

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

REGISTERING ALATEENS AT THE 20 STATE CONVENTION

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The 48th annual SC Al-Anon/Alateen State Convention provides us with new ways to apply the principles of the program so that we may enhance our personal recovery and enjoy our program fellowship. Alateens, in particular, have the opportunity to experience this during Convention by participating in:

- speaker meetings (Al-Anon, Alateen, and AA)
- open and closed Alateen discussion meetings
- workshops (Al-Anon, Alateen, and WSO)
- dining together

Registration Process: *The South Carolina Alateen program wants to provide the safest environment possible for the Alateens attending our State Convention.* For Alateens who are not pre-registered and are attending with parents/guardians, the parents and teens will need to go to the Alateen Registration Table and complete all required Alateen forms, complete a Convention Registration Form, and submit fee. The parents/guardians will register themselves at the Convention Registration Table.

Alateens attending with AMIAS will submit their completed forms to the AMIAS they will be traveling or attending the convention with and are encouraged to mail or submit online the Convention Registration Form with payment as soon as possible as directed on the form. Alateen and AMIAS will need to go to the Alateen Registration Table on arrival to get checked in.

All Alateen participation will require completion of the following Alateen Convention Registration Process (3 steps):

1. **Agreement for Alateen Participation in SC State Convention** (see page 2)
2. **Convention Registration Form**
3. **SC Area 50 Alateen Event Participation Form** (dated 19 Feb 2022)

Hotel Rooms: Some Alateens will be staying in hotel rooms with their parents/guardians at Convention. Others will be staying in hotel rooms with Group Sponsors. Information about the availability of a block of hotel rooms for Alateens attending with sponsors or parents/guardians will be provided by the Area Alateen Coordinator and the Convention Alateen Committee Chairman. When a block of dedicated rooms are available all adults bringing Alateens are encouraged to request hotel room reservations in the Alateen Room Block area. No Alateen will be permitted to stay in a room without a Parent/Guardian or same gender Sponsor also staying in the room. No exceptions will be made.

Meals: Food/Meal options available in the Convention Hospitality Room vary and are determined by each convention Hospitality Committee. Sometimes there are multiple food/meal options offered and sometimes there are only snacks and beverage options offered. Meal options when food/meals are not available in the Hospitality Room are as follows: Dining away from the hotel as a group (Alateens, AMIAS, and parents/guardians go out to eat together); ordering food in as a group (pizzas, fast foods, etc.); bringing food

and preparing it as a group (depends on food preparation/storage area in hotel or dedicated Alateen Meeting Room).

Alateens will need to bring money for meals if possible.

Meal plans need to include returning to convention hotel 30 minutes prior to the beginning of all speaker meetings to allow us time to do our "Best Seats in the House" fundraising.

Questions? Send a text message to: Lindi Short, Area Alateen Coordinator (AAC) & 2022 Convention- Alateen Committee – 843-696-0225

Contact the Area Alateen Coordinator or the Convention Alateen Committee Chairperson for details.

South Carolina Area 50 Safety and Behavioral Requirements for Alateen
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1) Alateen Age Limits: 11 years - 19 years

- a. Young members over 19 years must register and participate as an AI-Anon.
- b. Younger members below 11 years of age who are currently attending Alateen meetings may participate in the Convention as an Alateen member upon the discretion of their Group Sponsor, provided that the Sponsor vouches for the maturity level of the Alateen and signs their forms to verify their Alateen group membership.
- c. For group unity and safety, members in their teen years who are legally adults agree to abide by the same requirements as minor Alateens when they attend Alateen meetings and events.

2) Adult(s) Responsible for Alateens: All Alateens planning to attend Convention **must** be accompanied by and **must stay in the same room as** their Parent/Guardian or their Group Sponsor(s)/AMIAS **at all times** during the entire convention. This includes all speaker meetings, workshops, meals, scheduled Convention Alateen Free Time Activities on Friday/Saturday afternoon, and time in hotel rooms. In other words, **NO Free Roaming Alateens.**

- a. Alateens attending with their parents/guardians: Group Sponsors/AMIAS will not be assuming responsibility for your Alateens **except** during the scheduled Alateen Discussion Meetings in the Alateen Meeting Room. Meeting times are listed on the Convention Agenda provided with your registration materials. You can bring your Alateen to these meetings but will need to pick them up at the conclusion of the meeting.
- b. Parents/Guardians who choose to leave the Convention property **must** take their Alateen(s) with them.
- c. Alateens attending with Group Sponsors/AMIAS will not be allowed to leave the Convention property until the conclusion of the Convention on Sunday, with the exception as stated under Meals on page 1 of 2 and Group Meals below.

3) Participation:

- a. **Program meetings and activities:** All Alateens attending with their Group Sponsor/AMIAS will sit together as a group in the meeting and workshop rooms. Alateens attending with their Parent/Guardian are encouraged to sit with us, as long as their Parent/Guardian stays with them in the same room.
- b. **Group Meals:** Alateens attending with their Group Sponsor/AMIAS will eat together as a group for dinner on Friday and for Saturday lunch and dinner. Meal times will be based on the Convention Program provided with your registration materials. Alateens attending with Parent/Guardian are welcome to join us as long as their Parent/Guardian stays with them in the same room or accompanies them when dining away from the convention site.

4) Curfew: For **safety reasons**, Alateens accompanied by Group Sponsors/AMIAS must be **back in their hotel rooms by Midnight** each night. **Lights out in hotel rooms by 1:00 am or earlier.** We would like to encourage ALL Alateens to respect this time limit – even if accompanied by a parent/guardian.

5) Violations Resulting in Dismissal from Convention/Alateen Activities:

- a. **Inappropriate behaviors:** Violent, harmful, or destructive behavior, possession/use of weapons, possession/use of alcohol or illegal drugs, leaving the Convention property, breaking curfew, and not staying with the Group Sponsor/AMIAS or Parent/Guardian
- b. **Consequences:** Engaging in the above behaviors will be subject to an eligibility review before attendance to any future AI-Anon/Alateen Events. The review committee will consist of the AAC, the Alateen State Representative and the Alateens Group Sponsor. If attending with a Group Sponsor/AMIAS, your parents will also be contacted to come and pick you up from the Convention.

I have read and agree to abide by this Agreement for Alateen Participation in SC State Convention.

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Alateen Member Signature Printed Name of Alateen Date Signed

I have read this Agreement for Alateen Participation in SC State Convention. I understand that, if at any point my child is requested to leave due to any violation, I will be responsible for immediately picking up my child.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Printed Name of Parent/Guardian Date Signed