

To all you wonderful sponsors,

First let me say thank you in the name of Jesus for deciding to be a part of these students' lives for this Winter Retreat. I know your commitment will impact them and teach them to strive for a servant's heart as they watch you serve.

I want to remind all of you what God has entrusted to us on this trip. He has entrusted to us with very special students. It is our duty to see to their welfare and that their spiritual needs are met. Please take this responsibility very seriously. It is not by accident that you are attending. God has a purpose for your presence and I pray that you will be sensitive to His Holy Spirit, as He guides you to that purpose!

I know that this is a retreat, but please do not mistake that word for vacation. This is NOT a vacation. It is vitally important that we serve these students, so that God can free their minds to experience Him. We need to be ready to serve when it is time to serve and retreat when it is time to retreat. Please maintain an attitude of servanthood and all will be blessed.

I also want to encourage you to lead by example. When it's time to clean, clean. When it's time to be at church time, be at church time. When it comes to following rules, follow rules. When it comes time to be assigned to a duty, have a good attitude. When it comes time to discover your sleeping arrangements, be happy about it. Let's not take on an attitude that we are different or better than the students are. Let's take on an attitude of humility and consider ourselves under the same authority we ask them to respect and obey.

Finally, you need to expect God to move in your life too. He does not just touch youth on youth trips. I have seen Him break the hearts of many adults in remarkable ways. In fact, God called me into full time ministry at this very retreat. Open yourself up during this trip and expect to be blown away by His power!

In Christ Name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Homer Allison Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Homer Allison Jr.

Sponsor Guideline

Discipline

- Don't take sides within a conflict.
- Resolve problems away from peer group.
- Don't try to be their parent.
- Be quick to listen and slow to speak.
- Pray with student after discipline is administered (Let the Holy Spirit work).
- See a BCM representative for any help in administering discipline.
- See BCM representative to administer discipline outside of your immediate church group.

Integrity

- Set the example (You're under a microscope)
- Be you. Don't try to impress the youth. (They can smell a fake)
- Don't discriminate due to sex, age, appearance, reputation, attitude, etc...
- Youth friendship is not worth jeopardizing your convictions and integrity.
- The Bible says "Be holy because I am holy".

Rules

- Follow the same rules as the students.
- What's good for the goose is good for the gander.
- Be very cautious about physical contact.

Leader

- Be a servant.
- Be open and receiving.
- Encourage youth to participate continually.
- Encourage reverence during ministry activities.
- Be energetic and fun.

Relationships

- Pray that God will give you the opportunity to build trusting relationships.
- Desire to get to know the youth.
- Some youth have never had an adult encourage, believe in, or accept them.

Sponsor Signature

Adult Sponsor Application

1) Please fill in the below information completely:

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

DOB : _____ Sex: _____ Race: _____

2) Please check the appropriate response:

Yes No Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor?
• If 'yes', ss# _____ dl# _____

Yes No Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense?

Yes No Have you completed the state approved child protection course?
• If 'yes', date of completion: _____
• Please attach a copy of your certificate

Yes No I agree to allow a criminal and sexual background check to be conducted on me.

Signature: _____

Date : _____

3) 'Character and Conduct' recommendation (completed by a pastor)

I testify and approve the person above as having a character and conduct appropriate to be an adult sponsor for this or any other youth event.

Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

4) Background check (completed by a pastor)

I have completed a criminal and sexual background check on the person above and have attached verification to this application.

Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

This applicant must complete a certified child protection course as per the law of the state of Texas and score no less than 70% on that test. A certificate must be filled out stating the score received on the test and the date taken. Please attach the certificate to this application.

Medical Release Form

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Sex: _____
Home Telephone: _____ Social Security #: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____

Emergency Contact:

1. _____
(name) (relationship) (Phone #)
2. _____
(name) (relationship) (Phone #)

Important Medical Information:

(If more space is needed, please use the reverse side of this form)

Allergies, dietary, chronic reoccurring conditions, etc...:

Penicillin and/or drug reactions: _____ Yes _____ No If applicable, please list below:

Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Does participant regularly take medication: _____ Yes _____ No If applicable, please list below:

(only prescription medication in the original container and properly labeled may be administered)

Insurance Information

Name of Insured : _____ Address: _____
Employer: _____ Insurance Co.: _____

Phone #: _____ Policy #: _____ Group # _____

I will not hold Battle Cry Ministries responsible for any accident that may occur. I also give permission for medical treatment to be administered in case of emergency or illness while traveling under the supervision of the above referenced organization.

(signature of participant)

(date)