

EPIPHANY WEEKEND GUIDE PROGRAM REGULATIONS

- **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE WEEKEND GUIDE?** The principal goal of a Weekend Guide is to help the Star to understand that Jesus loves them. This goal is accomplished through prayer, unconditional love, example and encouraging the Star in words and actions.
- **WHAT IS A WEEKEND GUIDE?** A Weekend Guide is a volunteer member of the team who agrees to serve as a Weekend Guide to a Star, in addition to her/his other team duties. The Weekend Guide has two principal duties. The first and most important duty is to pray for that young person before, during, and after the weekend. The second duty is to help the young person to follow Christ.
- **WHAT DOES A WEEKEND GUIDE DO DURING THE WEEKEND?** During the weekend there are several opportunities to share one on one with the stars. It is the Weekend Guides job to share openly and honestly with the Star about her/his faith journey and to encourage the Star to do the same. The Weekend Guide also prays for and with the Star. The Weekend Guide gives the Star a Bible and shares favorite Bible verses, works on two worksheets with the Star, and assists the Star with her/his forgiveness list. The Weekend Guide greets the Star each day. The Weekend Guide should encourage the young person to find a church home.
- The role of the Weekend Guide is not to be an earthly sponsor. The role of the Weekend Guide is to be a spiritual cheerleader and friend. Show the Star that someone cares and that s/he is not alone because God loves her/him and so do you. LISTEN, LISTEN, LOVE, LOVE! Pray for your Star every day!
- **WHAT DOES A WEEKEND GUIDE DO AFTER THE WEEKEND?** The main role of the Weekend Guide is during the weekend. However, it makes a big difference if you stay in touch with your Star after the weekend. Attending Follow Up is a great way to stay in touch. Another way to stay in touch is through correspondence. Any letters to the Stars should include the first and last name initial of the Star. The Star should send letters to the Weekend Guide (or any team member) only via Epiphany's post office box and NEVER to a home address (even if it is a PO Box). That address is shown below. Once the Star is released, the Weekend Guide or team member may send any letters written to the young person to the Star's home address. It is

recommended by Epiphany Ministry of Alabama, Inc., that even after a Star is released, all letters to team members from the Star should be addressed to:

Epiphany Ministry of Alabama, Inc.

P.O. Box 1044

Trussville, AL 35173

[NOTE: The following are in effect while the Star is incarcerated in a juvenile Institution/Facility. Once a Star is released from the Institution/Facility and is cleared by State Rules and Regulations or is transferred to an adult Institution/Facility, S/he is no longer under the rules of Epiphany Ministry of Alabama, Inc.]

- DO

- 1 . Get to know your Star.
- 2 . Pray for your Star.
- 3 . Encourage him or her to attend Church every Sunday.
- 4 . Share what the Lord means to you.
- 5 . Share the Bible together.
- 6 . Challenge your Star and keep her/him accountable.
- 7 . Write your Star, if possible.
- 8 . Attend the Star Reunions, if possible at least one follow-up per month for six months after the weekend.

LISTEN, LISTEN, LOVE, LOVE!

- DON'T

If your Star ever requests you do any of the following things, please explain that it is against the rules. Never do any of the following:

- 1 . Give money or any gift or buy anything from the Star or accept any gifts.

- 2 . Give a Star your phone number or tell the Star where you live, or give a Star your address.
- 3 . Give the Star a ride in your car or ride in a car with your Star.
- 4 . Visit the Star's home or allow the Star to visit your home.
- 5 . Withhold any information the Star tells you about abuse, escape or harm to self or others from the proper authorities.
- 6 . Disclose any information about the Star, her/his family or her/his case to anyone unless the Star tells you about abuse, escape or threatens to harm her/himself or others. KEEP EVERYTHING CONFIDENTIAL!
- 7 . Smoke, drink or take any prescription/nonprescription drug around a Star.
- 8 . Arrange a meeting in private with a Star without other people around.
- 9 . Carry or give any messages to or from the Star.
- 10 . Push the Star to join your church.

IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL!

WEEKEND GUIDE AGREEMENT

After prayerful consideration, I agree to be a Weekend Guide for one of the Stars on _____
Epiphany # _____. I have read the preceding rules and regulations, do's and don'ts and I agree to always
operate within these guidelines.

WEEKEND GUIDES NAME

DATE

