



AWAKENING SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Here are a few suggestions for recruitment that should increase your effectiveness, help you properly interpret the Awakening, and bring into realization the importance of your responsibility in sharing God's grace as a sponsor. The responsibility of the growth of a new Awakening Sleeper rests squarely on your shoulders.

Follow these steps to be a good sponsor:

1. Select a Sleeper who wishes to strengthen their spiritual life; who wants to have a better understanding of prayer, worship, friends, study, and Christian action; who strives to live a Christian life that bears fruit for God; or who seeks to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known.
2. Be intentional about talking to the prospective Sleeper about the Awakening. Make a specific date to explain all about the Awakening. Answer all their questions. Tell the story of the Awakening by letting them know what happened to you on your Awakening/Banquet/other. Tell them how meaningful the talks, chapel visits, or worship services were. We ask only that you **NOT** share stories about agape acts, the Cross Service, or the Candlelight Service.
3. Explain Reunion/Small Groups and Community Gatherings to them.
4. Turn in your completed Sponsor Form and \$20 registration fee with the Sleeper's completed Application. The Sleeper must complete & sign the Application him/herself. Parental signature is required as well on the Application. Any missing information will delay the application process. Application/Sponsor forms are accepted anytime thru **January 1st, 2020**. Upper classmen and date of receipt of application receive some priority.
 - o Acceptance letters are sent out mid-January. If/when you receive a letter, call your Sleeper immediately, and share your excitement. When speaking with your Sleeper, be sure they call the number provided on the acceptance letter to confirm their participation. If, for any reason, your sleeper cannot attend, call that number yourself. There is usually a waiting list of people who want to attend, so the sooner notification of cancellation is made, the sooner someone else can be accepted.
5. You are responsible for agape letters for your Sleeper. Ask your sleeper's parents and family members (immediate and extended) to write agape letters. Family letters should have an "F" in the upper right-hand corner of their envelope so they can be opened first. Find out who your Sleeper's best friends are and ask them to write letters. You can even ask teachers and other significant people in your Sleeper's life to write. You may have to follow-up to make sure the letters are done, then pick them up and deliver to the church by Saturday night of the weekend. **Gifts are NOT accepted for Sleepers or team members during the Awakening weekends. Gifts are better given before the Awakening or immediately following on their Fourth Day.**
6. Keep in touch with your Sleeper until you bring him/her to the check-in, Sleepers' lunch and send-off on Friday at 11:30 AM. **If, for any reason, your Sleeper changes his/her mind about attending this time, please call the Community Lay Directors on the notification letter immediately.**
7. Make plans to bring your Sleeper to Send-off and plan to stay for Sponsor's Hour, which is held immediately following Send-off. This is a time when sleepers and team members are prayed for by name. You have the privilege to pray for your sleeper in community.
8. Come to Saturday Candlelight Worship and Sunday Closing. Invite your Sleeper's parents to attend Sunday's Closing service at 3:15 pm (even if they haven't been to a weekend like this). Make plans to take your Sleeper home after the Closing.
9. After the weekend, make sure your Sleeper gets into a small group. Invite him/her to yours for a few times so he/she can experience the small group. If he/she does not want to become a part of your group, encourage him/her to find one of their own.
10. Encourage your guest to be a Christian witness in his/her family, school, and church. Be his/her cheerleader so Christ is shared with the world. "See how they love one another."

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