



CO Youth Sponsors

Attention: Youth Sponsors for the 2023 AALC Youth Conference From: The Youth Conference Planning Team

Re: Responsibilities as a Sponsor

Thanks so much for being willing to be part of The AALC National Youth Conference team! Your part in this event is essential and we are praying for God to minister to you and through you as you participate in the conference. In an attempt to keep you well-informed, here are some questions and answers that might be helpful. Don't be overwhelmed. As part of registration, there will be conference staff available to answer any questions you might have.

Q: What do I do once I arrive at the “Y” Camp in Estes Park?

A: The downloadable map should help you find the camp. Upon arrival on the Monday afternoon, follow the signs to registration. Send in ONE adult to register your group (beginning at 4 p.m.) while the rest in your group gets out, “stretches”, throws a Frisbee, or patiently “hangs out.” After registration, you're free to move into your rooms, check out the camp, and explore until supper at 5 p.m.

Q: Can I bring along my children & spouse?

A: In short, no. As a room sponsor, you have many responsibilities and it would be very difficult for the sponsor to be a parent and a sponsor at the same time. Your spouse certainly may come as a room sponsor of their gender, but you will not be placed in a room together, and will both be expected to be living with the students.

Q: What exactly are my responsibilities being a room sponsor?

A: Room Sponsors are those who are willing to be in a room with 4-5 kids and take on different responsibilities (see below). Room sponsors may find themselves in counseling situations. As a room sponsor, these are your responsibilities:

1. In your room: Sponsors are responsible for overall conduct in their room and for each member of their room. You should get to know and build relationships with these kids. Evening devotions will be done in youth groups following the main evening sessions. However, you may wish to read a verse and have a prayer with your room prior to “lights out.”

Note: There is a possibility you will be in a room with youth from another church as well as from your own.

2. At Sessions: While at the sessions, check to see if all those from your room are there. (Youth leaders will be doing the same for those kids from their church.) If someone from your room is missing, go get them.

3. Workshops: If you have an area of specialty or interest that you feel would benefit teens or sponsors, we would love for you to be a workshop leader. If you are interested, please contact Brigitte Gassman at ascensiondeaconess@gmail.com or 515.291.7689. Please be prepared to provide your Pastor's name and contact information for reference. You will need to have your topic outline to us no later than May 30, 2023

4. Extra Activities: A variety of afternoon activities will be offered, such as: shopping in Estes Park, hikes, miniature golf, swimming, etc. We will need your help in these areas of supervision and transportation for these different activities. You'll have a chance to sign up to help with these upon arrival.

5. PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

Q: What do I do if I have a discipline problem?

A: The first step we'd suggest is to contact the Youth Director or adult responsible for bringing the youth and work together to find a solution. If there is still a problem, contact the Conference Planning Team. We will discuss the problem and work together on a solution.

Q: What do I do if I get into a counseling situation that is over my head?

A: There will be many pastors at the conference who would probably be willing to step in to help. If you need direction, you can also ask someone on the planning team.

Q: What do I do if someone in my room gets sick?

A: There are volunteer nurses on staff this week. We will give you their location when you register.

Again, thank you for your willing heart and team work for the sake of the Kingdom! We look forward to seeing you in Estes Park! If you have any questions, call your region representative or our registrar.

In Christ,

The Youth Conference Planning Team

P.S. As a Youth Conference Planning Team, it is critical that we have your support during the Conference. If you disagree with or don't understand any rule or decision that has been made, we ask you not to simply take matters into your own hands and decide or encourage something that goes against what has been set forth, but to come and talk with us about your concern and see if together we can work out a mutually satisfactory solution. We need your support! Thank you!