

# Koinonia Sponsorship Responsibilities

Sponsoring a New Koinonian for a Koinonia Weekend is an uplifting and beautiful experience, but it is also a serious responsibility, requiring prayerful consideration, loving support and follow-up. Inviting someone is only a small step. Before you say the first word -- PRAY! God's timing, not our timing, is key. Once the invitation has been issued, hold them up in prayer daily as they consider their decision. Encourage them to reach their conclusions in prayer. If they say no, continue to pray and keep them posted as weekends approach, but do not badger!

## Before the Weekend

- Make certain your New Koinonian has an adequate understanding of Koinonia. Be open and honest with them. Let them know this is a Christian renewal Weekend. Answer all questions truthfully and fully but try not to mention the surprise elements. Most importantly, share with them what you gained from the experience. ·
- Get the New Koinonians pre-paid application in early to ensure a spot on the desired Weekend date. Make certain the application lists any special physical, medical, personal, or dietary needs so we can be prepared.
- The application must be signed by their pastor or a Koinonia Spiritual Director. There is a note to pastors attached to every application.
- If financing is a problem, you should encourage them to contribute what they can and help where you can. Some scholarship money is available. The Lord has His ways of meeting our bills!
- Make certain your New Koinonian has all the required information concerning facilities, location and time of the Weekend. This information is sent out by the Pre-K Board member at least 1 week prior to the weekend.
- Arrange for childcare, or pet sitting if needed.
- Help with transportation, if necessary. Remember it is much easier for them to come with another person. Better yet, why not bring your New Koinonian to the Weekend yourself if they wish to do so.
- Call your participant Thursday evening or Friday morning to wish them well.
- Support the Weekend, the Team, and the New Koinonians with prayer.
- Support the Weekend with donations of Warden's needs, kitchen funds, palanka, or other needs.
- Write a palanka letter and seek out mail palanka from various family members and friends (a sample letter is available)..

## During the Weekend

- Care for children and pets.
- Support the Weekend with prayer.
- Attend Mananitas at 6:15 am on the Sunday of the weekend if possible.
- Stay as long as your schedule permits. Attend the closing on Sunday if possible.
- Consider having an evening meal or welcome banner ready for them when they get home.

## After the Weekend

- Keep in close contact with your New Koinonian, showing love and support.
- A supportive call on Monday or Tuesday as the Fourth Day crashes in may be appropriate.
- Bring your New Koinonian to the first Ultreya after the weekend and boldly introduce them to people.
- Bring/encourage your New Koinonian to join a prayer and share group.
- Bring your New Koinonian to Ultreyas, Palanka Parties, and other Koinonia events such as K-Kamp.
- Ask them if they want to sponsor someone for the next weekend and explain what sponsorship entails, make sure they know they can ask you or other Koinonians if they have questions.
- Continue your prayer support for the New Koinonian and the community as a whole.

Being a Sponsor requires time and effort. We advise that you sponsor no more than two couples or two singles in any given weekend. When you are a sponsor, do everything you can to make your participants weekend as memorable, exciting and spiritually uplifting as God wants it to be

**New application forms** have been created. It is most helpful to the Board if you will **please destroy all old copies** that you have. If you have questions about the new form, the sponsor's duties, or the decisions of the Board, please contact a board member.