

Twelve Steps To Being A Good Sponsor

1. Plan To Sponsor

Plan to provide the support structure for the person you are sponsoring. Actively work with others to sponsor 1 or more youth on Chrysalis. This ensures that in their next steps they have someone to connect with and share the Chrysalis experience with.

2. Pray About Sponsoring

Pray about the young people you are considering sponsoring. Pray for guidance and discernment for yourself as a sponsor. Pray for the openness and willingness of those whom you may sponsor.

3. Meet With The Candidates

Set up an appointment to meet with the candidates to discuss the purpose and benefits of Chrysalis and what it has meant to you. Continue to meet with the candidate to talk about Chrysalis and meet with the candidates parents to inform them and allay any fears they might have. Remember, there are no secrets on Chrysalis. The only thing that remains confidential is the personal witness and conversations shared at your table.

4. Extend The Invitation And Seek A Commitment

Explain to them that Chrysalis is a gift of agape, not something they need to go to. Explain the cost and ask for a commitment from them to fill out the registration form.

5. Collaborate With A Cosponsor

Work with others, youth or adults, to cosponsor the candidate. Often good sponsorship requires more than one sponsor. First-time or inexperienced sponsors often find it beneficial to work with a more experienced sponsor.

6. Make Preparation For The Young Person

Continue to pray for the candidate and even get support from the pastor. Collect at least twelve personal agape letters from family and friends and don't forget to write one yourself. Never ask the team to deliver personal gifts from you or others to the caterpillar. Ensure that the caterpillar knows what to pack and that they are expected to stay onsite the entire weekend.

7. Make Sacrifices

Plan to take care of the caterpillar's responsibilities like feeding pets or mowing during the weekend. Consider ways to make the candidates attendance on the weekend easier or even possible. Personally transport or ensure reliable transportation to and from the event.

8. Support Chrysalis During The Weekend

Be present for Send Off/Sponsors Hour, Candlelight, and Closing. Sign up and get others to sign up on the Prayer Vigil. Make table agape for the weekend and bring food agape, especially the items you know your caterpillar enjoys. Invite parents to Send Off/Sponsors Hour or Closing if appropriate. Be sure to explain to parents the nature of Chrysalis and what to expect during these events.

9. Encourage New Butterflies To Join Reunion Groups

Reunion groups are a vital part of the new butterflies next steps. Help them find a reunion group, whether it be your own or a different one. Start one with them if need be. Be sure to take your caterpillar to Follow-Up, it is a great place to start reunion groups. Continue to support and encourage them to stay active in their reunion group.

10. Take Butterflies To Hoots, Heydoyouwannas, And Banquets

For the next couple months take new butterflies, or even old ones, to different Chrysalis events. Inform them of ways to become involved and where to get more information about upcoming events. Encourage them to support Chrysalis by attending the events and possibly even filling out a volunteer form for future service.

11. Help Butterflies Keep New Commitments

Support them in becoming a part of, or more active in, the church or youth group. Encourage and help them in their prayer and study habits. Support them in the changes and actions they feel God is calling them to make.

12. Help Butterflies Sponsor Others

Become a cosponsor with the new butterfly. Ensure that they know the responsibilities and expectations of a sponsor. Be a model sponsor for them.