

VERIFICATION

AL-ANON GROUP SPONSORSHIP OF AN ALATEEN GROUP (Maine Area #23)

(Please read this page to your group before taking a vote)

All Alateen groups must be sponsored by either an Al-Anon group with an active **Group Representative (GR)** or by an active District with a **District Representative (DR)** until an Al-Anon group takes responsibility. The Al-Anon group must then take an annual group conscience vote to continue sponsoring the Alateen group.

Group sponsorship requires the following actions:

- Supporting Alateen groups by accepting the teens and welcoming them
- Helping with the purchase of literature and other costs until the group can support itself
- Encouraging qualified members to be sponsors for the group
- Encouraging AMIAS (Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) to periodically attend Alateen meetings if not currently sponsoring an Alateen group either by sponsor substitution or with permission from the Alateens

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- If you are a member of a **group that is sponsoring an Alateen meeting**, your group is not legally responsible but you are morally responsible for the Alateen group. Ask for **regular reports** from the Alateen sponsors on how the meeting is going. Pay attention if you observe or hear of any inappropriate behavior by Alateens or Alateen sponsors. **Report and seek help** from your District Alateen Chair, District Representative, Area Alateen Coordinator or Area Chairperson (in that order) if necessary.
- If your **Al-Anon group is sponsoring an Alateen group**, your group must take an annual group conscience vote to continue this sponsorship. The AAPP (Area Alateen Process Person) will be confirming annually that this vote has taken place. If your Al-Anon group feels that the Alateen group is not healthy, it is appropriate to voice concerns and to decline renewing the sponsorship. Avoiding hurt feelings is not the priority here; ensuring a healthy Alateen group and the safety of Alateens & Alateen sponsors is of foremost importance.

NAME OF ALATEEN GROUP _____

LOCATION _____

Our Al-Anon group has voted in favor of sponsoring the above named Alateen group:

NAME OF AL-ANON GROUP (District) _____

LOCATION _____

SIGNATURE GR/DR _____

Date _____