

2018 Alateen Conference Final Report, AWSC Area 9

From Alateen Conference Committee Chair Nick R.

i am grateful for the opportunity to serve, to listen, to say "Yes and...",
To let go and to let God.

The committee operated under a familiar primary purpose,
"To carry the message of recovery to those whose lives have been affected by
someone else's drinking."

- Committee Chair, What did i do?
 - When asked, "Should I bring...?" my response was, "Yes."
 - During the weekend we had all the resources we could want.
 - If we needed creamer, more water or pizza, it was gotten.
 - Double headed management is to be avoided. Subcommittee chairs all handled their responsibilities and brought delightful, spectacular, inventive, practical, useful solutions.
 - During the weekend:
 - i am not in control. (This is okay.)
 - Impower volunteers to make decisions.
 - Unexpected changes will happen, go with it.

- Finances
 - Total Income \$11,636.17 Total Expenses \$5,805.77
 - We operated with an "Expanding" budget. 1/3, 1/3 and 1/3.
 - 1/3rd to the Camp.
 - 1/3rd to scholarships.
 - 1/3rd to Chairs.
 - With a budget wish to return the \$2,000 seed money to Area 9.
 - This is in line w our primary purpose as it promotes the next Alateen conference.

- Online Registration
 - Half the registration happened from April through June. The second half happened 3 weeks in July.
 - Cost to attend \$100 per attendee, Cost to the camp \$79 per camper.
 - We offered scholarships and promoted districts to sponsor Alateens and accompanying Adults.
 - Who should receive scholarships?
 - Are they active in their own recovery?
 - Districts, Groups and Members decided.

- Raffle:
 - Baskets, puzzles, light-up gloves, small toys and card games.
 - Tickets could not be purchased, but were earned through practicing the principles of the program

- We sold Alateen and Al-Anon literature.

- The Camp:
 - Several meeting spaces inside and also those outside.
 - Hospital was 3 minutes away.
 - Good food.
 - Several spots where members could mediate and/or talk in small groups.
 - The basement was a great space during rain.
 - Good A/C.
 - Couldn't access WiFi (good/bad??)
 - There was a lake, with a dock, and a partial walkway.

- Committee meetings:
 - Routine weekly meetings were held using video conference calling, Google Meets, this worked well.
 - Some members needed support to get online initially.
 - This high recurrence meant that most committee members didn't attend most meetings.
 - Those that wished to touch base regularly had a convenient way that didn't require travel.
 - Our final face to face meeting wrapped in an hour with members showcasing what they planned.

- Volunteers were very forthcoming.
 - AMIASs
 - Al-Anons
 - Alateens

Tips:

- Tip: Reserve the location 12 months out, minimum.
- Tip: Name tags for adults and Alateens. Alateens will need fresh name tags Saturday.
- Tip: Ice breaker games the first night promote fellowship, form two lines, pair up w the person in line across from you. You will both go up in front and introduce the other person. Doing this early in the event promotes fellowship.
- Tip: Have rain options.
 - It rained while our younger Alateens were in the pool, no change in plans.
 - Also during dinner it rained, no change in plans.
- Tip: Group chat app, (WhatsApp), helped volunteers communicate unexpected changes by cell phone.
 - We got started late and announced a 30 minute shift on Friday evening.
 - We had a teen with a preexisting condition that ate too much sugar, became dizzy, fell hitting her head and received a laceration. We used WhatsApp to notify volunteers who, in turn alerted Mom and our certified nurses aid. Our first aid kit was used, Mom chose to take her to an urgent care facility, who recommended an Emergency room. The hospital was 3 minutes away. She was treated and released in time for our evening meal.
- Tip: Friday night the camp didn't offer a meal due to our 7:00pm start time. Pizza was delivered. 12 pizzas for 25 Alateens and 25 adults, 1/2 pie leftover.
- Tip: Craft Making masks worked for young and old.