Private event message boards: opt-in boards for meetups

An event board keeps ice breakers, team introductions, attendee questions and event announcements together. Access is limited to eligible event participants and organizers. It is separate from a chapter-wide community board.

Enable a board for an ordinary meetup

A **Chapter Lead** can open the event editor, go to **Event Settings**, and turn on **Private event message board**. This is an existing self-service setting for ordinary meetups, including demo days. A Chapter Organizer's content or event role alone does not grant permission to change this setting. HQ can also manage it.

When enabled, the event uses its own RSVP-gated board instead of a shared city community thread. Use the event's **Message board** link to open the actual board. Do not construct a board URL from an event name.

If the setting is unavailable to you, ask the chapter's Chapter Lead or HQ to check your role and the event configuration. Viewing an organizer discussion board alone does not establish permission to change event settings.

Events that already have dedicated boards

Hackathons, dinners, private events and invitation-only events already use dedicated event boards. Their Event Settings shows that the event type automatically has a dedicated board rather than offering the ordinary-meetup opt-in switch.

For a hackathon, the event board is the place for event-wide coordination; team boards provide separate team conversations. Eligible attendee access is based on the event, rather than membership of the entire chapter mailing list.

Existing discussions and access

Changing the optional dedicated-board setting preserves existing discussions. It does not make private posts public or grant all chapter members access. Event board access and notifications can also be disabled separately; changing the board layout does not override that control.

These instructions explain the workflow. They do not confirm that a particular board has been enabled, that someone has been admitted to an event, or that any access change has been made.