

Talking Points for Area Serenity Weekend – October Assembly 2021

The Area Serenity Weekend will be held on November 5-7, 2021. The registration deadline is October 22nd.

I hope that you've all had a chance to visit the Area Serenity Weekend exhibit. Those that have registered this weekend or have registered this weekend are eligible for a prize to be drawn shortly. Our grand prize will be one full weekend package which we will draw for shortly.

If you are on the fence about attending, I want to encourage you to expand your recovery program by getting registered. This is a FUN weekend, but also a growing weekend. We will be focusing on the Steps using our How Al-Anon Works book. You can purchase a book from the D7 literature table this weekend. Some of our time will be spent as a large group and some of it in smaller breakouts. We will have time to relax. Plan to dress for the weather. The camp is on a lake and since it's Iowa it could be warm or cold. Options for R&R include walking, zipline (if 20 or more want to do it there is a \$5 fee), the climbing wall is free. You can bring your own bike. Canoes and kayaks will be put away by then. In celebration of Al-Anon's 70th anniversary we will be presenting one of the movies available through the WSO, (Lois's Story and/or Lois W. and the Pioneers). Saturday night we'll host our No Talent, Talent show!

You may mail in your registration with your check (2668 Millstone Drive, Dubuque, IA 52002) or you can give it to Linda this weekend. A third option is to register online on the Iowa Al-Anon website.

Packages are:

A = Two overnights, 3 meals for \$100.

B = One overnight and two meals for \$80.

C= No overnights and two meals for \$50.

Please email me if you have dietary restrictions or need special accommodations. We have the camp all to ourselves. We will generally try to house districts together to allow for ease in loading/unloading. Those with physical challenges will be housed nearer to the lodge where we will be gathering. T-shirts, sweatshirts and tote bags are available for purchase.

<u>T-Shirts – (*Short-sleeved):</u>	S - XL \$12.00	2X - 5X \$15.00
<u>T-Shirts – (*Long-sleeved):</u>	S - XL \$14.00	2X - 5X \$17.00

<u>Sweatshirts - (*Long-sleeved):</u>	S - XL \$14.00	2X - 5X \$17.00
<u>Hooded Sweatshirt-(Long-sleeved):</u>	S - XL \$20.00	2X - 5X \$25.00
<u>Tote Bags</u>	\$ 5.00	

You will need to bring all your own bedding, linens and toiletries. Packing snacks for yourself and/or to share, as well as your own soda/water, sanitizer, mask, cpap machine, tissues, etc., are great ways to make sure you have what you need to have a great weekend.

We are looking forward to gathering in a relaxed manner for a weekend of fun, fellowship and recovery!

From the camp: Regarding health-related things, we know things change, but at this time we do not mandate masks and our staff do not wear masks. We have hand washing, sanitizer, thorough cleaning protocols, and adequate spacing and ventilation in the meeting areas. We understand that there are a variety of perspectives on what is "expected" regarding covid protection. We generally view our role to do what we can to minimize the spread of any and all illness.

Please reach out with any questions!

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