



The Awakening

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Thank you for sponsoring a Sleeper to the Awakening of Bryan! Bless you for sharing the gift of your own weekend experience with someone else. Below is a list of your responsibilities as a sponsor. Please read them carefully!

1. **Take the time to explain the Awakening to your Sleeper.** Answer all of his/her questions. You can tell all about what happens without revealing the surprises (such as agape letters and candlelight) that the Sleeper will experience. Be sure that his or her parents understand what the weekend involves, and be sure everyone is aware if the weekend will require the Sleeper to miss a day of school, so proper notification is given to the schools. ***Remind them: NO cell phones, MP3 players, I-Pods, computers, Notebooks, etc. on the weekend. Tee shirts, books, CDs, and other items will be available at our cost, so the sleeper may want to bring a little money (\$20) with them to make a purchase.***
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3. **Explain the Fourth Day (follow-up) meeting,** typically held the Tuesday evening following the Awakening weekend (the time will be announced during the weekend and in newsletters), as well as about Reunion Groups and monthly Gatherings. All of these events are voluntary, but as you have experienced, they allow for ongoing involvement in the ministry.
4. **You are responsible for agape letters for your Sleeper.** Ask the Sleeper's parents, siblings, other relatives, and friends to write a letter that expresses what the Sleeper means to them or that offers encouragement to the Sleeper. You may ask them in person, by telephone, by e-mail, or by U.S. mail. Ask them to give agape letters to you before the Sleeper begins his/her weekend, or to deliver them to the First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, no later than Sunday morning of the Sleeper's weekend. Family letters should have an "F" in the upper right corner of the letter so they can be opened first. **NOTE:** Gifts are not accepted for Sleepers or team members during the Awakening weekends.
5. **Follow up with your Sleeper to be sure he/she confirms her attendance on the weekend.** Sleepers will receive a letter with contact information prior to the weekend. If for some reason your Sleeper cannot attend, please call the Community Lay Director (names and numbers are below) immediately. Sometimes there is a waiting list, and we need plenty of time to contact others who may be waiting to get in.
6. **You are responsible for getting your Sleeper to the church** at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning of his/her weekend. If you are unable to provide transportation yourself, please be sure other arrangements are made. If at all possible, please plan to attend the sendoff at 10 a.m. and the Sponsor Hour immediately following, when we will pray for each Sleeper and team member by name.
7. **Pray for your Sleeper, and keep in touch with him/her** during the days and weeks prior to the weekend, and answer any questions they may have.
8. **Attend the candlelight service (Saturday at 8:00 pm) and the Closing (Sunday at 3:30 pm)** during your Sleeper's weekend. Be there to take your Sleeper home on Sunday, or if you cannot do so, see that arrangements are made.
9. **Bring your guest to the Fourth Day meeting** and assist him/her in getting into a reunion group.
10. **Be sure your Sleeper gets into a reunion group.**
11. **Encourage your Sleeper to be a Christian witness in his/her family, job, school, and church.** Be his/her cheerleader so Christ is shared with the world.
12. **If you have any questions, please contact the Awakening Community Lay Directors:**
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