

Newport Parks & Recreation



Speed Dating

on the Newport Waterfront

March 14, 7pm

The Gateway Center • 84 Fyfe Drive
Newport, VT

Must pre-register by March 9th

\$5/person

(802) 334-6345 • newportrecreation.org

Speed Dating Registration Form

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street Town, State Zip Code

Email: _____

check box to sign up for weekly updates from Newport Parks & Recreation

Submit Form & Payment to:

*Newport Parks & Recreation
222 Main Street
Newport, VT 05855*

RULES & PROCEDURES

I. THE SPEED DATING PHENOMENON

It's SAFE, FUN, & FAST!!

No more personal ads, blind dates or bar scene pick-ups. Where else can you meet a dozen or more people at one time who are there for the same reason you are?

“Speed Dating” events are a modern way to bring single professionals together in casual, fun and pressure-free environments. Everyone's been talking about it, and you've probably seen the concept on popular TV shows such as Sex and The City and in the movie Hitch.

II. HOW IT WORKS

Register:

Step one is to register for the Speed Dating event by visiting our website at newportrecreation.org.

Once we receive your Registration Form and Payment, we'll send you an e-mail confirmation of your registration. If we don't receive your Registration Form and Payment before the specified deadline, you may be added to our waiting list.

Sign In:

Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before the official start time to sign-in and mingle. We will begin promptly at 7:00pm.

The Waiting List:

To ensure an even balance of men and women, if you do not sign in at least 15 minutes before the event starts, your spot will be given to the top name on the waiting list. If you are on the waiting list, we ask that you arrive 30-45 minutes before the start time and let us know that you are present. Feel free to mix and mingle with the other participants beforehand, and keep your fingers crossed...a spot may open up for you. (We may also contact you before the event if we receive a cancellation.)

The Big Event!

At each event, there will be an equal number of men and women. We facilitate the whole thing so you are guaranteed to meet everyone. To maximize your experience, we hold the event at the Gateway Center in downtown Newport.. We will give each participant a Welcome Pack, including a name tag (with your first name and a number only) and Score Card. Light drinks and snacks will be available.

We will review the Ground Rules a few minutes before the start time...you do not disclose your last name, where you live or work, phone number, etc. Nor do you ask someone out during the event itself...no pressure!

At the start of the event, everyone puts on a nametag with only your first name and a number. The event is organized so that you will chat, ask questions, and check out the chemistry with everyone in a string of one-on-one conversations lasting 5 minutes each. At the end of the 5 minutes, a bell will ring, and you will have 1 minute to fill out your “Score Card” as to whether you would like to see that person again in the future. The men will then move to the next seat.

The process continues until everyone has met. Half way through there will be a short break where you may refill your drinks, stretch, etc. When all the men have met all the women, you hand in your completed “Score Card” to the host. The event itself will last for about two and a half hours. You are then welcome to stay and mingle for awhile, take the opportunity to meet other fabulous people who are there to meet others just like you, and learn more about upcoming Newport Parks & Recreation events.

It's a Match! (or two, or three, or more...)

After the event, we will compile the information from everyone's Score Cards to determine who matches up. If two people mutually checked “YES,” then that's a match (odds are you'll have one or more matches). You'll receive a private e-mail within three days of the event listing the first names and e-mail addresses or phone numbers of the people you matched with. From there, it's up to you to contact one another to learn more about each other and set up another date.