shout out to our fabulous Membership Chair, Jeanell and her awesome team. Many weeks and planning and organizing went into making this membership drive the success that it was. We are excited to announce we had over 253 members sign up between June and August...AMAZING!!

As the new year gets on its way, our Motto for 2023-2024 is "Wherever Life Plants you, Choose to Grow." There are three areas of growth that we are focusing on this year: Growth in our Membership, Growth in our relationship with the Community, and lastly Growth in our philanthropic efforts. Our hope is for our members to also use this year to grow in their own way as well. Whether you are here at Fort Leavenworth for 10 months, 2 years, or permanent party, you can always choose to grow where you are planted.

We have a BIG year planned for you. Our second VP, Vince, and his team have a full year of monthly Socials planned, that you will not want to miss. It was our goal to offer both day and nighttime socials for our members, so that no one would be left out. Every other month our socials will vary between day and night. We also have some exciting Fundraisers that our 1VP, Angelica, and our Fundraising Chair, Dani have already started working on. I know I am personally looking forward to our Holiday Market, that will be happening this November. It will be in a new location with more space, which means we will be able to open it up to even more vendors. YAY!

To conclude, I do want to say that I am truly amazed with the Board that we have this year. Each one of our board members has something unique and inspiring to add to this club. They are all dedicated to making this year a year to remember, and a year to flourish. I can't wait to see all our big ideas come to life, and to watch all our fantastic FLSC members GROW!



Karly Gadell
FLSC President



*Wherever life plants you,
 choose to grow*

this month

2023

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5  Craft Club 6 pm	6 Run Club 5:15 am	7  Bowling Club 12:30 pm	8 Breweries & Beer Club 7 pm 	9
10	11	12	13  FLSC Social: Leavenworth Hunger Games 11 am	14 Knit & Crochet Club 10 am Corks & Boards: Football Charcuterie 6:30 pm	15 Wine Club 7 pm 	16
17	18 Mamma Mia Trivia 6 pm 	19 Coffee Club 9 am Restaurant Explorers 6 pm	20 Run Club 5:15 am	21  70s Bunco 6 pm	22 	23
24	25	26	27 Run Club 5:15 am 	28  Book Club 10 am	29  Corks & Boards: Oktoberfest 6pm	30 Wine Club 6 pm

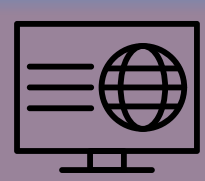
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ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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FLSC webpage



FSLC Sub Club
Facebook group

FORT LEAVENWORTH SPOUSES' CLUB SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

LEAVENWORTH

Hunger

GAMES



September 13th, 2023 | 11am - 1:30pm

Frontier Conference Center

In partnership with Stronghold Food Pantry



ITALIAN MENU 🌻 MINUTE TO WIN IT COMPETITION 🌻 SO MUCH FUN

[Click here to RSVP to the September Social](#)

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 8TH

We're partnering with Stronghold Food Pantry this month!!

Stronghold Food Pantry is a volunteer-run, 501(c)(3) charitable organization serving American military families facing food insecurity with care and dignity by providing food, necessities, and resources.

Stronghold strives to remove the stigma and ease the epidemic of food insecurity among military communities by proliferating awareness, advocacy, and collaboration.



Bring a listed item for an additional chance to win a prize package!:

- Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Rice



For more information about Stronghold Food Pantry visit

<https://www.strongholdfoodpantry.org/>

Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club



BOARD



EXECUTIVE BOARD

President- Karty Gadell
1st VP- Angelica Diaz
2nd VP- Vince Afaisen
Secretary- Lainey Schwartz
Treasurer- Sarah Custer
Parliamentarian- Allison Burton

GENERAL BOARD

Honorary President- Pam Beagle
Honorary Advisor- Mandy Mosier & Cari Pavlichko
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Community Grants- Paula Skandis
Community Outreach- LaRay Garibay
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Vendor Coordinator- Araceli Ream
Ways & Means- Casey Black & Shanna Cheatham
Webmaster- Patty Taguba

Featured Board Members

The FLSC Board works hard behind the scenes everyday to ensure the success of the club! Every month, we will feature some of our Rock Star board members for all their dedication! Here are our featured Board Members this month and a few reasons why we love them! Read more about them on the next page!

- **Allison Burton**- Parliamentarian- Allison recently worked countless hours revising our constitution, bylaws and code of conduct. She also ensures all our meetings run smoothly!
- **Allie Cornell**- Social Media Chair- Allie creates all the amazing graphics the club uses on its social media platforms! She also designed our amazing club t-shirts!
- **Jeanell Hurley**-Membership Chair-Jeanell coordinated and executed the extra successful Super Sign Up event! She rolled with the punches and increased our membership exponentially!
- **Meredith McKenzie**- Hospitality Chair- Meredith sourced and organized all the great raffle prizes we had available at Super Sign Up! The raffle was extremely successful!!

Thank you!

Meet our featured Board Members

MY FAMILY



Alison Burton

PARLIAMENTARIAN

I am a mom to two kids, two dogs (Ace and Lucky) and wife to Jamiel We love to go on adventures and travel together. I love to bake, read, workout and volunteer in my "spare" time! I own a photography business. I also work with Stronghold Food Pantry, a nonprofit, to help our military families fight food insecurity!

MY FAVORITE FOODS



Hi,
I'm Allie

SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR

About me

My husband, Rob, and I have been married for 4 year. We have 2 dogs - Randy, our 10 year old black lab & Zoey, our 1 year old pomeranian. We very recently lost our 17.5 year old pomeranian, Buddy. I own and operate my own graphic & web design business full-time. I love to play volleyball, garden, go to concerts & explore!



Fun facts

- ✦ I am running my first half marathon this fall!
- ✦ I'm a huge Philadelphia sports fan! Go Birds!



my favorite foods

Hi, I'm Jeanell

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
and
CORKS & BOARDS
SUB CLUB LEADER



About me

I am a 3rd generation Army brat, Army Veteran, and Army Spouse! My husband and I have one son, two maincoons and two dogs! I love to craft and can't live without the sun!

Fun Fact about me:
I worked at the White House before I joined the Army!



family

I love pickles



hello, my name is

Meredith

HOSPITALITY CHAIR

I've been married to my husband, Ian, for 16 years. We have 2 boys, Cullen (9) and Brody(6) and a puppy, Zelda (12 week old Cattle Dog mix). We love to camp, fish, kayak and play board games. I love to cook and host events. I am originally from Columbus, GA, so everyone assumes that I am a UGA fan, but I am actually an Auburn fan!

Fun facts:

- I'm the manager of our Fantasy Football League- 10 years & counting.
- I went to Military College but wasn't in the Corps of Cadets
- I love everything monogrammed!



Zelda

my boys

favorite local spots

This is our second time at Ft Leavenworth (repeat offenders) we have favorite places from last time & are looking forward to exploring more this time around. We love Que39, The Depot & El Maguey

FORT LEAVENWORTH bucket list

Angels Falls Trail
Lansing, KS

Botanical Gardens
Overland Park, KS

Green Dirt Farm Creamery
Weston, MO

Red Barn Farm
Weston, MO

WWI Museum
Kansas City, MO

City Market
Kansas City, MO

Friends of the Frontier Army Museum

Haunted Ghost Tours
Fort Leavenworth, KS

Kansas City
Barbeque

Parkville Caves
Parkville, MO

The Suburban
Leavenworth, KS

Pictures in the Sunflowers

Union Station
Kansas City, MO

Apple Festival
Weston, MO

Tunnel Tours
Leavenworth, KS

Weston Bend State Park
Weston, MO





Volunteers
needed

Interested in Volunteering with FLSC and getting involved with the Leavenworth community?

FLSC is helping with the Camp Leavenworth festival at the Leavenworth Waterfront September 22-23!

If you are interested in helping out, [CLICK HERE](#) to view available shifts and sign up!



NOT A MEMBER YET?

What are
you
waiting for?

[JOIN TODAY!](#)



CHECK OUT THESE DESIGNS AND MUCH MORE AT THE WAYS & MEANS TABLE AT ANY FLSC EVENT!

Sub-Club Update



Sub-Club of the month: Run Club



Come join us every Wednesday morning at 5:15 am for a fun run around post. We start together, break into our own paces and cover 3-5 miles.

There will be some themed runs, a social or two and lots of fun as we cover the miles!



Maria Duncan
FLSC Run Club Leader



thank you

Maria
for all you do
for FLSC and
the Run Club!



FLSC Sub-Clubs

Book Club

Leader: Jenna Farquhar

Bowling Club

Leader: Angela Elgin

Bourbon & Spirits Club

Leader: Laura Brown

Breweries & Beer Club

Leader: Vince Afaisen & Christina Dieppa

Bunco Club

Leader: Connie Papacek

Coffee Club

Leader: Paula Skandis

Corks & Boards

Leader: Jeanell Hurley

Craft Club

Leader: Vanessa O'Connell

Knitting Club

Leader: Jenna Farquhar

Pickleball Club

Leader: Karly Gadell

Retiree Club

Leader: Katie Payne

Restaurant Explorers

Leaders: Angela Elgin & Rachel McCarty

Run Club

Leader: Maria Duncan

Trivia Club

Leaders: Catherine Sincere & Connie Papacek



**JOIN THE SUB-CLUB FACEBOOK
GROUP FOR EVENTS!**

Thank you for making Super Sign Up a success!



Together We can do It!



Upcoming Events

FORT LEAVENWORTH SPOUSES' CLUB OCTOBER SOCIAL

• TAILGATE ✨
 CORNHOLE &
Chili ✨
 • COOK-OFF ✨

October 11, 2023
 6pm - 9pm

Leavenworth
 Local Hotel



FORT LEAVENWORTH SPOUSES' CLUB

Holiday Market

November 18, 2023



2023-2024 FLSC EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

13 Leavenworth Hunger Games
22 & 23 Camp Leavenworth Festival*

OCTOBER

11 Tailgate Cornhole and Chili Cook-Off

NOVEMBER

8 Thankful Friendsgiving
17 & 18 Holiday Market*

DECEMBER

13 Holiday Wreath & Tree Auction
PX Gift wrapping throughout the month*
16 Wreaths Across America*

JANUARY

10 Around the World International Event

FEBRUARY

14 Couple's Night Out Valentine's Bingo

MARCH

Dinning In*
31 Egg My Yard*

APRIL

10 Make It, Fake It, Bake It
19 & 20 Golf Scramble & Casino Night *

MAY

15 Roll Out the Red Carpet Scholarships & Grants
Ceremony



Visit our website and Facebook for
event details and updates!

*designates Special Events & Fundraisers



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SAVE THE DATE

Holiday Market
 November 18, 2023

Interested in being a vendor?
 Inquire via QR Code



Questions? Email Davi at SpouseEventsFLSC@gmail.com

Interested in advertising with the Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club? Complete this form or contact our Vendor Coordinator at vendorflsc@gmail.com



Vendor Form



Become a Vendor at Holiday Market HERE!