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Family Groups

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S-ATEEN: RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT
For S-Ateen Members, Parents/Guardians, and S-Ateen Group Sponsors

S-Ateen, part of S-Anon International Family Groups, is a fellowship of young people, ages 12 to 19, whose lives have been affected by sexaholism in a family member or friend.

Our meetings follow S-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and principles. S-Ateen meetings are conducted separately from those of S-Anon and are guided by adult S-Ateen Group Sponsors.

In order for a teen to attend S-Ateen meetings at an event, the following statement of responsibility must be read with a signature of acknowledgement by the parent/guardian and teen, together with one of the S-Ateen Group Sponsors. We may offer a brief orientation to review these suggested guidelines and answer any questions. Please check the Program Agenda for location and time. However, if there is no formal orientation, or if you are unable to attend the orientation, the Registration Table will connect you with an S-Ateen Group Sponsor to go over these guidelines.

PLEASE NOTE
There are no other activities planned for S-Ateen members outside those scheduled for S-Ateen and S-Anon as shown on the event program. S-Ateen members may participate in S-Ateen and S-Anon meetings, as well as joint fellowship activities including meals, open speaker meetings, variety shows and skits, etc.

S-ATEEN GROUP SPONSORS' AND EVENT ORGANIZERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- Event organizers will work with the S-Ateen Committee to ensure two S-Ateen Group Sponsors who meet the suggested requirements, training, and certification are present at each S-Ateen meeting.
- During the scheduled S-Ateen program, provide a safe place in which S-Ateens may talk and interact freely.
- Respect all S-Ateens' anonymity and keep in confidence all that is shared in meetings. However, should an S-Ateen member share in an S-Ateen meeting regarding abuse of a minor, and this abuse has not been previously addressed and/or resolved, it is the legal responsibility of the S-Ateen Group Sponsors to report such abuse to the proper authorities, according to individual state/area/provincial reporting guidelines.
- Offer guidance and support during meetings, rather than advice, by sharing the experience, strength, and hope of the S-Ateen program.
- Encourage a focus on S-Ateen personal recovery using the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of S-Ateen and other tools of the S-Ateen program.
- Outside the S-Ateen meeting room, S-Ateen Group Sponsors and Event organizers are *not* responsible for:
  - the whereabouts and behavior of S-Ateen members
  - S-Ateen members who disregard any of the guidelines stated in this document.

S-ATEEN MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend the S-Ateen Orientation meeting with your parent/guardian, or meet with your parent/guardian and an S-Ateen Group Sponsor before attending any S-Ateen meetings.
- Remember, you share the responsibility for your own safety and wellbeing. Discuss this with your parent/guardian to ensure a mutually clear understanding regarding your personal safety while at this event.
- We strongly suggest S-Ateen members walk with other S-Ateen members, their parent/guardian, or S-Ateen Group Sponsors when moving about the event venue (i.e. to or from breakout meetings, designated fellowship areas, restrooms, etc.).
- Focus on your own personal recovery. Romantic involvement is strongly discouraged as it distracts you and others. Setting boundaries for yourself and with other S-Ateen members regarding romantic or sexual advances will ensure S-Ateen members gain the most from participating at this event. Respecting those boundaries also creates a safer space for all S-Ateen participants.
- Male or female, please dress appropriately. Out of respect for others attending the event:
  - do not wear tight fitting clothing (shorts, pants, skirts, muscle shirts, t-shirts)
  - no shorts or skirts shorter than 2" above the knee
  - shirts are required, but no tank tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, or low-cut tops
  - no clothing that exposes midriffs.
- All electronic devices (cell phones, iPads, iPods, and computers) are to be turned off during meetings to prevent issues of anonymity, as well as unnecessary distraction. No photos and no recording are permitted during S-Ateen meetings or in any other area of the event venue. You will be reminded during the meeting, if necessary, of this responsibility.
- The possession of alcohol, drugs, or weapons is prohibited at this event.
- If you need help or have any questions, please ask your parent/guardian or an S-Ateen Group Sponsor.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Accompany S-Ateen members under the age of 18 to this recovery event.
- Attend the S-Ateen Orientation meeting with your teen, or meet with your teen and an S-Ateen Group Sponsor before your teen attends any S-Ateen meetings.
- You (parent/guardian) are responsible for the safety of your teen, their whereabouts, and activities at all times when they are outside the S-Ateen meeting room. Refer to the event program for the S-Ateen schedule.
- You (parent/guardian) determine whether your teen under the age of 18 is allowed to move about the event venue alone, or be accompanied by you, other S-Ateen members and/or S-Ateen Group Sponsors.
- S-Ateen members under the age of 18 may only leave the event venue when accompanied by their parent/guardian.
- Review the responsibilities outlined in this document with your teen and establish a mutual understanding regarding expectations. Ensure the teen in your care clearly understands his/her responsibilities and follows all the suggested guidelines in this document.
- Leave a cell phone number at which you can be reached at all times during the event.
- List any S-Ateen member's special health conditions, allergies, and any prescribed medications. We do not, however, monitor or administer medications.
- If you need help or have any questions, please ask an S-Ateen Group Sponsor.

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PLEASE SIGN BELOW

Event Name _____ Date_____

SIGNATURES OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

S-Ateen Member _____ Date_____

S-Ateen's cell phone number _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date_____

Cell phone number where parent/guardian may be reached during the event/S-Ateen meetings

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Special health conditions, allergies, or prescribed medications (optional)

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S-Ateen Group Sponsor _____ Date_____