

Guidelines for Sponsors

Having been on the "best Weekend ever", many of us would like our friends to encounter the same joy and closeness with our Lord that we have experienced. Our newer Tres Dias Pescadores may not be aware of the sponsor's responsibilities and the guidelines for acceptance of applications, and some of the older pescadores might like a reminder. Here are our Guidelines for Sponsors.

What is the role of the Sponsor?

PreWeekend Phase

- Prayerfully consider who to invite. Is the potential candidate emotionally, spiritually and physically able to handle the weekend?
- It's okay to tell the candidate about the format of the weekend. Tell them about the talks, the food, the prayer times and the singing. Tell them anything they ask to know. Just don't spoil the surprises. Please tell them the suggested donation is \$235.00, and that it will be collected sometime on Sunday. Post-dated checks are accepted, but if cost is a problem and the sponsor cannot help, you may apply for a scholarship. Simply write "SCHOLARSHIP" on the front of the application before you mail it in to the Applications Committee. Also, mark the appropriate Box next to **Method Of Payment** on the application,
- Candidate and Sponsor should complete the application and forward it to the Applications Committee.
- If the applicant is not Protestant, the Sponsor should explain that Tres Dias is ecumenical, though basically Protestant, and all receive Communion together. If the applicant is not comfortable with this, the Sponsor should suggest attending a Cursillo weekend instead.

Weekend Phase

- **Pray!**
- Sponsor should offer to assist the candidate's family during the weekend, perhaps driving the children to baseball practice, music lessons, etc., or inviting them for a meal:
- Bring the candidate (and a casserole or other palanca gift of a main dish) on Thursday evening to Montfort. Write a palanca letter and urge other Pescador friends of the candidate (as well as family members, even if they haven't made a Weekend!) to do the same, attend the appropriate Mananita and the Closing, and take the new Pescador home on Sunday.
- It is important to remember that this is not the end of the Sponsor's responsibilities.

Post Weekend Phase

- This is the most important phase of Sponsorship, as Sponsors have a responsibility for the spiritual well-being of the Pescador for **one year after** the Weekend.
- After the Weekend, invite your new Pescador to a Reunion/Share Group.
- Invite him/her to join you in attending Secuelas, especially the first one after the Weekend.
- Invite him/her to join you in attending Mananitas, Closings, and participating in Weekend Palanca.

About the Application

- Please be sure all parts of the application are filled out, especially the back page, which asks for the candidate's statement, and for the Sponsor's comments. These are important to the team for table seating, and for the table leader's guidance. If either of these sections is omitted, the application will be returned.
- Sponsors should PRINT their name and address and include their telephone number.
Mail applications to **Ken and Robin Saliba, 16 Pickwick Lane, North Babylon, NY 11703**
phone #: (631) 422-5607

Guidelines for acceptance

- A maximum of 28 candidates can be accommodated.
- Applications are accepted in order of postmark date. (Exceptions: Pastors are given immediate priority.)
- Minimum age for non-married candidates is 21.
- Maximum number of 6 candidates from any one congregation. Sponsors should be sure that the name of the candidate's church is on the application.

ABOUT CANCELLATIONS

Once an application has been submitted, please notify the Applications committee immediately of any cancellations so that waiting list applicants may be contacted. When a cancellation is received, the application may be held for the next week- end at the Candidate's request. Candidates are allowed two cancellations. After that, a new application must be submitted. Sponsor should be in touch with the Candidate at least two weeks prior to the Weekend, making sure they are still able to attend (notify us immediately if not!)

We hope this may be of some help as you consider sponsoring those whom God has placed on your heart to ask to at- tend a Tres Dias Weekend. If there are any questions about any of the procedures or guidelines, please call.