

2023 Alateen Conference
Report for AWSC
July 29, 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the 2023 Alateen Conference Chair on behalf of District 3. We are now just a week away from the 2023 Alateen Conference as of this weekend and enthusiastic anticipation abounds. The conference theme is Love, Laugh and Grow Together in Alateen.

I am excited to announce we have a total of 45 people attending the conference. There will be 17 Alateens, 20 AMIAS (18 from FL N and 2 from FL S – note these two will have limited capacity since they are not certified in FL N), 5 kitchen staff, 2 parents (transporting teens with very limited access to conference events) and 1 AA speaker.

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 Al-Anon and an AA Speaker. There will of course be the s'mores campfire, raffle baskets and free activity time.

We are including a special track of meetings and workshops for the AMIAS and Al-Anon members who will be in attendance. This will allow for the Alateens to have their space in meetings and workshops with only two AMIAS in attendance at each of those events giving them the freedom and encourage to practice their program while being in compliance with the safety and behavioral guidelines.

The very generous support from the Area will cover the expenses for the Alateens and AMIAS to attend the conference. Groups and Districts have also stepped up with tremendous support and graciously donated an enormous amount of love gifts that will be filling the registration bags sharing the love of the Area with our Alateens.

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 during the AWSC 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.

2023 Alateen Conference Chair

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