



## **South East Texas Tres Dias Sponsor Responsibilities**

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Your role as a sponsor is crucial to the success of your candidate's Tres Dias weekend. Your candidate will need your support and prayer before, during and after the weekend.

### **BEFORE THE WEEKEND**

1. Pray for your candidate and their family. Pray for the team serving the weekend. Find out if your candidate is in the midst of a stressful life situation. If they are, now may not be the time for them to attend a weekend.
2. Please assist your candidate in completing the application. List any and all special needs your candidate may have. The application must be FULLY completed (this includes your information and signature as the sponsor) and mailed (or emailed/hand delivered) to the Pre-Weekend Couple with the \$25 deposit. Your candidate cannot be added to the candidate list until the deposit has been received. Should you decide to email your candidate's application, the deposit still needs to be mailed or hand delivered to the Pre-Weekend Couple to complete the process and have your candidate's name placed on the candidate list.
3. Your candidate will receive an email from the Pre-Weekend Couple asking the candidate to confirm their information on the application. In this same email, the candidate is also asked to confirm their commitment to attend the weekend. Please follow up with your candidate to ensure they respond to the Pre-Weekend Couple promptly.
4. As the sponsor, it is your responsibility to make certain that payment arrangements have been discussed and agreed to prior to your candidate arriving on the weekend. The candidate fee for the weekend is \$170. Please make every effort to have this fee paid in full before your candidate arrives for Send Off.
5. Please begin making arrangements now to obtain palanca letters from your candidate's friends and family. If the candidate is a married man, explain privately to his wife that it is traditional for the husband to receive a letter from his wife and children. Ask the wife for the contact information for other family members or close friends. This helps minimize the wife's knowledge about the letters prior to her weekend. Once the husband has attended, he can collect his wife's letters. Don't forget to drop off your candidate's palanca letters in the designated area when you arrive for Send Off.
6. Please explain to your candidate the cloistered nature of the weekend. Advise them to leave computers, pagers, cell phones, watches, radios, etc. at home so that they can fully concentrate on the weekend. Reassure them that you are there to support their family in their absence.

## **REGISTRATION AND SEND OFF**

1. Make arrangements to pick up your candidate and bring them to Send Off. Registration begins at 5:30 pm. Send Off begins at 7:00 pm. Please be on time.
2. Help get your candidate's luggage to their dorm room and help them get settled.
3. After Send Off, make sure you leave any palanca you brought with you and your candidate's palanca letters in the designated area.

## **DURING THE WEEKEND**

1. Pray for your candidate, their family and the team.
2. Check on the candidate's family and make sure they know how to contact you in case of any emergency.
3. Advise your candidate's family that they will be returning home late Sunday evening.
4. It is important that you or your spouse attend Serenade for your candidate. It will be reassuring to them to see a familiar face at Serenade. Remember Tres Dias' policy does not permit the spouse or fiancé of a candidate to attend Serenade.

## **CLOSING**

1. Remember that minors should not attend Closing unless they have previously completed a Vida Nueva Weekend or have requested permission from the board due to extenuating circumstances. Tres Dias policy also does not permit individuals who have not attended Tres Dias, Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, or similar three-day movement to attend Closing.
2. Please pick up your candidate's luggage as soon as Closing is over. Be prepared to stop for dinner on the way home. Remember your candidate has not eaten since lunch! Remind your candidate of the confidentiality of the rollos and other sharing that took place over the weekend. Please encourage them NOT to be secretive about the weekend, but do remind them about preserving the surprises of Serenade and palanca.

## **FOURTH DAY**

1. Pray for the new Pescadores and for Tres Dias.
2. Help your Pescador find a reunion group.
3. Encourage your new Pescador to attend Secuela and Tres Dias school. Find ways to support them in their Christian walk.

Should you need additional information or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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