

2023 Alateen Conference
Report for Assembly
June 9 - 10, 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the 2023 Alateen Conference Chair on behalf of District 3. We are well on the way to enthusiastically planning to make this conference one of memories, recovery, fun and growth for our Alateens.

After listening to the successes and challenges of last year's conference, first thoughts were to move to a more centrally located facility (central to our current active Alateen Groups) and to move the date a little earlier. Bid request were made to several facilities for the first weekend of August and we have secured one that seems to meet the needs quite well and checked required boxes. A contract was signed with Deer Haven Retreat and Conference Center (<http://www.deerhaven.cc/>) in Paisley, FL for August 4 – 6, 2023. This facility provides us with various housing options (cabins, dorms and hotel style rooms), swimming pool, lake with fishing and canoeing, an option to do our own meals in a very modern industrial style kitchen at a lower cost than having the meals provided, meeting space, campfire area and beautiful nature trails. The facility is 70 acres on the southern edge of the Ocala National Forest. It is a one-to-three-hour drive from our currently active Alateen groups.

This year's conference will include some new activities such as Hug Circles, Complement Circles, Unconditional Love, Mail Service and God Box Ceremony as well as the traditional meetings and workshops. We also will include speaker meetings with Alateen Speakers, an AI-Anon and an AA Speaker. There will of course be the s'mores campfire, raffle baskets and free activity time.

The conference theme is Love, Laugh and Grow Together in Alateen, aligned with the World Service Conference theme for this year. The conference flier is being posted to the Area website as this report is being prepared (May 5th) and the registration packet is already posted on the Events page of the Area website (https://www.afgarea9.org/uploads/4/3/4/9/43490087/2023_conference_registration_packet_with_medical_forms.pdf). Registrations are due by July 1, 2023, in order to have counts for food and lodging needs.

The very generous support from the Area will cover the expenses for the Alateens and AMIAS to attend the conference unless we are super successful in creating the enthusiasm of more than fifty members, but there are still some opportunities that Districts or Groups may want to consider if you are looking for a way to support the conference. After an appeal made in the AWSC report earlier this year, District 3 has donated the funds for conference t-shirts for all attending, (Thank you District 3!) and the District 4 DR Jim C. donated the funds to provide water bottles with the conference theme imprinted on them (these will be used to conserve disposable cups as well as being a keepsake – Thanks Jim!). Would your District or Group be interested in offering something for the conference? We will be providing each Alateen with a conference goodie bag to include a piece of Alateen literature, journaling materials (pad and writing utensil) as well as miscellaneous love gifts. Would your District be interested in providing some literature or love gifts? We will also have raffle baskets available for the teens that will be drawn from free raffle tickets they get for attending as well as have the ability to earn extra tickets for special acts demonstrating good Alateen qualities and recovery during the weekend. Please reach out and let me know if you are interested in knowing more or if you would like to commit to any type of support for the conference. We need these items by the end of June to know what still needs to be purchased as well as to be able to prepare the goodie bags, so Assembly is a great opportunity to bring them. Any donations may be given to me at the Assembly I will get it to the appropriate committee member or team.

We have medical coverage for Saturday and Sunday but could also use a second person who could be there Friday afternoon (4:00 PM) through the night and could then have the option to serve as back up for the rest of the weekend or departing on Saturday morning. A certified AMIAS would be ideal but another AI Anon member could serve in this way and we can assign an AMIAS to assist and be present at all times when interacting with the Alateens for this service.

Again, thank you all for the privilege to serve as the 2023 Alateen Conference Chair and to be able to work with so many enthusiastic and very willing members compassionate about supporting our Alateens. Please join me in expressing gratitude to the 2023 Alateen Conference Committee:

Alison H	Secretary
Clelia L	Medical
Eleanor J	Area Alateen Chair
Elsa C	Area Chair/At large member
Erin C	Conference Co-Chair
Harriet F	Treasurer
Joanne E	Hospitality
Kathleen L	Host District DR
Kathy R	Registration
Kellie C	At large member
Kimberly H	Co-Coordinator Raffle Baskets
Nick R	At large member/Coffee man
Peggy C	Food
Phil G	Conference Chair
Renee H	Assisting Registration
Susan B	Co-Coordinator Raffle Baskets

If you have any questions, comments, thoughts, suggestions, or ideas, please feel free to share them with me or a committee member at the Assembly meeting or via text, call or email. We look forward to the 2023 Alateen Conference August 4 – 6 and thank you, the North Florida Area for your support of Alateen!

In gratitude and service,

Phil G.

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