

If you've ever been to Free Movie Friday you've probably seen either Krista Peterson or Nicole Russell, who run the whole event.

Beginning in the spring of 2013, an old RHC, Zack Keller, came up with the idea. Free movie Friday started out as an alcohol-free alternative activity for students.

Peterson and Russell who were freshmen the spring of 2013, they loved the idea so much that they emailed Keller and asked to take over.

Peterson and Russell trained and continued the tradition. Now they are seniors and looking for others to take it over.

Peterson said "We'll announce soon who is going to be taking over for us. We'll train them this semester and then they will be able to take over next semester."

Now, Free Movie Friday is almost every Friday night at 9 p.m. in Sussman Theater in Olmsted or if the theater is being used it is in Olin 101.

As one walks down the stairs towards Sussman Theater, a popcorn bar is waiting. The bar features popcorn, chocolate pretzels and gummy bears. All for free. It offers bowls and the iconic Free Movie Friday cup.

Russell said they have just ordered the new cups for the year.

Some have made coming to Free Movie Friday a tradition.

Maddy Lemons, a sophomore and self described movie lover said, "It's very rare I don't come. I always get here early, sometimes even 8:00 p.m. if I think the movie will be popular."

The average movie audience varies depending on the popularity of the movie.

Recent movies include *Star Trek: Beyond* and the newest installment in the *Ghostbusters* franchise.

*Star Trek* received moderate attendance, approximately 60 people, while *Ghostbusters* had a good turn out, at least 100.

Deshauna Carter a recent attendant of the Star Trek movie said, it was only her second time coming.

Carter said, "I wanted to see it but not pay to see it. My friend likes it so I thought why not."

Other students like the service. Hannah Trochinski, a sophomore, said it was a great thing we have.

"I personally don't drink and this is a really cool thing to have to do," she said.

Peterson said they hope to start a new tradition. At every street painting they want to show a movie in the Drake stadium.

It would be more of a community thing that way, Peterson said.

Movies for next month include, *Bad Moms* and *The Secret Life of Pets*.