
Better Together Info Night

TAC's mission:

- TAC is a group of **passionate teens** that want to **improve our community** with thoughtful conversation.
- TAC allows teens to **build their leadership**, public speaking, and community building skills.
- TAC provides teens with a **safe space** to **share ideas** and decide how to ***better our community as a group.***

TAC's Better Together Goal:

We believe that by learning how to engage in civil discourse, we can begin to close some of the cracks that threaten to pull us apart. Prescott is known as *Everybody's Hometown*, yet many people feel differently. In the survey we conducted throughout Yavapai County, **81.6% of people said there was strong division in the community**. Seeing the results of our survey, **there needs to be a change in communication**. The goal of our guidebook is to **provide a skill set of communicative techniques that empower people** to voice their opinion in a way that invites considerate conversation and encourages empathy in a setting that is conducive to both **understanding and growth**. Throughout the guidebook, there are **interactive sections** to personalize the topics and tips that are discussed as we dive into the data from our eight-month surveying process.

Beyond providing a **step-by-step** outline that encourages **conversation and connection** over food and family, we hope that by raising **awareness** on the divisive topics of our community we can prepare to safely tackle difficult conversations in a multitude of settings. **Effective communication is the foundation for a connected and welcoming community**, and we believe that taking the first steps towards learning to listen to and understand one another will allow us to **embrace our differences** and build common ground to grow from. We hope that with this guidebook and your participation, we can finally make Prescott *everybody's hometown*.

TAC's Beginning

During September of 2020, the teenagers behind Better Together **became aware** of this reality when Prescott began to **engage in controversial topics** reflected at the national scale, sparking passionate **local protests**. But while these topics quickly **escalated**, creating two sides of a **hurtful debate**, the emotions of the community remained distinctly together. Fear. Rejection. Attack. Isolation. ***We became unified through opposition.***

We all care deeply about the Prescott community, but as we continue to witness these horrifying conflicts, we realize that **the version of Prescott that we all wish to see is not being upheld**. The alarming **lack of communication and connectivity** among members of our town has weighed heavily on everyone's minds, and we have felt a sense of urgency to take action. We realize that to effectively move forward, we must **learn how to engage in and productively address these issues**. In learning to do this, we can collectively make a change in our history and our world, proving that everyone is capable of being **Better Together**.

Our Guidebook

- Some copies of our guidebook draft should be being passed around. If you would like, you can take this home to start getting familiar with it and preparing your dinner plan.
- Any questions about our guidebook and how it works?

Our Part 2 & Part 3

As we finished up our Part 1 of surveying and writing the guidebook, we are entering our Part 2: or **small group dinners**. In a year we will begin our Part 3: or **community wide dinners**. Here's the difference:

Part 2: A guidebook will be provided to families or small groups of individuals. These groups will meet once a quarter (based on 4 school quarters). Towards the beginning of each quarter your TAC liaison will reach out to you with a google form for you to fill out based on your experience (you fill this out whenever your dinner is done). Dinners are done in your own home or designated space (like some groups do a church group) and dinners can be provided if necessary

Possible End dates: July 14th 2024 or August 11th 2024

Part 3: Will be a community wide dinner where all the families that choose to participate will get together in large groups to use the skills they learned from their open small dinners to communicate in a more diverse setting with people you may not know. This will be held in a large location with TAC members serving the dinner provided and helping guide the groups.

TAC demonstrated dialogue

- Since some of you may be confused how we envision these conversation going using the guidebook, our TAC members will example it! We will demonstrate a fun example of how a “good” conversation at dinner would go vs. a “bad” conversation.
- If you have any questions after, please ask!!

What we ask of you:

Other than **submitting the check-in form after each dinner**, we also ask that you would take some pictures or videos! Although it is **not required**, we would love for you to **take photos and videos of your dinner conversations**. The end goal is to be able to provide statistics on the successes and failures of this campaign so that other organizations and communities can learn from our process. **The visual element of seeing and hearing your conversations is a powerful tool in portraying the outcome of the Better Together campaign** and will not only give TAC, but also so many others, a way to understand the progression of communication throughout our mission.

Sign up for dinners!

If you have not yet registered your dinner group, please take the time to now! Below is the link and QR code and we are also passing around a sheet if you prefer that!

Sign up for dinners:

<https://form.jotform.com/223466545830055>

It's Dinner Time!

We need your help to promote the power of effective discussion throughout Yavapai County! If you choose to sign up, you and your family and/or group commit to using our teen written Discussion Guidebook to engage in friendly discourse over a family meal once per quarter :)



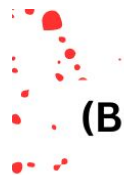
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Questions!

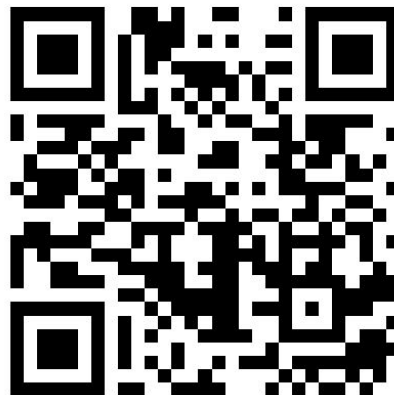
Feel free to ask us now, and if you don't feel comfortable sharing out loud: use the QR Code below and submit any questions you may have now, or any time in the future!

Questions Link:

<https://forms.gle/RWrfUYeDbQsB5UVm9>



Questions For TAC
(Better Together Dinners + Program)



Thank you all!!