

# QUICK TIPS

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Don't be dismayed at good-byes.  
A farewell is necessary  
before you can meet again.

And meeting again,  
after moments or lifetimes,  
is certain for those who are friends.  
- Richard Bach

It's time to leave...  
Our beginning is coming  
to a close  
and so we look toward  
tomorrow...

But let's look at yesterday  
and today.  
We arrived here alone  
And began our adventure  
together slowly,  
Carefully not sure of what  
was expected or sure of  
what we wanted.

But during our time  
we gave up our loneliness  
and insecurities.

We gained new friends,  
Confidence in ourselves  
And a special feeling which  
cannot be defined by  
words...

We leave so much  
stronger for we have  
shared deeply,  
I look at all of you and  
smile...  
For you are my friends.  
- George Betts



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# C L O S U R E

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The year passes so quickly...and all of a sudden it's time to say good-bye to the friends you've made in your organization.

If your year as an officer changes at final exam time, studying and the pressure of getting ready for Christmas Break or summer make it easy to forget about "closing out" the year with your organization.

Here are some ideas to help make SAYING GOOD-BYE a little easier, or at least a little more memorable.

## WAYS TO SAY GOOD-BYE

- Create a photo album, scrapbook, or collage of the organization
- Create an individual collage for each member - have everyone cut out a picture that reminds them of each member and put them together to make a great memory
- Create an address book and include everyone's summer address - photocopy for all
- Have an awards banquet
- Write farewell notes/cards to each other
- Give a memento to members - button, shirt, etc.
- Create individual autograph or message books for everyone to sign
- Create coupons for members to give to one another (good for one e-mail over the summer, one soda next year, etc.)
- Have a t-shirt signing party
- Have a "good-bye" theme movie night
- Create certificates for all members (Successfully completing a spectacular year!)
- Gather all the "quotable quotes" (funny things) that were said during meetings and put in a book
- Have a slide show of activities from the year
- Evaluate the year
- Set goals for next year
- Have a gift exchange
- Plan a reunion over the break or when school resumes
- Share three things you will miss about each person in the group
- Have a joint retreat with the new officers to share evaluations of the year, answer their questions and give advice
- Make "credit cards" for each member (cards that list the good qualities or skills each person has... "I give you credit for being a great organizer, for being the peace-maker during meetings, etc.)
- Share one thing you learned from being a member of the group
- Share your favorite memory from the year
- Assemble the group to create a file of what happened over the year - this will not only be great in sparking memories for the departing members, but will also be a good resource for the new members.

Above all, it's important to finish that last chapter in your group's book by finding some way to say good-bye. Keep in mind that not everyone in your group will like sentimental good-byes, so take their feelings into consideration before planning the activities.