



On Eagles Wings Isaiah

SPONSOR GUIDELINES FOR VIA de CRISTO WEEKENDS

A Via de Cristo weekend is a deeply spiritual and emotional experience that is not suited for everyone. Anyone attending a weekend should be a baptized Christian, 21 years of age or older, and both physically and emotionally able to attend the weekend.

By sponsoring a participant for a Via de Cristo weekend you are assuming special responsibilities. These responsibilities are outlined in the following questions;

Does/is your participant:

- desire to grow as a Christian and have potential for leadership in their environment?
- mature, responsible, and in good emotional health?
- physically capable of participating in the weekend?
- understand that Via de Cristo is more than just attending a weekend?
- really want to attend a weekend?

As a sponsor do you know that you should:

- understand the goals of the Via de Cristo?
- pray for guidance when sponsoring this participant?
- tell the participant about the Fourth Day?
- assist the participant with baby/pet/house sitting, and etc.?
- provide the participant transportation to the send-off and from the closing?
- explain the weekend cost is \$150.00 payable at registration?
- support the participant in prayer and palanca during the weekend, attend the send-off including the Service of the Cross, attend the serenade, and the closing? **IF YOU WILL NOT BE AT THE SERVICE OF THE CROSS, ARRANGE FOR SOMONE TO ATTEND AND REPROESENT YOUR PARTICIPANT.**
- assist the participant in joining a Reunion Group.
- bring the participant to Ultreyas.
- obtain palanca letters for the participant. If the participant is married obtain a letter from their spouse and mark it accordingly.
- inform the Pre-Via de Cristo chairperson ASAP if the participant will **NOT** be attending the weekend – Hal and Bev Fordham (309) 472-7357
- the serenade is open only to those who have experienced a Via de Cristo or similar weekend and does not include children

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