Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are created, planned, coordinated, and maintained by the OLLI members themselves who are vitally interested in particular topics. They are groups outside of regular OLLI activities and may meet at various times during the year.

SIGs should treat all participants fairly and be open to different backgrounds and beliefs. Free and respectful discussions should be encouraged.

Each SIG will choose its leadership, activities, schedules, and meeting locations. Although OLLI is not responsible for finding meeting locations, it can facilitate this by reserving UAF classrooms when available.

Each SIG will provide information to OLLI about its existence, planned activities, and leadership. OLLI may provide this information to its members as well as publicizing the names and scheduled meetings of these groups.

One or more OLLI members can develop new Special Interest Groups using these guidelines:

1. Any SIG holding its own event is responsible for that event in its entirety, including financial obligations.
2. OLLI assumes no responsibility for the SIGs including funding and activities.
3. SIG leaders must notify UAF-OLLI staff well in advance of planned activities.
4. Participants will sign liability waivers for SIG group activities whenever UAF’s office of Environmental Health, Safety and Risk Management (EHSRM) deems it necessary. Participants will assume complete personal responsibility for their actions, releasing UAF from liability associated with their SIG activities. These waivers will be filed in the OLLI office.
5. If group travel is required:
   a. Each driver must have a valid driver’s license, car and medical insurance, and seat belts for all passengers.
   b. Emergency contact information for each member who is traveling should be provided to the group leaders or all members of the group.
   c. If caravanning, each driver should have directions to the destination as well as cell phone numbers for the other vehicles.