



PEER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

UPPER MIDWEST ALLIANCE OF YMCAs YMCA PROFESSIONAL NETWORK | Chapter 41 & 42

AQUATICS

Second Thursday monthly at 2:00 pm CST

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ARTS & HUMANITIES



Aug 1 at 1:00 pm CST, then TBD

Maeghan Johnson, mjohnson@ymcafoxcities.org
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Open Minnesota position!

BRANCH DIRECTORS

2:00 pm CST on 1/25, 2/15, 3/14,
4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/29, 9/26,
10/24, 11/21, 12/19/2024

Aaron Miller, ajmiller@gwcymca.org
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Third Thursday monthly at 2:30 pm CST

Emily Anton, eanton@fdlymca.org
Jon Lang, jonathan.lang@scymca.org

CHILD CARE & CHILD WATCH

Third Wednesday every other month at
1:30 pm CST (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov)

Ashley Brockman, abrockman@ymcafoxcities.org
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Fourth Thursday every other month at
12:00 pm CST (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov)

Jennie Melde, jmelde@laxymca.org
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DAY CAMP & SCHOOL AGE

First Thursday monthly at 10:00 am CST

Jason Heuer, jheuer@kymymca.org
Jenna Kingsley, jenna.kingsley@scymca.org

FACILITIES

Feb 21, May 22, Aug 21 at 1:00 pm CST

Jeff Krantz, jkrantz@fdlymca.org
Open Minnesota position!

FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

11:30 am CST on 3/14, 5/9, 8/8, 12/12

Kathy Wucherer, kwucherer@ymcafoxcities.org
Jenna Kingsley, jenna.kingsley@scymca.org

FOREVERWELL/ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS

Third Wednesday monthly at 1:00 pm CST

Kate Yates, kyates@ymcafoxcities.org
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GYMNASTICS

Mar 25, Jun 10, Sep 2 at 2:00 pm CST

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HEALTHY LIVING & GROUP EX

Third Thursday monthly at 1:00 pm CST

Kylie Wiltgen, kwiltgen@laxymca.org
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HUMAN RESOURCES

Second Thursday every 3 month at
11:00 am CST

Danielle Marx, dmarx@statelineymca.org
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Jan 23, May 30, Aug 27, Dec 12 at
12:00 pm CST

Lance Hietpas, lhietpas@ymcafoxcities.org
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MARKETING

Third Tuesday monthly at 9:00 am CST

Spring Rank, srank@ymcafoxcities.org
Heather Drangin, hdrangin@duluthymca.org

MEMBERSHIP

Fourth Thursday every other
month at 11:00 am CST

Laura Ferree, lferree@glcymca.org
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RESIDENT CAMP

Jan 30, Apr 16, Oct 22 at 2:00 pm CST

Ben Hoffman, ben.hoffman@manito-wish.org
Open Minnesota position!

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, TEENS & YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

Second Wednesday monthly at 12:00 pm CST

Tammy Zellmer, tzellmer@ymcanw.org
Cassie Athorpe, cassie.mcguire@ymcamn.org

YOUTH SPORTS

Second Wednesday every other
month at 11:00 am CST

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LEADERS ARE MADE HERE

YMCA PROFESSIONAL NETWORK UPPER MIDWEST ALLIANCE OF YMCAs

WHAT ARE PEER COMMUNITIES (PC)?

Peer Communities is a network designed for staff to:

- share knowledge, learn, and innovate together.
- find or become a mentor to newly hired leaders.
- work together on program-specific projects or ideas.

WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

Engaging with your Peer Community has enormous benefits to both you and your fellow Y staffers.

- Gain a network of people who do the same work as you (in MN, WI and MI).
- Share resources. Chances are, you aren't alone when you have a question
- Acquire leadership opportunities – think resume building!
- This is where you meet your lifelong Y friends!

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

- Attend Peer Community virtual calls and in-person meetings.
- Reach out to your PC Leader and ask how you can be of additional support or email Julia at jwohlt@uppermidwestymcas.org.



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