

SOBEAR LOUNGE

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Our goal is to establish a fun, lively, and supportive experience for students to enjoy themselves in an alcohol-free setting. *The SoBear Lounge* will offer a variety of *mocktails*, an assortment of appetizers, and a sweet selection of entertainment. Under 21? Sober? Sober-curious? You are welcome. ***You don't have to leave campus to have a good time.***

Studies show that 49% of full-time college students (aged 18-22) drink alcohol, and 28.9% had engaged in binge drinking in the past month. -National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

WHY? in addition to wanting to provide a space for sober and sober-curious students, a lot of our underage students feel that they miss out on 21+ events here on campus.

WHO? our past and present collaborators include (but are not limited to) Chartwell's Catering, UAF's Student Leadership and Involvement Office (SLI), Nanook Diversity and Action Center (NDAC), the UAF Graphics Department, Student Activities Office (SAO), Center for Student Engagement (CSE), Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living, Nanook Prevention and Empowerment Network (NPEN), UAF Resident Life, UAF Office of Sustainability, Planned Parenthood, and even more! We are looking forward to future collaborators.

WHEN? thursdays! flyers around campus will give specifics on location and time!

WHAT HAVE PEOPLE SAID?

"I love [the SoBear Lounge]. I'm of age to go to The Pub, but I don't drink, so I like that there's other activities to do. You don't have to just sit in the bar and have a drink." - **Alison, a regular**

"It's one of my favorite events to work, I work in catering, and I've been at the last few events since they assigned us this specific job on thursdays" - **Shelby, a Chartwells employee**

"I think that the SoBear Lounge is a good chance to get students together and do activities that take place outside of The Pub, and it's a better way to get activities out there for some undergraduate students, as well as the older population." - **Zach, a regular**

"I've only been to one SoBear Lounge before, but I really enjoyed that it was really relaxing, everything was all set up, it was a paint night, so all the paint was there, and it was a really enjoyable time." - **Akela, a newcomer!**

"My favorite part is it gives a sense of community to those who are under the age of 21, it's great to have events here on campus that give a sense of belonging to those students without the pressure of underage drinking on campus." - **Jaime, Student Care & Conduct Coordinator with ORCA!**

WE LOVE OUR FRIENDS AT THE PUB! THESE ARE DIRECT QUOTES FROM STUDENTS AND PARTICIPANTS WITH ABSOLUTELY NO NEGATIVE INTENT TOWARDS THOSE WHO ENJOY DRINKING RESPONSIBLY.

WHAT'S TO COME....

In the future, we hope to develop merchandise!
We are currently working on:

Clothing (shirts, hoodies, etc.)

A SoBear Lounge Passport (collect stamps for every SoBear you attend, and each time your name is entered into a drawing to win a prize at the end of the semester!)

Recipe Book and Cards for students to take, and create some mocktails at home!



**FEBRUARY 15TH, 2024
DYNAMIC DUOS
GAME**

**FEBRUARY 1ST, 2024
COMEDIAN
STAND-UP SHOW
WITH CHRIS JAMES**

