SOWER PROJECT GUEST GUIDELINES

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SOWER projects are intended to be attended only by SOWER members. At times SOWERS will have guests while they are on projects. SOWERS are reminded that the primary objective and commitment of the SOWER Ministry is to provide work services to our host ministries. Guests should not detract from that commitment. The following guidelines concerning guests on projects have been established to cover most situations. If the guidelines do not cover your guest situation, please use Christian love and a servant's heart in determining what to do. Do not ask the hosts for favors for your guest and do not ask the GL to approve situations that are not covered in the guidelines.

Impact of guests on project/work

1. Inform the Group Leader (GL) when you expect to have guests. If guests arrive unexpectedly and stay for more than a few hours, the GL should be made aware of the visit as soon as practical.
2. A SOWER couple or single shall not have a guest on more than one workday per project.
3. Any loss of work time (72 hours/project) resulting from guests on a project should be made up with work assigned by the GL.
4. While there is no restriction on SOWER guests during non-work time, remember the project is not a vacation spot for SOWERS or guests.
5. SOWER guests who wish to work at the project must get permission directly from the host and will be considered to be a volunteer at the project without connection to the SOWER Ministry. Guest(s) may work with SOWERS if approved by the GL, but the SOWER Ministry accepts no responsibility for any guests on a project.
6. Children (under 18) are to be attended at all times while on the host's property.
7. SOWER guests are required to abide by all SOWER Ministry and host guidelines.

Guest accommodations and host reimbursement

1. Guests planning to visit a project should contact the host directly for permission to come to the project as guests and the host should be advised if the guest plans to stay with SOWERS or if they will be using separate accommodations.
2. If guests will be staying in commercial lodging, they will need host permission only to come on host property to visit SOWERS.
3. If guests stay with SOWERS, the host should be reimbursed generously for the added utilities (i.e., water, power and sewer).
4. If the host provides overnight lodging for guests as a normal part of their ministry, SOWER guests may make arrangements for lodging with the host and the host should be reimbursed generously.
5. Guests who wish to bring an RV to the project should make parking arrangements directly with the host without involving SOWERS who are working the project. Guests shall not get permission through the SOWER Office, the GL or a SOWER member to bring an RV onto a host's property. A SOWER member shall not ask the host for permission to have a guest bring an RV to a project.
6. If meals are consumed by guest(s), the host should be reimbursed at the established guest rate.