

AWSC August 2018 Alateen Report

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Let it begin with me

Where have you handed out some Do's and Don't's cards?

How can you help your events be welcoming to FAMILIES?

When are you cooperating to get our message out to where it is needed?

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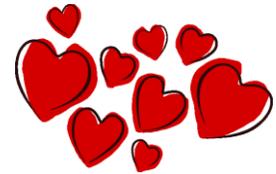
1. Events with Alateen Participation

2018 Florida Alateen Conference Recovery Rocks

Conference Rocked!

Every teen I asked was very happy to be there. They met new friends!!

It was fantastic to see people from so many districts. Thank you all for making the effort to be there. It was especially great to have the opportunity to talk and share experiences – the fun and the serious. District 10, Nick and his whole committee get thanks from the bottom of our hearts.



The Dawn Patrol at the 2018 Recovery Rocks FL Alateen Conference

The August 4, **District D8 Speaker Marathon** had a 4-member Alateen panel speak for 20 minutes. They also let those teens raise money by selling beverages by donation. The group earned more than a hundred dollars towards the van that will take them to their next Alateen Conference.

The next event of which I am aware of with Alateen participation is the **Tampa Bay Fall Roundup**.

Besides Al-Anon, there will be FOUR ALATEEN MEETINGS, so please let all your members know:

Tampa Bay Fall Roundup with Al-Anon Family Group Participation

Aug 31-Sep 3 2018 USF Embassy Suites

Here is a fantastic way for **families** and **friends** of alcoholics to spend a weekend together having fun without drinking. There will be dances, a 5K run, movies, meditation, a Talent Show, ice cream, karaoke, open meetings and speakers brought in from all over the country.

Please note the Saturday Al-Anon Speaker and her husband will also be doing a Relationship workshop on Sunday.

This year's theme is "Commence shoulder to shoulder." It goes right along with our 1st Tradition... progress for the greatest number depends upon unity... and our slogans: *together* we can make it and when I got busy I got better

So, talk to your friends and families about attending

Talk about taking a turn at our outreach literature table (see Carolyn D8 LDC)

Also, please let folks know that District 8 and District 5 Alateens will be there doing service

They will host an open introductory meeting that anyone can attend and then host meetings for just the younger generation. ***Alateen meetings let kids know they are not alone and share our tools for living a happier life***

Tampa Bay Fall Roundup is undoubtedly District 8's biggest public outreach event of the year!

Every single attendee at this event qualifies for Al-Anon but many are not aware of our program.

Are you ready to step out to have some fun, do a little service and *meet new good friends?*

Check out the program here: tampabayfallroundup.com/program/

Area Events with Alateen

2018 Annual Area 9 Alateen Roundup: usually 1 day in spring, think picnic. **Needs host**

2018.09.14-2018.09.16 FL N AFG Convention – there is an Alateen on the committee!

2019 Annual Florida Alateen Conference: usually summer weekend. **Needs host ASAP in order to reserve facility**

It looks highly unlikely that FL-S will do a Conference in 2019. My understanding is that their Policy is tight enough that they will not have anyone qualified and able to chair. They carried this Conference in years that we did not. ***Can we keep it going now?***

2. AMIAS Orientation/Trainings

Thank all you wonderful AMIAS for all you do! Twelfth Step service to young people is so very important. Every AMIAS meets and shares their service experience, issues, ideas, etc. with other AMIAS during an Annual Training session held in the First Quarter of each year. Occasionally, there are training sessions at other times, for example, when a new AMIAS is needed for a school meeting or event. To be effective, sessions need a variety of members in the room experienced in Alateen meeting and event sponsorship.

Upcoming AMIAS Training Opportunities

2018.08.19 Altamonte Springs

2019.01 TBA Northern part of Area 9: Coordinate to schedule 2 sessions over 1 weekend

2019.02.03 Altamonte Springs

2019.02 TBA

2019.03 TBA Southern part of Area 9: Coordinate to schedule 2 sessions over 1 weekend

3. Task Forces

I actively participated in a task force that was charged with differentiating Policy (what is to be done, rarely changes, needs full discussion and vote of Assembly) from Procedures (how things are done, may change frequently, generally under autonomy of trusted servants) in our current Safety & Behavioral Requirements.

I look forward to moving on to some things like

- KBDM that reviews what works in other Areas that have sustained, successful programs and Conferences
- having the G-34 Permission form reviewed to see that it meets Florida law
- reviewing, updating and finding a better place for the Disqualifying Offenses
- understanding what falls under the Coordinator budget and the Travel budget
- clarifying who and what qualifies a Trainer
- discussion reviewing/updating our requirements (3yrs? 23yo? Who Should sign off? What is good standing?...)

4. Alateen Virtual Resources

Resources include

<https://al-anon.org/newcomers/teen-corner-alateen/>
<https://al-anon.org/al-anon-meetings/virtual-meetings/>
<https://www.facebook.com/AlateenWSO/>

and

there are *moderated chat meetings specifically for teens* in ANY location here: <https://chat.alateen.net/>

The teen reads and signs an online form and then can join in on any of these AMIAS moderated chat sessions.

Current Meeting Schedule (meetings last one hour)		
Day	Start Time	Room
Sunday	2:00 pm Central Time	Tennessee Alateen Room
Sunday	7:00 pm Mountain Time	Alberta NT Alateen Room
Monday	7:00 pm Atlantic Time	Maritime Provinces Alateen Room
Monday	7:00 pm Pacific Time	Washington Alateen Room
Wednesday	4:00 pm Pacific Time	Nevada Alateen Room
Wednesday	7:30 pm Mountain Time	Montana Alateen Room

Rules of Conduct

These requirements apply to your screen name, as well as your sharings and topics. Alateen members agree to the following requirements in order to participate in the chat meeting:

1. **Ages 13-18 only.**
2. **Keep it polite—no badmouthing others or outside topics.** I will not harass or discriminate against others. I will not promote violence, slander any social group, or discuss outside issues.
3. **No swearing or sexually explicit language allowed.** I will not use profanity, crude, or obscene language.
4. **Do not give out your personal info.** I will not give out any personal information that could identify me, such as my name, e-mail or street address, phone number, school name, etc.
5. **Don't ask for other's personal information.** I also agree that I will not ask for, collect, or attempt to use personal information from anyone in the chat meeting. Personal information includes but is not limited to full name, address, e-mail address, phone number, or name of their school.

6. **No discussion of alcohol, drugs, or other illegal substances.** I will not promote the use of or otherwise talk about the personal use or my personal use of alcohol, drugs, or other substances that are illegal or unhealthy for minors.
7. **Keep each others' confidences in Alateen.** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of the Alateen program. I will keep in confidence everything that is posted on this meeting site.

We are here for one common problem; let us concentrate on that. Alcoholism has impacted all our lives. Let's concentrate on sharing our experience, strength, and hope so we can find contentment and even happiness whether the alcoholics in our lives are still drinking or not.

If there is a sharing that doesn't fit within these requirements it is up to the Chat Meeting Sponsor/Moderators to use their best judgment in posting or not based on the principles of the Al-Anon program.

ALATEEN CHAT MEETING SPONSOR/MODERATOR ROLE: All Alateen Chat Meeting Sponsor/Moderators have been certified as Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service by the Al-Anon Area (state/province) in which they reside. The Sponsor/Moderators are there to provide guidance to the Alateens and ensure a safe environment, just as Alateen Group Sponsors do in face-to-face Alateen meetings.

All posts to the AFG, Inc. Alateen Chat Meeting are sent to the Room Sponsor/Moderators for review and posting to the chat room and are archived to ensure compliance with the requirements. AFG, Inc. Alateen Chat Meeting and its Chat Room Sponsor/Moderators have the right at their sole discretion to refuse to post any content that, in their judgment (based on the Traditions and their understanding of the moderator role) does not comply with the Terms of Use or Rules of Conduct or is otherwise harmful, objectionable, or inaccurate.

5. [Area Alateen Webpage](#)

Updates to the page have been submitted.
Please review, I am open to feedback!