



# AVENTURA



*An Ecumenical Youth Weekend*

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Dear Sponsor:

Before you pass the enclosed application for Aventura weekend #35 to your guest, please do the following:

**PRAY      PRAY      PRAY      PRAY      PRAY      PRAY**

Then ask yourself;

1. Are you sure your guest should participate in a Weekend at this time? Is he/she ready? Are you being careful to let the Lord lead your guest, and not to apply any pressure yourself?

2. Are you sure you are in a position to assume a sponsor's role? Have you attended a weekend from one of the communities listed on the next page? While you certainly will want to support your guest during the weekend with various forms of personal palanca, it is important to recognize that the responsibility of sponsorship extends well beyond the weekend. You should be prepared to stress to your guest the importance of grouping, monthly reunions and assemblies. Your attendance at these functions will serve the two-fold purpose of setting an example and of being able to provide encouragement and/or transportation for your guest. At a *minimum*, as a sponsor you are **committing** to the list in the table on the next page.

3. Don't forget to encourage your guest's parents to participate by writing 'love letters' and attending the opening and closing. Remember — ONLY community members may serve meals and participate in the Sunday Morning Wake-up (that is, people who have gone through a weekend such as Aventura, Tres Dias & Cursillo — see bottom of the page for a more complete list).

4. You should make sure about transportation arrangements for the weekend. Your guest's parents may wish to participate in the opening and/or closing. Contact Matt or Amanda Johnson at 860-489-9606 or 203-206-4935 for help arranging a ride.

5. **Guests must be in 9th grade or older if they are in school; 14 years or older if they are being home-schooled. 8<sup>th</sup> graders are not accepted.** The maximum age is 20.

6. Remember: **This application is not valid after weekend #35 on October 6th, 2017. Applications cannot be accepted after September 22nd, 2017.**

The following teen communities are recognized by Aventura: **Aventura** itself (of course!), Awakening, Celebration, Chrysalis, Epiphany, Happening, Journey, Jubilee Journey of MA, Residents Encounter Christ, Teens Encounter Christ, Vida Nueva, Vocare, Walk to Emmaus.

The following adult communities are recognized by Aventura: Crossroads, Cum Christo, Cursillo, De Colores en Christo, Diaspora, Great Banquet, Handicapped Encounter Christ, Journey through Faith, Kairos, Koinonia, **Tres Dias**, Unidos en Christo, Via de Cristo, Walk to Emmaus.



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Members from these communities are eligible to sponsor, give palanca and serve on team. As a sponsor, we are asking you to take your responsibilities seriously, and to ensure that each of the following areas of that responsibility is covered.

Please indicate who will:

	Name
Make sure your guest has a ride to the weekend;	
Attend the opening;	
Support your guest with palanca;	
Set time aside for prayer support;	
Check in with your guest's family to make sure they're all right;	
Attend the Morning Sing;	
Be there at the closing;	
Make sure your guest has a ride home;	
Follow through on Monday and Tuesday (‘after-the-weekend’ blues often set in);	
Bring your guest to at least 3 of the next 4 reunions;	
Attend Assemblies with your guest, and	
Encourage your guest to attend church and develop the spiritual life that Aventura is based on.	

Now, if you are ready, **remove and return these first 2 pages**, help your guest with the registration and medical forms and return them to the Information and Registration Committee no later than September 22nd. (Your guest cannot attend without all the information filled out — don't forget the sponsor's information on the last page!) Finally, I should mention that the suggested donation is \$110; all or part of this is a freewill offering and is often covered by the sponsor.

Yours in Christ's Love,

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