

SPONSORING GUIDELINES DELMARVA CHRYSALIS COMMUNITY

PRAY

Pray for the person you wish to sponsor and focus your prayer on their relationship with God, not on how to get them to go on a weekend. Continue to pray for guidance throughout their entire journey; also praying for the Team and the Chrysalis Community.

SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

If you are under 18, you must have an adult member of the Emmaus/Chrysalis Community co-sponsor with you. If you are 18 or over, you must have attended a community sponsorship training session to sponsor, or co-sponsor. If you have not attended please arrange this training through the Chrysalis Board.

APPOINTMENT

Make an appointment to talk to the parents of the youth and the youth you are planning on sponsoring. Explain to them exactly what a Chrysalis weekend is about and answer any questions they might have. There are NO SECRETS on a weekend. Ask the parents' permission to sponsor their child on a weekend.

If they give their permission then have the youth and parents fill out the application and medical release form necessary to attend a weekend. These can be obtained from the Chrysalis website (<http://www.FlyWithChrist.org>).

REGISTRAR

Once all the necessary forms are filled out send them along with the weekend fee to the Chrysalis Registrar. Their address is listed on the Chrysalis website under Chrysalis Board.

We encourage sponsors to consider making the payment of the fee a part of their personal Agape in sponsoring; although another individual, group, or church may pay the fee. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to assure the fee is paid before the weekend. If you are paying by check, make the checks payable to "Delmarva Chrysalis".

This community denies no one the opportunity to attend a weekend for financial reasons. Scholarship assistance is available; if needed, please call the Chrysalis Community Lay Director. Their phone number is listed on the Chrysalis website under Chrysalis Board.

INVITATION AND ACCEPTANCE

The youth will receive an invitation to attend the weekend in the mail about three to four (3-4) weeks before the weekend. The youth needs to respond to the invitation as soon as possible after receiving it by calling the registrar and replying either "YES" or "NO" to attending to weekend.

AGAPE

Sponsors please be sure to write a note to the youth you are sponsoring on the weekend! Tell them of your prayers and support and any sacrifices, special things you might be doing for them, such as fasting, in order for them to know the great Love that God has for them.

You should also encourage members of the youth's family, friends, Pastor or other people at church to also write your youth a note of encouragement. This letter can be from someone who has not attended a weekend, but

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would like to show support for the youth. You should gather 8-12 letters from people who personally know the youth you are sponsoring.

Give these letters, and any others you may have written to any of the other youth, to the check-in person at send-off or brought to the Candlelight Service on Saturday night.

If you wish to give your youth any other kind of gift, please do so after they have returned. A small pin or something small that can fit in the Agape letters is fine.

If you are going to provide Agape gifts for the dining tables for the weekend, please provide enough for everyone attending, caterpillars and team. We suggest around 50 pieces of this type of Agape.

Upon receiving confirmation of your youth attending a weekend, you should sign up for a slot on the Prayer Butterfly. This is done by contacting the Prayer Butterfly Coordinator, whose information is on the website.

THE WEEKEND

It is the sponsor's responsibility to provide transportation for the youth to the send-off location on Friday morning. They must be there between 7:30AM and 7:45AM to check in.

Once the youth have left for the weekend, the sponsor is expected to attend the Sponsor's Hour, which is a community prayer time for the youth and team on the weekend.

The sponsor is also expected to attend the Candlelight Service on Saturday night and the Closing on Sunday when the youth return. You are also expected to provide transportation home for your youth after closing.

The sponsor can and should invite the parents of the youth to attend the Closing on Sunday afternoon.

Only if the parents have been on an Emmaus Weekend should they attend the Candlelight Service on Saturday night.

NEXT STEPS

After the youth has attended the Chrysalis weekend don't forget him or her ! Just as they required support before and during the three days, they need your support in their Next Steps.

Continue to spend time with them and pray for and with them. You can help your youth understand the weekend experience and to take their first new steps of Discipleship.

Help your youth find a Reunion group or start one with them yourself.

Don't forget to bring them to Hoots and other Community Gatherings, such as the Christmas Gathering. Encourage them to also attend future weekend Candlelight Services and Closings. Give them a ride if they need one.

They might consider sponsoring another youth, adult or even their parents (if they haven't been on an Emmaus weekend). Help them by offering to be a co-sponsor, or putting them in touch with another member of the Community who can help them.

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CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!