

SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

You have a great deal of responsibility that cannot be taken lightly so please prayerfully discern before inviting a guest. You are the point person for them during the weekend so if something comes up or they can't stay for the full experience, it will be your responsibility to pick them up so please be sure that you are available. Here's your to-do list to help make this weekend the best for your guest... which we know that you want to do, or you wouldn't have sponsored them!

- 1) **Select a guest who wishes to grow in their spiritual life;** who wants to have a better understanding of prayer, study, the sacraments; who strives to live a Christian life; or who seeks to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. This experience is not designed for individuals who are in active addiction or with acute rehab needs.
- 2) **Be intentional about talking to the prospective guest about the Banquet.** Answer all their questions. If the person is married, it is best to have the support of their spouse. Share your Banquet/Cursillo/Emmanuel experience. Tell them how meaningful the talks, chapel visits, or worship services were. However, don't spoil it by sharing about agape acts and the Candlelight Service.
- 3) **Explain to them about the 4th Day meeting** (the follow-up meeting on the Monday following the Banquet) so they can plan accordingly. It will also be announced at Closing.
- 4) **You are responsible for agape letters for your guest.** Ask your guest's spouse to write an agape letter, and you are also responsible for asking all others for such letters. *Special Note: Gifts are not accepted for guests or team members during the Banquet weekends. Gifts are better given before the Banquet or immediately following on their 4th day.
- 5) **Once your guest is confirmed, call them immediately and express your joy.** When speaking with your guest, be sure they call or text (270) 821-6426 to confirm their participation. If for any reason your guest cannot attend, call the above number immediately. There is usually a waiting list of people who want to attend, so the sooner notification of cancellation is made the sooner they can be accepted.
- 6) **Keep in touch with your guest until you bring them to the Send-off** on the Thursday night of the weekend at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. If, for any reason, your guest changes their mind about attending during this time, please call the above number immediately.
- 7) **Make plans to bring your guest on Thursday and stay for Sponsor's Hour** which is held immediately following Send-off. This is a time when guests and team members are prayed for by name, and you can pray for your guest.
- 8) **Come to Candlelight and Closing** and celebrate the weekend with your guest – do not bring children to services or while serving meals. Make plans to take your guest home after the Closing.
- 9) **Bring your guest to the 4th Day meeting** on the Monday following their Banquet. The purpose of the meeting is to explain group reunions. If your guest cannot attend the 4th Day meeting, please get them connected to the coordinator so they can get into a group. Make sure your guest gets into a reunion group. Invite them to yours or encourage them to find a new one.
- 10) **Help get connected to a local congregation stat!** Encourage your guest to be a Christian witness in their family, vocation, church and world. Be their cheerleader so Christ is shared with the world. "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other. (John 13:34-35)"